

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

June 1, 2026

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session Monday, May 4, 2026. President Diane Aikin called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Tom Emery, Liz Burdell, Don Martin, Dawn Peterson, Beth O'Brien and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: Burdell welcomed new officers.

Welcome and Oath of Office for New Trustees: All board members present introduced themselves. New board members Don Martin, Dawn Peterson and Beth O'Brien each read and signed their Oath of Office to serve on the Carlinville Public Library Board.

The regular minutes of the May 4 meeting were distributed to board members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Director Miller indicated another payment was made from the Personal Property Replacement Tax. Authorized signers for accounts at Heartland have been changed to newly elected officers and are in the process of changing signers at UCB and B&T. A motion was made by Burdell and seconded that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ETCG GRANT PROGRESS FOR 2025: Director Miller has been working with Advantage Archives to digitize all newspapers (2014-2026) as part of the grant. She is also gathering bids for the bathroom and Quiet Study remodels.

DISCUSSION ABOUT UPCOMING ETCG GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2026: Director Miller indicated this grant is going to start soon. This will be the last year that we're eligible to receive money. This grant is given to communities affected by mine or power plant closures. The first phase of the application will probably be due in June or July. At the May meeting board members discussed some options for the grant money: installing new carpeting, replacing the library's electric system and replacing stained ceiling tiles. Installing solar was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES: President Aikin welcomed the new trustees.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Saturday, May 30 began the Summer Reading Program with a Foam Cannon, popcorn and snow cones. Director Miller indicated a good time was had

by at least 125 participants. She also described many of the upcoming special programs offered this summer.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

12 new library cards were issued in May. 7 resident card renewals were recorded in May and 12 non-resident cards were renewed. 1972 total physical items were checked out in May. 598 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 353 unique users.

EVENTS: Storytime had 68 kids and 38 adults for 4 sessions in May. Legos had 5 kids on May 1st and Stop Motion had 4 kids on May 8th.

Chess Club had 11 participants on May 11th.

Universal Yums had 6 kids on May 4th to try snacks from Japan.

“Cooking the Books” club had 8 attendees on May 21st to try recipes from Taste of Home Cookbook. .

Bingo, in collaboration with Carlinville Area Hospital, had 11 attendees on May 6th.

Becky Miller gave a talk on the history of Otwell Iris Fields, historic irises and on her own work on iris propagation. 10 people attended.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The library had a table at the CUSD Fine Arts Fair May 5th. The library staff made tissue paper flower bracelets with the kids and handed out information on Summer Reading at the library.

Carlinville 2nd graders visited the library May 7th. Everyone enjoyed a story, a scavenger hunt, some playtime and some classes got to play book character bingo.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:16 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell