

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 8, 2026**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Village Clerk Pam Hager administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Trustee David Whitaker. Congratulations were offered to David.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hoyle at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present in person: Trustees Ashok Dhiman, Lauren Dixon, Ben Hoyle, Ken Johnson, Natalie Valenti and David Whitaker. Absent: Trustee Sharon Karpel. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The July Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Dixon moved, and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the July 8, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the June 10, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2026, in the amount of \$183,336.65 and the transfer of approximately \$445,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Whitaker. Absent: Trustee Karpel.

VII. REPORTS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of June. 41 patrons attended 150+ Years of Polish Catholic Churches in Chicago on June 29th. On June 16th, to celebrate Summer

VII. REPORTS (Continued)

Reading, 210 patrons attended Smarty Pants balloon show. On June 30th, 84 patrons watched Ricky and Bobby from Canines for Kindness do tricks while also learning about determination and kindness to others. This program was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of June. Total circulation for the month of June was 24,561. This is an increase of 2% over June, 2025.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – Trustee Whitaker replaced Kory Atkinson's spot on the policy subcommittee. In the future, BPL will create an AI policy; we want to take our time creating this policy. Example policies of area libraries were distributed.

FINANCE – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – The backup generator is in place. On 7/2/26, we received a change order request regarding the switch gear, the total cost for the switch gear will be \$5,600.00. The streets surrounding BPL are being replaced, right now they are replacing the curbs on the north side of the road and will move to other areas in the upcoming weeks. Director Jarzemsky will keep the staff and board informed.

LIAISON REPORTS

SWAN/RAILS – Attachment E show a SWAN Special Newsletter from June 26 regarding in obtaining proposals for the integrated library system (ILS) and analytics platform.

VILLAGE – Verbal report from Trustee Valenti.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY- No report.

BIG – Next BIG meeting is Thursday, July 23 at the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ALA CONFERENCE REPORTS FROM STAFF

Attachment G shows a recap from staff who attended ALA conference and the activities they attended and participated in.

PER CAPITA GRANT AWARD LETTER

We received FY25/26 Per Capita Grant for \$38,049.40. The Public Library Per Capita Grant assists public libraries in providing library services that meet or show progress toward meeting Illinois library standards. We will use these funds to purchase adult and children's materials.

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE- TRUSTEE DAY

The entire Board is invited to attend the 2026 ILA Annual Conference. This year's ILA conference is in Peoria, IL, from October 6-8. Trustee Day is Thursday, October 8.

IPLAR FILED

Director Jarzemsky submitted the 2026 IPLAR for the library, Attachment J shows a copy of the report. Director Jarzemsky thanked all the Department Heads for their hard work compiling the information for the report.

NEWBERRY AWARD HONOR

Attachment K shows a letter congratulating Katie Richert, Youth Services Department Head, support on the 2026 Newberry Award Committee. Director Jarzemsky expressed gratitude for Katie's participation and all the hard work that went into being apart of the committee.

LAKE PARK BAND AUXILIARY CAR WASH

Lake Park High School Band Auxiliary will be using BPL's parking lot on July 26 from 11-3p.m. for a car wash fundraiser for the band. BPL is closed on Sunday's during the summer, so our parking lot is available during that time. Director Jarzemsky and President Hoyle will be present at the event.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream Social 2026- The annual Ice Cream Social is Thursday, August 6th; co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale. The Board is invited to attend.

XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE AUGUST MEETING

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SEMI- ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

As of 7/8/26, no items were up for review.

XIII. APPROVAL OF ITEMS REVIEWED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** to adjourn the July 8, 2026 Library Board meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

Secretary

President

Date: _____

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)