

# Bethalto Public Library District Board Meeting

December 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Kramer.

Present: Stephanie Allshouse, Andrea Kramer, Elizabeth Newton, Kristy Walker

Absent: Pamela Collman, Patricia Stemmler

Also present: Mary Brewster – Library Director, Paula Tretter – Assistant Director

The resignation of Trustee Shana Wright was accepted, effective immediately.

Motion 1: It was moved by Walker and seconded by Newton that the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2025 be approved as written.

Ayes: Allshouse, Kramer, Newton, Walker

Nays: none

Absent: Collman, Stemmler

Motion 2: It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Allshouse that bills in the amount of \$44,471.57 be paid.

Ayes: Allshouse, Kramer, Newton, Walker

Nays: none

Absent: Collman, Stemmler

## **REPORTS**

The Financial report was presented by Mary Brewster, Director.

The Librarian's report was presented by Mary Brewster, Director. (See File)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustees will each have an email dedicated to library business.

## **COMMITTEES**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of closed session minutes – none currently on file.

Programming Policy – first reading.

Discussion of Illinois Public Library Standards – technology.

Motion 3: It was moved by Walker and seconded by Newton to approve the presented list of library closings for 2026.

Ayes: Allshouse, Kramer, Newton, Walker

Nays: none

Absent: Collman, Stemmmley

Motion 4: It was moved by Newton and seconded by Allshouse to adopt the Prohibited Gifts policy with noted changes.

Ayes: Allshouse, Kramer, Newton, Walker

Nays: none

Absent: Collman, Stemmmley

Motion 5: It was moved by Kramer to adjourn the meeting at 9:41pm.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – for December 11, 2025 Board Meeting**

### **Director's Report**

1. We are starting to receive reimbursement checks from other libraries for the Library Crawl pins expense. This income is credited to the Programs budget line in the General Fund to offset the original expense.
2. Library Clerks finished shifting the large print collection, our final step in this month's long collection shift.
3. Our first ever teen finals study night is happening December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. The evening will be great for students seeking a stress relieving break or a place to do some studying, especially during the after-hours 7-9pm portion of the event.
4. Noon Year's Eve is also coming up quickly on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am-1pm, with a balloon drop happening at noon.
5. Paychex did an annual audit call and brought up the HR services they offer at \$200 per month for one year.

### **Programming Report (for November 2025)**

*From Mary:*

#### Book Clubs

The Original Book Club (Tuesday night) – 12 attendees

Just Another Book Club (Wednesday morning) – 13 attendees

#### Year Long Reading Challenge

Ages 0-15 | 1 new registration, 84 total registered, 23 books read in November 2025

Ages 16+ | no new registration, 95 total registered, 66 books read in November 2025

*From Amy:*

Preschool Storytimes

11/4- 10 am: 4 kids, 4 adults; 1 pm: 8 kids, 6 adults  
11/11- Library closed  
11/18- 10 am: 0 attendees (weather); 1 pm: 7 kids, 4 adults  
11/25- 10 am: 6 kids, 3 adults; 1 pm: 6 kids, 4 adults

Baby/Toddler Playtime

11/6- 7 babies, 7 adults  
11/13- 3 babies, 4 adults  
11/20- Out of Town  
11/27- Library closed

Family Fun Thursdays

11/6- Dinosaur crafts- 5 kids attended  
11/13- Dinosaur snacks- 10 kids attended

Other programs:

True Crime Book Club- 3 attendees  
Read with Maui- 8 readers  
School's Out Movie Day- Elio- 4 attendees