

SOUTH BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

630 Blackhawk Blvd.
South Beloit, IL 61080

Board Meeting June 9, 2025 Library Meeting Room 7 pm

Call to Order:

- President Jose Alarcon called the June 9, 2025 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Present and answering the roll call were Trustees Jose Alarcon, Margie Bertholomey, Emily Sager, Crystal Ellis, Dan Arbiture, Paula Richeson, Duane Farnsworth, Nichole Kinney, and Stephanie Kohl. No trustees were absent.
- Also in attendance was Brenda Weinberg, Director of Library.

Approval of Agenda:

- Margie Bertholomey made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Stephanie Kohl and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment:

- N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- Stephanie Kohl made a motion to accept the approval of the minutes of May 12, 2025. The motion was seconded by Paula Richeson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- We should have spent no more than 42% of our budget, if we did straight line budgeting, and we are at 30%.
- We are at 27% of expected revenues.
- Memorial/Donations \$16,766.61 = \$16,666.61 from the Chemtool settlement and \$100 from the South Beloit Lions Club
- Previously outstanding checks now cashed: #21442 Charter/Spectrum for \$226.64
- Current outstanding checks from May 2025 Bills: #21453 Baker and Taylor for \$891.69.

Approval of the Bills:

- A unanimous roll call vote approved the payment of bills totaling \$17,998.54 following a motion by Paula Richeson and a second by Dan Arbiture.

Librarian's Report:

- Statistics:
 - Currently around 90 adults/teens and over 100 kids are signed up for summer reading.
 - Registered Borrowers was up 4.5%, number of visitors were up 0.5%

- In-Library Programs: 125 participants
- Passive Programming: 198 participants
- Community Puzzle: 16 participants
- Outreach: 119 participants
 - Summer Reading Kick Off Program at Dairy Ripple had around 52 participants
- Julie Uram from NATC was the guest reader for storytime
- Brenda met with Ted Rehl from RR Rotary regarding their new system for donating books
- Brenda watched the Show & Tell for EBSCO Databases - Novelist 1 hr
- Brenda spoke with Roger Karvel from LED Rite
- Brenda watched the RAILS Member Update
- Brenda completed the Safety/Maintenance checklists
- Brenda and Melissa met with Kristi Reuter, Danielle Borst, and Eric Blauert from Angus Young for the Design Kick off Meeting
- Brenda viewed the webinar Baker and Taylor Leaders Chat with Aman Kochar
- Ameer Claire completed De-Escalation Trainings
 - New Homeless De-Escalation Core Training, Backup: How Coworkers Should Provide Backup During Conflict
 - Kicked Out!: How to Safely Ask Someone to Leave (w/o Calling the Police)
 - Mistake #1: Saying the Wrong Thing...with your Body
 - Mistake #2: Violating "The 5 Second Rule"
 - Mistake #3: Ignoring "The Bully Trap"
 - Mistake #4: Having an Audience, How to Backup Your Coworker, How to Get Someone to Leave Safely, Repeat Offenders
 - Autism: A Conversation with Carly Danesh-Jones

Communications

- N/A

Old Business:

- Angus Young - Interior Renovation Update
 - The Angus Young interior renovation update was discussed. They have some exciting ideas on how to best use the space. No designs to share are available, yet.
- Engagement Letter for Sosnowski-Szeto LLP
 - The engagement letter for Sosnowski-Szeto LLP was discussed. Due to the size of our library and our prior relationship with Ray Ferguson and Associates, we decided to decline signing the engagement letter.
 - Margie Bertholomey made a motion to decline the engagement letter from Sosnowski-Szeto LLP. The motion was seconded by Duane Farnsworth and approved by roll call vote.

New Business:

- South Beloit Public Library By-Laws Revisions
 - Three revisions to the By-laws were discussed: 1) change to the Director's Authority to Spend to \$1,500 (up from \$500) for equipment and major repairs and replacements 2) move away from use of committees for work above \$25,000. These bid processes would go before the whole board rather than 2-3 members 3) adopt the indemnification section as reviewed and approved by Ray Ferguson and Associates.

- Emily Sager moved to approve the library by-law revisions. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Kohl and passed by a roll call vote.
- Non-Resident Library Card Fee - Discuss/Approve
 - The non-resident library card fee was discussed.
 - The general mathematical formula is based on property tax income/local population x average household size. FY 2025 proposed amount \$88
 - Dan Arbiture moved to approve the non-resident library card fee. The motion was seconded by Paula Richeson and passed by a roll call vote.
- Library Board 2025 Term renewals
 - Margie Bertholomey, Stephanie Kohl, and Paula Richeson will remain on the library board.
- Rescind Irrelevant Policies
 - Coronavirus Statement
 - Restore Illinois Safety Policy
 - FMLA Leave Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy due to COVID-19
 - Irrelevant policies were discussed.
 - Emily Sager moved to rescind the three irrelevant policies: Coronavirus Statement, Restore Illinois Safety Policy, and the FMLA Leave Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy due to COVID-19. The motion was seconded by Paula Richeson and passed by a roll call vote.
- Trustee Short Takes - Board Meetings
 - Trustee short takes on board meetings were watched and discussed.

Trustees Comments:

- N/A

Adjourn:

- The meeting concluded at 7:43 p.m. following a motion by Duane Farnsworth and a second by Paula Richeson which was unanimously approved through a voice vote.

Jose Alarcon, President

Crystal Ellis, Secretary