



Auburn Public Library District

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Meeting Minutes Auburn Public Library District Board Meeting June 16th, 2026 7 PM

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Auburn Public Library District Board of Trustees was held in Auburn, IL, 62615, on June 16th, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:04 pm. President Lacy Strader presiding, and Ashley Jarrett, secretary.

Roll call to establish quorum:

Board Attendees:

1. Lacy Strader: present
2. Monica Garrett: present
3. Ashley Jarrett: present
4. Dan Dixon: present
5. Shelley Husemann: present

Staff:

Amanda Kendall, Library Director: present

Nicole Szyski, Librarian: present

Hannah Gentry, Aide: present

Visitors:

Jean Landry

Jen Deluhery

Mike Deluhery

Caden Venrick

Kaydence Lehman

Aiden Dunbar

Therese Svetlik

Mission Statement: read by Nicole Szyski

Our mission is to provide access to materials, services, programs and technology that meets the educations, cultural and recreational needs of our patrons. Our goal is to promote life-long learning, literacy and community enrichment.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review of May 2026 minutes
- b. Circulation statistics for May 2026
 - i. Total 1,725
 - ii. Cloud up and A/V up
- c. 8 new patrons in May for a total of 84 new patrons since July
- d. Social Media
 - i. 17 new Facebook follows; interactions down for May
 - ii. 4 new Instagram follows
 - iii. Webpage views increased
 - iv. Reels for book club books
 - v. Meta generated goals for Facebook and instagram were surpassed
- e. Programming
 - i. 8 passive with 386 interactions
 - 1. Boggle, this/that voting, scavenger hunt
 - ii. Active
 - 1. 0-5 age: 85 participants
 - 2. 6-12 age: 85 participants (garden party!)
 - 3. 13-18 age: 17 participants
 - 4. Adults: 28 patrons
 - iii. Volunteer sessions: 19 youth and 3 adult
- f. Current statement of assets
- g. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

II. Directors Report

- a. Facility
 - i. Library Refresh Project Update
 - 1. Teen volunteers moving books from walls and inventorying them
 - 2. One load of books to Better World Books and more are leaving
 - ii. Library will be closed 7/27-8/8
- b. Staff
 - i. Staffing changes
 - 1. Aide position transition is complete
 - 2. Hannah Gentry introduced to the board
- c. Programming
 - i. Summer Reading 2026 has begun!
 - 1. Community goal
 - a. 3,800 items circulated. As of Sunday we were at 791

- 2. The Bad Seeds: staff and crew can track reading as well; code given
- 3. Nicole spoke
 - a. Garden party was well attended
 - b. Obstacle course next week
 - c. More tween and teen volunteers
 - d. Several teen/tween groups come in to hang out
 - e. 3-D printed toys donated by Angie for Summer Reading
- ii. Jorge Ambriz designed our library mascots Fiona and Huckleberry Finn in an on theme profile picture
- d. Fundraising
 - i. Summer reading fundraising push raised \$600
 - 1. This covers Readers Zone app and Foam Party wrap up event
 - 2. Donors were: Bramley Funeral Home, Auvenshine's Taekwondo, C + A Tax service, Purple Puppy Nursery School and United Community Bank
- e. Other
 - i. Youth Volunteers
- f. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to accept the director's report. **Motion carried.**

III. New Business

- a. Public Comment
 - i. Introduction of prospective board members
 - 1. Caden Venrick- recent Auburn graduate
 - 2. Jen Deluhery- former teacher and homeschool mom
 - ii. Jean Landers and Therese Svetlik
 - 1. Commented on state of the library building
 - 2. Would like to see a cleaning person
 - 3. Would like to see volunteer hours be used towards cleaning
- b. Per Capita Grant awarded
 - i. Funds the website and computers
 - ii. \$8,076.76. More than previous amount of \$7,007.73

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Schedule Committee Meetings
 - i. Budget/Finance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley, Dan
 - 1. 6/27 at 10 am
 - ii. Policy Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Dan, Monica
 - iii. Building Maintenance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Monica
 - 1. 7/11 at 10 am
 - iv. District Expansion Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley, Shelley
 - 1. Schedule at next meeting

V. Trustee Advocacy

- a. Training: Library Standards- Access

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting is July 21st, 2026
- b. With no other business pending, President Lacy Strader declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.