



Auburn Public Library District

-  338 W Jefferson Street
Auburn, Illinois 62615
-  (217) 438-6211 (phone)
(217) 428-9317 (fax)
-  auburnpubliclibraryil.org

Meeting Minutes Auburn Public Library District Board Meeting April 21st, 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 April 21st, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:11 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

Staff:

Amanda Kendall, Library Director: absent
Nicole Szymiski, Librarian: present
Alexis Sanders, Aide: absent

Visitors:

Shelley Husemann

- I. Approval of minutes:
 - a. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the November 2025 meeting minutes be approved.
Motion carried.
 - b. *Motion:* Moved by Dan Dixon that the March 2026 meeting minutes be approved.
Motion carried.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Circulation total almost 2,000!
 - i. A/V way up
 - ii. Adult up
 - iii. Average monthly total higher than in any other year!
- b. 5 new patrons in March
- c. Webpage views and social media increased
 - i. New followers on Facebook and Instagram
- d. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

III. New Business

- a. Introduction of visitor
 - i. Shelley is interested in joining the library board
- b. Happy National Library Week!
- c. Fire alarm systems
 - i. Repairs to fire alarm infrastructure
 1. Strobe lights didn't work in the main area of library on latest inspection
 2. Received quote from AEC to repair infrastructure
 - ii. Alarm
 1. Need a wired alarm that will call out if there is an issue
 2. Look into grants to pay for this
 3. Will incur a monthly charge from alarm company
 - iii. Dan Dixon made a motion to accept AEC's repairs to the fire alarm infrastructure
 1. Lacy Strader: yay
 2. Monica Garrett: yay
 3. Ashley Jarrett: yay
 4. Dan Dixon: yay
 5. **Motion carried.**
- d. Signed SHARE annual agreement for FY 2026-2027

IV. Unifnished Business

- a. Painting quote
 - i. Everything except offices
 - ii. Indoor and outdoor
 - iii. Feature wall with rainbow
 - iv. Lacy Strader made a motion to accept the painter's quote
 1. Lacy Strader: yay
 2. Monica Garrett: yay

3. Ashley Jarrett: yay
4. Dan Dixon: yay
5. **Motion carried.**

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Given

VI. Directors Report

- a. Facility
 - i. HVAC system serviced
 1. Found to be without coolant, discovered during a scheduled maintenance visit and coolant was added
 - ii. Alarm system
 1. See above
 - iii. Spring inservice day will be May 22nd
- b. Staff
 - i. Amanda will be in Grafton for DU April 27th-30th
 1. Itinerary given
 2. Amanda will be off May 1st to absorb DU information
- c. Programming
 - i. Current programs update
 1. Craft night is a big success
 - ii. Summer reading coming soon!
 1. Happy ad placed in the Once Upon a Mattress playbill
 2. Foam party with rinse off station
 - iii. The Seed Library and Butterflies are back!
- d. Fundraising
 - i. City wide garage sale and library book sale dates
 1. April 23, 24 and 25
 2. After the book sale the books that have been with us for a long time will be sent to Better World Books
- e. Other
- f. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to accept the director's report.
- g. **Motion carried.**

VII. Committee Report

- a. Budget/Finance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley, Dan
- b. Policy Committee-Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Dan, Monica
- c. Building Maintenance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Monica
- d. District Expansion Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley
- e. Ad Hoc Committee

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Announcements

1. Next meeting is May 19th, 2026

X. Adjournment: Dan Dixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.
Motion carried.