



Auburn Public Library District

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Meeting Minutes Auburn Public Library District Board Meeting August 18th, 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 August 18th, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:06 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
6. Jen Deluhery: present

Staff:

Amanda Kendall, Library Director: present
Nicole Szymiski, Librarian: present
Hannah Gentry, Aide: absent

Visitors:

Mission Statement:

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 July 2026 minutes

- b. Circulation statistics for July 2026
 - i. Total 2,189
 - ii. Up across the board from last year
 - iii. Cloud 300, A/V 244, Youth 1,059, adult 586
- c. 15 new patrons in July
- d. Social Media
 - i. 46,050 webpage views
 - ii. 60,323 Facebook views and 24 new followers
 - iii. 1,852 Instagram views and 10 new follows
- e. Current statement of assets
- f. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

II. Librarians Report

- a. Programming
 - i. 15 passive with 466 interactions
 - ii. Active
 - 1. 0-5 age: 61 participants, 6 active programs
 - 2. 6-12 age: 39 participants, 8 active programs
 - 3. 13-18 age: 54 participants, 9 active programs
 - 4. Adults 19+: 52 patrons, 7 active programs
 - 5. 5 active programs for all ages with 77 patrons attending
 - 6. 15 Adult volunteer sessions
 - 7. 24 youth volunteer sessions

III. Directors Report

- a. Facility
 - i. Library Refresh Project
 - 1. Almost complete!
 - a. Opened with curbside August 10th and fully August 17th
 - 2. Carpet cleaning will be August 25th, library will close at 5 pm
 - 3. New flooring installed in front foyer and dehumidifier in foyer
 - 4. Mural is in process
 - 5. Furniture assembled
 - 6. Lots of volunteers helped
 - ii. Patron related biohazard/pest issue discussed
- b. Staff
- c. Other
 - i. Fundraising
 - 1. Scheduling City Wide Garage Sale and Book Sale
 - a. September 17-19
 - ii. ILAAC Trustee Day
 - 1. Dan and Jen joining Amanda and Nicole!

- iii. IPLAR and Annual Reports underway
- d. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to accept the director's report. **Motion carried.**

IV. New Business

- a. Public Comment
- b. FY 26/27 Budget
 - i. Extra in payroll for more help with aid position
- c. April 2027 Consolidated Election info
 - i. Monica and Dan up for re-election; can start circulating on 8/25
- d. Carpet cleaning
 - i. Quoted \$1,655.92 for carpets and \$924.99 for tile
 - ii. Company suggested from other library's
 - iii. Includes kitchen, bathroom and carpet
 - iv. Non-resident fee options?
 - 1. Could do 3 or 6 months
 - 2. Would help lower barriers to library access
 - 3. Amanda would write a policy
- e. Amanda time off request for September 7-11: approved
- f. Homecoming closure approved for 9/25; square closed off for parade
 - i. *Motion:* Moved by Dan Dixon to close on 9/25 because the square will close for homecoming parade. **Motion carried.**
- g. Discussion of staffing during ILAAC26
 - i. Hannah working all hours while closed

V. Unfinished Business

- a. September Open House
 - i. Needs Board attendance
 - ii. During Library Card Signup Month
 - iii. Sunday 9/13 in the afternoon 2-5 pm
 - iv. Planning committee? Send ideas to Lacy
 - 1. Raffle?
 - 2. Snacks?
 - v. Library Card signup
- b. CPA>ADT transition
 - i. Complete. First payroll done
 - ii. Amanda and Nicole salaried- only Hannah hourly

VI. Trustee Advocacy

- a. Training: Library Standards- Building and Grounds

VII. Committee Reports

- a. None

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting is September 15th, 2026
- b. With no other business pending, President Lacy Strader declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.