

Brewer Public Library
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**Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026**

Present: Karin Tepley, Lisa Rewald, Jim Korb, Blossom Wright, Sherri Johnson, Sarah Schultz, Dave Turk and Anna Jarvis

Also Present: Director Stacy Pilla

Absent:

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Tepley. A quorum was present.
2. Director Pilla indicated that the meeting was properly posted.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Wright, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Schultz, seconded by Johnson, to approve the meeting minutes from the December 23 meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Director Pilla reported that December's beginning balance was \$297,939.60. \$27,321.85 was spent and \$1,493.27 in interest and fees were collected in December. The remaining total was \$269,124.48 at the end of the month. Motion by Turk, seconded by Rewald, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Director's report:**
 - Total circulation for December was 3,316. There were six adult programs with 14 attendees and eight Juvenile programs with 105 attendees. There was an Outreach program at the primary school. There were 2,590 visits to the library in December along with 359 Desktop computer log-ins and 710 wireless log-ins.
 - New additions to the security camera system were installed by TC Networks. Since the first installation, some blind spots were detected.
 - Programming coordinator, Rachel Wilson, returned from FMLA on January 26. TaylerAnn Brull, who has been helping part-time in the interim, will have an outreach storytime with Ithaca students this week and then wrap up LTE employment as of January 31st.
 - The community survey to help inform our strategic planning process will be open February 1st through February 15.
 - The library will be closed the morning of February 16 for a staff inservice.
 - Director Pilla will be working on completing the 2025 Annual Report to be reviewed with the Board at February's meeting.
 - Motion by Rewald, seconded by Wright, to approve the Director's report. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Library budget year-end review:** Director Pilla reported that, due to Rachel Wilson's maternity leave and the custodian's leave, there were funds remaining from the 2025 budget. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Korb, that in order to spend through the remaining 2025 budget, all employees receive 2% of gross 2025 earnings plus deductions as a bonus, with the priority to the employee bonus, and any remainder to put toward the Hoopla account. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
 - 7. **Approval of Monthly Bills:** Motion by Turk, seconded by Rewald, to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
 - 8. **FOL and Foundation report:** The Director gave an update on the recent FOL meeting. FOL members will take on more library tasks and help with hospitality during events. The Library Foundation did not have a report due to no meeting in January.
 - 9. **County Board Report:** Dave Turk reported that Symon's Recreation Complex is currently doing a survey amongst its members. The campus property survey is in the works. This week there will be a city/county collaboration meeting that is open to the public.
 - 10. **City Council Report:** Karin Tepley reported that the city sidewalks are being worked on. A Public Safety building in the Industrial Park is being considered. There were some changes made in the infrastructure design for the Stori Field development. Housing development in the former campus area is being discussed.
 - 11. **School District Report:** Sherri Johnson reported that after-school programming is in the works. There are 90 students enrolled in the virtual school. There are employment opportunities for Behavioral Specialists at the former Rock Bridge School.
 - 18. **Adjournment:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 5:00 pm.