

Brewer Public Library
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**Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026**

Present: Dave Turk, Melony Walters, Lisa Rewald, Sherri Johnson, Sarah Schultz, Jim Korb and Joe Hiti

Also Present: Director Stacy Pilla

Absent: Anna Jarvis

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Turk. A quorum was present.
2. Director Pilla indicated that the meeting was properly posted and she introduced a new Board member, Joe Hiti.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rewald, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Walters, seconded by Schultz, to approve the meeting minutes from the June 15th meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Director Pilla reported that June's beginning balance was \$215,454.70. \$28,347.26 was spent and \$483.05 (plus \$14.60 from the state which may be in error) in interest and fees were collected in June. The remaining total was \$187,610.79 at the end of the month. Motion by Rewald, seconded by Walters, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Director's report:**
 - Total circulation for June was 4,756. This was a significant increase.
 - There were four adult programs with 6 attendees and 11 Juvenile programs with 357 attendees. There was 1 Outreach program with 55 attendees. 387 desk-top log-ins and 789 wireless log-ins.
 - June's circulation numbers are 30% higher than May's.
 - The new Youth Services and Programming Librarian has been hired and will start this week.
 - The proposed ordinance amendment for the library's digital sign is expected to go before the Planning Commission on July 22nd and to the Common Council on August 18th for review.
 - The Strategic Planning Cohort had its final meeting in July and Brewer Public Library's finished plan will be presented to the Board in August for review.
 - The commercial dehumidifier in the lower level failed and is out of warranty. The Director is getting bids to see if repair or replacement are most cost effective.
 - Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rewald, to approve the Director's report. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Nominations and Election of Secretary:** Motion by Rewald, seconded by Walters, to nominate Sherri Johnson. Johnson accepted the nomination. Motion by Walters, seconded by Schultz to vote. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion approved.
- **Discussion and possible action on MOU between Library Board and Friends of the Library:** Motion by Schultz, seconded by Hiti, to approve the MOU between the FOL and the Library Board. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion approved.
- **Discussion and Action on Youth Services and Programming Librarian salary:** Motion by Rewald, seconded by Hiti, to approve compensation amount at the rate already approved for this position. Roll call vote. All were in favor.
- 7. **Approval of Monthly Bills:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Walters, to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. **FOL and Foundation report:** The FOL is meeting regularly and attendance is great. The Library Foundation met and continues to work on the fund raising brochures.;
- 9. **County Board Report:** Turk reported that the Board voted to support the County-run EMS for 2 years. The Emergency radio system is almost complete. All the campus buildings will now be demolished except for those used by the School District.
- 10. **City Council Report:** The City is re-doing the ordinances for the Park Board. The City is currently in the midst of collective bargaining with the Police Department.
- 11. **School District Report:** It is currently hiring season. RC Pathways will meet in the Brewer Library until the Campus building is ready. There is a new Early Literacy Coach. The strategic planning results, Hive Mind, are now on the School District's website.
- 18. **Adjournment:** Motion by Walters, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm.