

Brewer Public Library
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Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

Present: Dave Turk, Melony Walters, Anna Jarvis, Shari Johnson, Sarah Schultz, Jim Korb, and Joe Hiti

Also Present: Director Stacy Pilla

Absent: None

1. The 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.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Hiti, seconded by Korb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hiti, to approve the meeting minutes from the July 20, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Director Pilla reported that July's beginning balance was \$187,610.79. \$43,074.86 was spent, and \$422.21 in interest and fees were collected in July. The remaining total was \$144,535.93 at the end of the month. Since the packet was created, the city deposited the 2026 budgeted funds of \$312,428.00. Motion by Walters, seconded by Korb, to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Director's report:

Total circulation for July was 4,703.

There were three adult programs with 6 attendees and 11 Juvenile 269 attendees. There was 1 Outreach program with 670 attendees. 400 desk-top log-ins and 790 wireless log-ins.

The new Youth Services and Programming Librarian has been busy getting things going.

The upcoming weeks will include work on the budget and staff reviews. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Hiti, to approve the Director's report. All were in favor; the motion carried.

7. Discussion and Action Items

The 2026-2029 Strategic Plan is presented. Discussion about the data/information with input from board members about getting the word out (including WRCO and Richland Observer). Book Clubs/Virtual Book Clubs were also discussed. Motion to accept the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan by Hiti, seconded by Schultz.

There are two open seats on the Library Board.

7. Approval of Monthly Bills: Motion by Schultz, seconded by Jarvis, to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. FOL and Foundation report: The FOL will meet this week...no new information. The Library Foundation met and continues to work on the fundraising brochures. They are also looking to purchase a panic button.

9. School District Report: Building updates are coming to an end. There is a 2nd-grade vacancy. The district revised the student handbooks and removed fees. There is an agreement with the County and City to gain access to Melvill Hall. The high school has applied to the DPI to provide science credit in two half-credit Agriculture courses. The enrollment numbers are trending in a positive direction.

10. County Board Report: The next meeting is upcoming. The powerline project information is scheduled to meet in a larger space (Phoenix Center Meeting Room).

11. City Council Report: No Meeting yet.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Walters, seconded by Hiti, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm.