

Brewer Public Library
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**Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026**

Present: Melony Walters, Dave Turk, Lisa Rewald, Jim Korb, Shari Johnson, Sara Schultz, Blossom Wright and Anna Jarvis

Also Present: Director Stacy Pilla

Absent:

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Vice-President Blossom Wright. A quorum was present.
2. Director Pilla indicated that the meeting was properly posted.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Jarvis, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Jarvis, seconded by Johnson, to approve the meeting minutes from the April meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Director Pilla reported that April's beginning balance was \$296,798.50. \$54,505.33 was spent and \$690.97 in interest was deposited. The total was \$241,602.20 at the end of the month. There were no deposits in April. They will be included in May's report. Motion by Schultz, 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 April was 3,702.
 - There were six adult programs with 25 attendees and 10 Juvenile programs with 162 attendees. There were 362 desk-top log-ins and 797 wireless log-ins.
 - Circulation of physical items so far this year has been up in comparison with 2025.
 - The Strategic Plan will be included on June's agenda for Library Board review.
 - There are currently three open positions and two employees (one full-time and one part-time) were out on medical leave at the end of April. The current employees have been flexing schedules to keep the circulation desk adequately staffed. Two of the three open positions have been filled and they will begin work soon.
 - Summer Reading Program plans are now in place and visits to schools will begin this week.
 - There are two outreach events this month. The Friends of the Library will staff these events and Summer Programming information will be shared with the attendees.
 - The railings on the wheelchair ramp had rusted and needed to be repaired. Caution tape was placed until Public Works was able to complete the repairs last week.

- The wastewater holding tank sounded an alarm on May 11th. A plumber was called and the library had to close an hour early to avoid water usage. It was determined that the float switch was faulty and all four switches needed to be replaced.
- It was determined that the digital sign that the library has been discussing will be a zoning issue. An amendment to the ordinance is in the works.
- An ambulance was called to the library to help a patron who was suffering from a nut allergy reaction.
- Motion by Turk, seconded by Korb, to approve the Director's report. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Election of Officers:** Due to the resignation of President Karin Tepley, Vice-President Blossom Wright nominated Jim Korb for the position. He declined. Melony Walters was then approached but since this was her first meeting, she also declined. Dave Turk agreed to take the position for one year. Motion by Rewald, seconded by Johnson, to nominate Turk. Motion carried and there was a roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. **Approval of Monthly Bills:** Motion by Walters, seconded by Wright, to approve payment of bills. Roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. **FOL and Foundation report:** Director Pilla reported that the FOL will meet this Thursday and they will be discussing their Resource Fair table preparations. The Library Foundation did not meet last month.
- 9. **County Board Report:** There is new Board leadership and committee assignments are being reshuffled. There is an upcoming County Board meeting. The ambulance situation will be decided upon and the hiring of a new County Clerk will be on the agenda.
- 10. **City Council Report:** Melony Walters reported on the ongoing "construction season". The Finance Committee is budget focused. The Park Board is being de-commissioned and will likely become a "Friends of the Parks" group.
- 11. **School District Report:** The School District held several community meetings to discuss the current situation and perceptions of our School District. Over 140 citizens attended the two workshops. The Steering Committee will compile and study the comments, ideas and suggestions. State testing has been completed. The District is currently doing lots of hiring.
- 12. **Library Board Member Comments:** Sara Schultz commented on the new Story boards that have been installed in the park.
- 13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2026 at 5 pm.