

Weldon Library Board Minutes September 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Jered Shofner at 7:00pm, in the board meeting room of the Weldon Public Library.

The roll call was conducted by Chris Senkpiel. In attendance were Jered Shofner, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton and Susan Westray, Dave Meyer, and Cherie Brittin (remote access). Library Director, Lori Rich was also present.

Minutes were presented from August 19, 2025, board meeting. There was a motion to approve minutes by Susan Westray, seconded by Christi Baker. The vote was 7-0.

There was no one present for the public forum.

There were no closed session items.

TREASURER'S REPORT for August was reviewed by trustees. The beginning balance at First National for August was \$20,046.69. Receipts for August were \$11,682.34. The distributions for August were \$18,489.78 and fund disbursements were \$1,066.65 resulting in an ending balance on August 31, 2025, of \$12,172.70. There was a motion by Carla Burton, seconded by Dave Meyer, to accept the treasurer's reports. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

COMPTROLLERS REPORT This annual financial report was previously prepared and requires a 3/5 majority vote and subsequent notarization. There was a motion by Susan Westray to approve Comptrollers report, seconded by Chris Senkpiel. Approved unanimously, 7-0. Report was then notarized by Sandi Sanders.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

August Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated August 1 – August 31:

Owned Content: 28,011 (15,269 e-books; 12,742 audiobooks)

Pay-per-use Audio: 1,526

August funds deposited

August - Fine, copy, fax: \$89.95 Candy, soda, coffee: \$27.65

Patron Donation [Brenda Martin] – \$35.00 Total \$152.60

Paid Out August - \$28.10

Narcan Training Completed by all Staff – August 27th 2025

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

9-3-24 ~ First Responder A – 38 C – 42

10-1-25 ~ Heartland Mini Hoofs A- C –

11-5-25 ~ Clay Project Leaf Wind chime A – C –
12-3-25 ~ Sally the Clown as the Christmas Elf A – C -

Wednesday Explorers

8-19-25 ~ A – 8 C – 12
8-27-25 ~ A – 12 C – 17 (Butterfly release was cancelled due to instructor illness)
9-10-25 ~ A - 11 C - 14 Extension Ladies First Aid/Paracord
9-17-25 ~ C - Chair exercise with Hannah Batchelder

Lego Friday

8-22-25 ~ A - 11 C – 14
8-29-25 ~ A – 11 C – 17
9-5-25 ~ A – 12 C – 17
9-12-24 ~ NO LEGO

Pre-K Visits

9-5-24 Back to School Themed books: A – 3 C – 20

MS Book Club

Ms. B is getting the kids involved to try to have them be accountable for the Book Club, waiting to hear from them; I gave them multiple titles and genres to choose from to help start them off.

Library Crawl (October 1st – 31st) (Gift purchased – mini notebooks)

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

8-22-25 ~ A – 7
8-29-25 ~ A – 8
9-5-25 ~ A – 7
9-12-25 ~ A - 7

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

September 12th at 10:30 am – Pickles A- 10
October 10th at 10:30 am – Herbs & Spices: Drying and storing/preserving herbs A -

Anne Anderson Book Party – Sept. 12th 3:30-5:30 DW English teacher – “When Darkness Preys” A-15 C-15

LTC Grant Round 4 – Open, submission due by December 11, 2025. Lori will be applying for this, with Amanda supporting.

COMING SOON:

Barn Quilt Class November 8th 10:00 – 2:00 (7 spots available, fee is \$45)

Family Reading Night – November 14th 6-7pm Pizza Themed

Santa at the Library December 6th

Book Fair Dec. 8-12

2026 Summer Reading Theme – “Plant a Seed, Read”

****Follow up information from last meeting****

Mediacom ~ Internet has been working well

AED info requested from Tyler Yokley – also refresher training on AED and Fire Extinguisher

Surety Bond Info: (75 ILCS 16/30-45)

<https://www.ilga.gov/Documents/legislation/ilcs/documents/007500160K30-45.htm>

OLD BUSINESS

Per Capita Grant Requirements – Discussion on questions presented by Lori. Final feedback is that we are compliant, and additional comments/actions are not required. In the future, the library staff will do the annual chapter reviews and will provide feedback for the Board to review.

Patio Bench – Following her visit, Regan Deering donated \$200. The bench is now on order!

Microsoft Office program for backup office computer: Dave to help find best low-cost solution. See New Business topic.

NEW BUSINESS

ILLINET Interlibrary Loan and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey FY 2025 - Submitted

Review Policies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6)

- Policy 1: Edited to include “Polite cell phone use is permitted.” There was a motion to approve the change to Policy 1 by Cherie Brittin, seconded by Christi Baker, and approved unanimously, 7-0.
- Policy 2: No Change
- Policy 3: No Change
- Policy 4: No Change
- Policy 5: No Change
- Policy 6: Change name to Collective Management. Several changes were proposed and will be resubmitted for review in October.

Review Mission Statement – Lori will edit and present at the October meeting

Bi Monthly Report was submitted

Assist Township with Family Food Baskets for Christmas. We are asked to support the assembly of baskets. Details to follow.

Christmas Board Meeting – to be held on December 16th, spouses are welcome.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Microsoft Office program for backup office computer: Discussion about need for cloud storage for secure storage of minutes and financial reports, in addition to physical storage.

There was a motion to adjourn meeting by Susan Westray, seconded by Dave Meyer. Adjourned at 8:14PM.