

Weldon Library Board Minutes
May 19, 2026

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, Cherie Brittin, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton, Dave Meyer, and Amanda Walters. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present. Joshua Shofner was present as a guest.

Board meeting minutes were presented from the April 21, 2026 board meeting. Maintenance Meeting committee minutes from April 25, 2026 were also presented. All minutes were adopted as presented.

There was no public forum.

There was a general open discussion regarding an impending monetary donation to be received by the library in the coming days, and the potential for a future donation for the improvement of the library.

TREASURER'S REPORT for April was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for April 1 was \$524.54. Receipts for April were \$7,322.07. The distributions for April were \$6,843.25 and fund disbursements were \$343.00 resulting in an ending balance on April 30, 2026, of \$483.43.

There was a motion by Amanda Walters to accept the April treasurer's report, seconded by Dave Meyer. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

The Library has two CD's that are coming due in late May. There was a motion by Amanda to reinvest the original principal of each CD into the best 1-year CD offered by 1st National Bank of Clinton which was seconded by Cherie Brittin. Signers for the CDs are Jered Shofner, Christi Baker and Lori Rich. Motion approved 7-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

April Cloud Library Stats (HEARTLAND DISTRICT)

Total Number of Items Circulated April 1 – April 30:

- Owned Content: 24,173 (12,465 e-books; 11,708 audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,211

April Libby – Digital Library of Illinois (Reported Weldon Library Activity)

Total Number of Items Circulated April 1 – April 30:

- e-books – 73

- Magazine – 16
- Audio - 7

April funds deposited

April- Fine, copy, fax: \$13.70 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$48.80

Donations - \$23.00

Sell Your Books: \$14.51

Total \$100.01

Paid Out April - \$3.34

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

5-2-26 ~ Drones with Keith Jacobs – A-28, C-47

Wednesday Explorers

4-22-26 ~ A-17, C-32 (Earth Day)

4-29-26 ~ A-6, C-12

5-13-26 ~ A-12, C-25

5-15-26 ~ A-13, C-21

Lego Friday

4-24-26 ~ A-11, C-20

5-1-26 ~ A-10, C-22

5-8-26 ~ A11, C-19

Pre-K Visits

5-1-26 ~ Ice Cream Party – A-3, C-20

MS Book Club

5-13-26 ~ Pizza Party Trivia Contest A-2, C-10

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

4-24-26 ~ A-7, C-1

5-1-26 ~ A-6

5-8-26 ~ A-9

5-15-26 ~ A-5

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

May 8th at 10:30 AM – Grilling and Rubs, A-9

July 24th at 10:30 AM – Microgreens

July 31st at 10:30AM – Terrariums

Summer Reading theme 2026 – “Plant a Seed, Read!” Schedule is planned! Bounce House will be \$650, plus \$25 for an insurance rider. Donations continue to be collected. Currently, we have collected \$775 designated for Summer Reading.

Other News from the Director:

- Technology Plan has been updated and submitted
- Donation by Bob Walters has paid for Illini Fire Equipment to recharge of our fire extinguisher
- Attorney Fee for the coming year will be \$2,000 (vs. \$1,500 for this past year)

OLD BUSINESS

- Annual Maintenance Inspection was performed on April 25th. The minutes have been shared.
- Work Day is scheduled for May 29th at noon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review & Adopt Meeting Dates Ordinance 26-01. Motion by Amanda to approve, seconded by Carla Burton, approved 7-0, signed by Jered.
- Notice of Public Hearing on Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance to be published on May 29th
- DeWitt County Tax Levy Received
- Vote on Non-Resident card availability: Motion to establish a non-resident card fee of \$390.50/family was made by Amanda, seconded by Cherie. Approved 7-0.
- Prevailing Wage Ordinance (No Longer Need Link to Webpage) (No longer need Ordinance or to publish) Only requirement is to Notify workers in writing, we require Prevailing Wage. (This information is Posted on our Webpage) - No action needed.
- Revision to Policy 29 was submitted
- Bi Monthly Report has been submitted
- Library Gifts – Dr. Ray Hoops has made a significant donation, see notes above.
- Enter into Designated Charitable Fund Agreement with ILA – discussion tabled at this time.
- Trustee Education – none for this meeting

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

- Revisit Charitable Fund Agreement / ILA to facilitate future financial gifts
- Strategic Planning
- Replacement of faulty camera

With no further business, there was a motion by Amanda to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dave. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.