

**Weldon Library Board Minutes
June 16, 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.

Board meeting minutes were presented from the May 19, 2026 board meeting. All minutes were adopted as presented.

There was no public forum.

TREASURER'S REPORT for May was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for May 1 was \$438.43. Receipts for May were \$27,951.35. The distributions for May were \$11,879.99 and fund disbursements were \$12,497.96 resulting in an ending balance on May 31, 2026, of \$4,011.83.

There was a motion by Cherie Brittin to accept the May treasurer's report, seconded by Amanda Walters. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

May Cloud Library Stats (HEARTLAND DISTRICT)

Total Number of Items Circulated May 1 – May 31:

- Owned Content: 25,273 (12,824 e-books; 12,449 audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,211

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

Total Number of Items Circulated May 1 – May 31:

- e-books – 5
- Magazine – 0
- Audio - 59

May funds deposited

May- Fine, copy, fax: \$23.10 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$53.70

Total \$76.80

Payout for May - \$0.00

Wednesday Explorers

5-20-26 ~ A-13, C-22

Lego Friday

5-22-26 ~ A-4, C-9

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

5-22-26 ~ A-5

5-29-26 ~ A-13

6-5-26 ~ A-8

6-12-26 ~ A- 7

Kids Summer Extension Programs at the Library

July 24th at 10:30 AM – Microgreens (planting)

July 31st at 10:30AM – Terrariums (making small terrariums)

Both programs feature mindfulness activities

Summer Reading theme 2026 – “Plant a Seed, Read!” Schedule is planned! Currently, we have collected \$1,266.46 designated for Summer Reading and a \$25 gift card from County Market

- 6-10-26 That Kid Place & Foam Cannon ~ A-19, C-37
- 6-17-26 Clay Lady
- 6-24-26 Miller Park Zoo
- 7-1-26 We LOVE America
- 7-8-26 U of I Vet Med
- 7-15-26 Awards Party – Bouncers, Face Paint, Hot Dogs, Chips and SnoCones

Other News from the Director:

- LTC Grant Panels were delivered 6-9-26
- Dewitt County Community Needs Assessment Ice Cream Social scheduled for June 30th from 6:00PM – 7:00PM
- Looking to schedule ‘Talk with Slides’ / Maureen Holtz
- Per Capita grant \$1,117.75 (LY) was increased this year to \$1,173.00

OLD BUSINESS

- Work Day follow up – bench has been fixed (Roger/Peggy Schliepers), and 10 bags of mulch have been donated. Waiting on a quote from Arteman’s for bird deterrent, gutter guards, sidewalk, wood on bell, and gates in the library.
- Camera replacement – and we need to consider the replacement of system? Jered Shofner got a new personal system and will report back to the board if he recommends the same.

NEW BUSINESS

- Public Notice of Ordinance 26-03 – tabled until July

- Building Maintenance Ordinance 26-03 – tabled until July
- Strategic/Long Range Plan – committee: Cherie Brittin, Amanda Walters to meet, Lori may join to talk about needs (as a follow up to the Community Feedback)
- Accounting Software – Quickbooks (\$219/month) APLOS (~\$160/month) Chris Senkpiel and Dave Meyer to research
- Appoint Committee to review Closed Session Minutes (Jan – July) Amanda Walters, Carla Burton appointed
- Appoint Committee to perform Secretary’s Audit for Annual Review – Christi Baker, Carla appointed
- Tax Levy questions for library attorney – phone conference in July. Submit questions ASAP to Lori so that we can consolidate conversation
- Motion to go to close session per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) by Chris Senkpiel, seconded by Christi Baker, approved 7-0. Entered CLOSED SESSION to do staff review. Motion to end CLOSED SESSION by Amanda Walters, seconded by Cherie Brittin, approved unanimously, 7-0.
- Closed Meeting Minutes are submitted in a separate document.
- The motion to approve all three salary increases was initiated by Dave Meyer and seconded by Carla Burton. Approved unanimously 7-0.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Evaluate potential camera replacement system

With no further business, there was a motion by Amanda Walters to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dave Meyer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.