

Weldon Library Board Minutes
April 20, 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, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton, Dave Meyer, and Amanda Walters. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present. Cherie Brittin was absent.

Board meeting minutes were presented from the March 17, 2026 board meeting. Budget Committee meeting minutes from April 8, 2026 were also presented. All minutes were adopted as presented.

There was no public forum.

TREASURER'S REPORT for March was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for March 1 was \$5,386.26. Receipts for March were \$3,517.20. The distributions for March were \$7,735.95 and fund disbursements were \$642.97 resulting in an ending balance on February 28, 2026 of \$524.54.

There was a motion by Amanda Walters to accept the March treasurer's report, seconded by Dave Meyer. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.

Christi Baker shared a plan to free up working capital to get us to the mid-July tax revenue distribution by capturing CD interest and not immediately renewing the special reserve CD when it matures at the end of May. Chris Senkpiel made a motion to adopt the financial plan as presented by Christi, and it was seconded by Amanda. The vote was unanimous, 6-0 in favor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – A meeting was held on April 8th at the Library. In attendance were committee members appointed last month: Christi Baker, Dave Meyer, and Chris Senkpiel. Jered Shofner was also in attendance. The meeting minutes are included at the end of this report.

Chris and Christi are continuing to work on a budget reporting structure and consolidated expense reporting. We need a defined budget in May to present to the board.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

March Cloud Library Stats (HEARTLAND DISTRICT)

Total Number of Items Circulated March 1 – March 31:

- Owned Content: 26,272 (13,700 e-books; 12,572 audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,262

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

Total Number of Items Circulated March 1 – March 31:

- e-books – 7
- Magazine – 18
- Audio - 41

March funds deposited

March - Fine, copy, fax: \$12.70 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$24.65

Donations - \$200.00 (R&P Schlieper, for kids), Donation - \$20.00 (Kayla Wilson)

Refund/Overpayment from Frontier: \$69.75

Total \$327.10

Paid Out March - \$28.09

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

No April Early Dismissal Days

5-2-26 ~ Drones with Keith Jacobs – 1:30

Wednesday Explorers

3-18-26 ~ A- 14 C – 28

3-25-26 ~ A – 11 C – 25

4-1-26 ~ Spring Break

4-8-26 ~ A – 18 C – 31

4-15-26 ~ A – 12 C – 18

Lego Friday

3-20-26 ~ A-11, C-15

3-27-26 ~ A-9, C-17

4-3-26 ~ Spring Break

4-10-26 ~ A-9, C21

4-17-26 ~ A-8, C-18

Pre-K Visits

5-1-26 ~ Ice Cream Party – Ice cream themed books

MS Book Club

4-9-26 ~ “The Promise Boys” Nick Brooks

5-13-26 ~ Pizza Party Trivia Contest

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

3-20-26 ~ A 8

4-10-26 ~ A – 8

4-17-26 ~ A - 8

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

April 10th at 10:30 am – Breakfast/overnight oats A-13

May 8th at 10:30 am – Grilling and Rubs

Barn Quilt Class

Scheduled for March 28th, 10:00AM – 2:00PM, Spring designs A-12

Summer Reading theme 2026 – “Plant a Seed, Read!” Schedule is planned! Bounce House will be \$650, plus \$25 for an insurance rider.

Other Events:

March 27th 10-12 - Small Public Library Meeting – Elizabeth Titus Library, Sullivan RECAP

April 1st 10:30 ~ CRP and First Aid Training for Staff: \$15.00 each staff member. Training to be performed by a representative from the Red Cross - COMPLETED

April 4th – Easter Egg Hunt A-40, C-45

April 22nd - Earth Day Flowers provided by Mariah Anderson, Triple M Farms

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant - \$10,000.00 – Bids have been received for sensory panels. The original supplier bid \$4000 for the panel installation. We also requested and received a bid from Tim Brandt for \$2,500 which we will use. \$4,800 is the cost of the panels including shipping.

Digital Library Member Fees - \$80.00 (annual fee from LIBBY) Fees are based on population/usage. We have the lowest possible rate for this service.

Polaris database will be discontinued/changed to a web-based platform. A trainer will be at the library in April to complete the training.

Amanda has secured an Illinois Prairie Community Foundation to get an award of \$1,800 to use for school supplies. The Board is very grateful for this effort and for the award!

OLD BUSINESS

- LTC Grant Bid updates – see Librarian’s report above.
- Annual Maintenance Inspection to be performed on April 25th. The survey forms have been shared.

NEW BUSINESS

- Technology Plan Update: to be review at the next meeting. Dave and Amanda will bring suggestions to the May meeting.
- Review Insurance Coverage - Work Comp/Commercial policies will be received in ~ August. Budgets need to include the potential for significant cost increases.
- SHARE Annual Agreement - sent to Lori to sign and return.

Trustee Education – Dave Meyer did a training presentation on Outlook and OneDrive systems. We covered ‘Favorites’ at this week’s meeting. Dave will continue to do additional training presentations each month as we improve our skills and use of the new Microsoft systems.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

With no further business, there was a motion by Amanda to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dave. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM.

Minutes submitted by Chris Senkpiel, Secretary
April 10, 2026

Meeting Minutes, Financial Budget Committee April 8, 2026

A meeting was held on April 8th at the Library.

In attendance were committee members: Christi Baker, Dave Meyer, and Chris Senkpiel. Jered Shofner was also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue exploring options for creating a budget report for easier review by the entire Library Board. There were discussions about categorizing expenditures. Chris Senkpiel agreed to work on a budget report structure to prepare the board for better planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

All agreed that there should be no changes to our current reporting practices or procedures. The proposed budget report is an additional tool to review our future plans and expenditures.

The committee meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Submitted by Chris Senkpiel
April 10, 2026

Maintenance Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2026

Attendees: Jered Shofner, Carla Burton, Chris Senkpiel and Lori Rich

This group met at 9:00AM on Saturday, April 25th at the library to review the Inspection Checklist (separate document).

The following items were identified as concerns that should be added to a work day event, to be scheduled:

- Removal of wasp nests
- Trimming of bushes around the library, including one yew that needs to be addressed
- Cleaning of all gutters
- Removal of leaves and pine needles, general cleaning of the rocks around the building
- Grass seed could be applied to the bare areas of the yard
- The driveway/parking area will need to be repainted. Should be able to do this by hand, provided we can secure paint.
- Sidewalk at the rear entrance needs repair
- The shed lock is loose, could need to be repaired or replaced
- Inside, cobwebs need to be removed from the high window peaks.

During the inspection, the following items were completed:

- A bird's nest was removed from the front entryway
- The battery was replaced in the detector in the kitchenette area

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM