



beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

Library Board Room

1. Call to order and roll call – President Heim called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Members present: Sherry Blakeley, Lucas Carter, Gerardine Heim, Elizabeth Magnus, and Keira Wilson.

Members online: Alexis Beran, Courtney Scott

Members absent: Rachelle Elliott, Alissa Girdler

Also present: Leadership Team Members: Nick Dimassis, Jennifer Laatz, Kim Huber, Michael DeVries, Amy Mitchell, Jessica Graminske, and Wyatt Ditzler.

2. Approval of the January 21, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes – Blakeley moved to approve the January 21, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes as presented. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion carried (7-0).**
3. Approval of the January 21, 2026 Personnel Committee meeting minutes – Magnus moved to approve the January 21, 2026 Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion carried (7-0).**
4. Public Comment – None
5. Library Director and BPL Activity Report – Dimassis and team prepared a written report. Highlights from the report are the TLA Scholars artwork in the Riverside Room, Bookquest coming up April 15, 2026, moving the tree to the new children’s area, Sensory Room surveys, Marketing Assistant position posted, Blender Café opening under new management, construction update, and capital campaign update.
6. Committees:
 - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Did not meet.
 - b. Personnel Committee – Did not meet.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee – Did not meet. – Doodle Poll forthcoming.
7. Old Business – Committee Assignments – Carter is assigned to the Strategic Plan Committee.

8. New Business -
- a. **Discussion and approval of 2025 Annual Report** – Blakeley moved to approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented and indicating that Prairie Lakes Library System did provide effective leadership and adequately meets the needs of the library. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion carried (7-0).**
 - b. **Discussion and approval of 2025 Library and Blender Café unaudited financials** – Blakeley moved to approve the 2025 Library and Blender Café unaudited financials as presented with the net surplus of \$50,070.96 to be transferred to the Unrestricted Fund Balance. Magnus seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**
 - c. **Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills** – Carter moved to approve the December monthly financials and bills, with the library bills totaling \$4,282.25, Flexible Facilities Grant Program - \$218,068.20, and the Blender Café bills totaling \$0; and the January 2026 bills totaling \$35,616.25 and Flexible Facilities Grant Program totaling \$3,210.30. Beran seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**
9. Reports:
- a. Beloit Public Library Foundation – Dimassis reported that the Board is restructuring and defining who they are. The also discussed capital campaign updates.
 - b. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – Did not meet. Next meeting is 3/11/26.
 - c. School District Representative – No report.
 - d. City Council Representative – Blakeley reported the council continues to support the City Strategic Plan. There are some upcoming forums for candidates for both City Council and School District of Beloit. Rock County Health Department will have an office in Beloit again. Final city manager candidate interviews mid to late April.
10. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – Beran reported that the Beloit College Wright Museum is open to the public.
11. Motion to Adjourn – Magnus moved to adjourn. Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).** Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Submitted by:
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager