



beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

Library Board Room

1. Call to order and roll call – Vice President Girdler called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Members present: Sherry Blakeley, Lucas Carter, Elizabeth Magnus, and Courtney Scott.

Members online: Rachelle Elliott, Alissa Girdler, and Keira Wilson.

Members absent: Alexis Beran and Gerardine Heim.

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

2. Approval of the May 20, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes – Blakeley moved to approve the May 20, 2026 Library Board meeting minutes as presented. Magnus seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Library Director and BPL Activity Report – Dimassis started out by thanking Betty Magnus for her years of service on the Library Board. Dimassis and team prepared a written report. Dimassis first introduced the new marketing assistant, Chelsea Wales. Then he highlighted items from the written report including a Live at 5 broadcast with WMTV 15 out of Madison. The broadcast highlighted the summer events going on at BPL. The summer reading club kicked off on June 6th. Picture book bins have been installed and filled. Digital displays have arrived. Staff have been trained on the Microsoft Teams classrooms. We interviewed 6 candidates for Discovery PLAYce Manager and placed an offer. Rebecca Wilson is starting June 22nd. CCI is finishing the work in Discovery PLAYce. Exhibit fabricators will be coming in shortly after CCI finishes to start installing exhibits. All exhibits will be in by mid-October with a soft opening. Grand opening will be in November.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Did not meet.
 - b. Personnel Committee – Did not meet.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee – Did not meet.

6. Old Business – None.
7. New Business -
 - a. **Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills** – Blakeley moved to approve the May payments with the library bills totaling \$55,442.76, Blender - \$182.76, and Flexible Facilities Grant Program - \$661,392.88. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**
8. Reports:
 - a. Beloit Public Library Foundation – Dimassis reported that the capital campaign fundraising wraps up July 1st. A grand opening committee is being established. Next meeting is August 12, 2026.
 - b. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – Next meeting is July 8, 2026.
 - c. School District Representative – Elliott reported the number of graduates from the Rock County school districts.
 - d. City Council Representative – Blakeley reported on the 2 proclamations for Juneteenth for Rising Queens – event at Riverside Park and Elite Ladies – event at Telfer Park. The council had citizens speaking out against a Data Center.
9. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – Scott reported on upcoming events that she will be performing at with former library board member Jamarr Elliott.
10. Motion to Adjourn – Scott moved to adjourn. Carter seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (5-0).** Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Submitted by:
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager