

Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting

November 3, 2025 at 5pm

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5p.m. Those present were President Matt Maschmann, Secretary Beth Meldrem, Treasurer Jamie McClenathan, Board Members- Chris Hurst, Bob Lacina, Mary Jo Collum, Sherry Kornis-Johnson and Library Director Josh Gerard.

President Matt Maschmann called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m. Minutes were read. Motion by Bob; 2nd by Mary Jo to approve the October 6, 2025 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

First State Bank Checking - \$ 500.00
Building & Maintenance Fund - \$3,231.87
First State Bank CDs - \$25,198.40

Brooklyn Municipal Utilities	\$400
Brooklyn Telecommunications	\$78.41
Amazon- books	\$993.74
Amazon-tech kid/software	\$8.55
Amazon-drinks/after school prog	\$61.18
Payroll	\$4,347.54
1st State Bank	\$711.56
IPERS	\$541.86
Treasurer State of Iowa	\$49.10
Wellmark	\$575.15

Motion by Beth; 2nd by Bob to approve the above claims. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - Narcan box will be refilled when it gets low. We can just let Home Health know when they need to refill.

New Business –

Matt read the resignation letter from Carla Kriegel. The board extends their appreciation for her service.

Motion by Chris; 2nd by Mary Jo to nominate Sherry Kornis-Johnson to serve as a board member. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by Jamie; 2nd by Bob to accept both the Circulation Policy and Bulletin Board Policy. All Ayes. Motion carried. The library will no longer provide physical library cards to members, which will save money. Instead, it will be done electronically.

Library Director's Report

Mini Food Pantry update- Quite a few folks have used the mini food pantry at the library (available during library hours). Josh has partnered with the Drake Library to provide a list of resource locations for food assistance in the area. Check it out at the Library. The library seeks non-perishable donations from community members or civic organizations.

Grant money extension for furniture remodel - Library's new furniture will now come from Amazon instead of Wayfair.

Annual Survey highlights and opportunities - Josh shared incredible highlights from the last year regarding on and off-campus programming and live events. Extra focus on young-adult programming in the future.

Potential Stem programming in November - The extension office has moved from Montezuma to Grinnell. They will send information about upcoming programs in the near future.

Christmas Traditions Story time will be on Saturday, December 6 from 9-10 a.m. This will be funded by the Chamber of Commerce and will help cover the costs for supplies for the make-and-take project offered that day.

Quarterly Report

July, August, September 2025

Patrons	2,905
Adult non-fiction	81
Adult fiction	1,735
Adult Total	1,816
Juvenile non-fiction	24
Juvenile fiction	1,464
Juvenile Total	1,488
Periodicals	32
Total Printed Materials	3,336
Audiobooks	1
Videos	140
Bridges eLibrary	865
Digital Archives	1,300
Cakepans	2
Boardgames	2
Total Non-Print	2,310
Grand Total for Quarter	5,646

We had 24 reference requests. 404 patrons used our computers. There were 46 meetings in our conference room. We welcomed 19 new members and renewed 28. 277 people showed up for weekly Wednesday Story Times. 43 came to the monthly book club. We provided books to 36 patrons via our Bookmobile to Brooklyn Community Estates. 31 people accessed our digital archives. We provided notary services 161 times. 48 attended weekly Friends of the Library games. And 214 young patrons participated in our E-Sports program.

The next board meeting will be on Monday December 1, 2025 at 5 p.m. Motion by Chris; 2nd by Jamie to adjourn at 5:20p.m.