Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting
August 3, 2026 at 5pm

Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, August 3, 2026 at 5p.m. Those present were President Matt Maschmann, Secretary Beth Meldrem, Treasurer Jamie McClenathan (via phone), Board Members- Mary Jo Collum, Chris Hurst, Bob Lacina, Sherry Korns-Johnson and Library Director Josh Gerard.

President Matt Maschmann called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. Minutes were read. Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Sherry to approve the July 1, 2026 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

First State Bank Checking - $ 500.00
Building & Maintenance Fund - $3,236.70
First State Bank CDs - $25,891.36

Brooklyn Municipal Utilities	$500.00
Brooklyn Telecommunications	$77.47
Amazon- books	$1019.47
Amazon-tech kid/software	$8.55
Amazon - supplies	$160.45
Payroll	$5,047.21
1st State Bank	$796.14
IPERS	$569.04
Treasurer State of Iowa	$49.16
Wellmark	$643.08

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

Unfinished Business - Couch damage

New Business - misuse of restroom. Mary Jo made a motion to ban a juvenile from the library for damage and mis-use of library property. 2nd by Beth. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Library Director's Report
Summer Reading numbers and prizes are listed below. Sincere gratitude to the following sponsors for their support!

66 Brooklyn Grocery ice cream cones
63 Classic Deli ice cream dishes
62 Cubs Automotive Mystery Bags
56 Brooklyn Opera House popcorns
44 Center Ground drinks
41 Classic Deli meals
34 Brooklyn Opera movie tickets
158 raffle tickets for gift cards
3,212 books were read this summer!!!

Summer event numbers - 8 onsite and off-site events were held and 758 patrons participated in these events.

Bookmark story - one patron has taken their bookmark to heart and brings the "checkout a book for free" when they pick out books!

Upcoming *Friends of the Library* events will be the Adult Reading program beginning in September and a fun Teen Challenge will take place on August 20th (the same night as BGM open house). Don't miss participation in these events - there will be prizes!

Friends of the Library Book Sale is going on now. Please take time to check out all the great books that are for sale. The proceeds from these sales will support all the great programs that our library offers. Thank you Mary Jo for helping set up all the books!

Tournament Tuesday is on hiatus until September 15

Summer reading winners are below. Thank you to all the kids for participating!

$100 Amazon gift cards were awarded to 9 kids: Karmyn Calkins, Kenna Kriegel, Achilles VanRenterghem, Ray Puls, Ryder Williams, Ana McClenathan, Quinn Bartachek, Evie East, Lucas Davidson

Most read books winners received $50 each (three categories)
0-2nd (Easy picture books) - Charlie Bailey with 406 books
3rd-6th (chapter books) - Kora Garmin with 70 books
7th-12th (junior fiction and up) - Gracie Gerard with 30 books
Bonus $100 cash gift - Kora Garmin

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 5 p.m. Motion by Chris; 2nd by Bob to adjourn at 5:32p.m.