Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting
October 5, 2026 at 5pm

Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, October 5, 2026 at 5p.m. Those present were President Matt Maschmann, Secretary Beth Meldrem, Treasurer Jamie McClenathan, 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 5:01p.m. Minutes were read. Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Bob to approve the September 1, 2026 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

First State Bank Checking - $ 500.00
Building & Maintenance Fund - $3,238.33
First State Bank CDs - $25,891.36

Brooklyn Municipal Utilities	$500.00
Brooklyn Telecommunications	$79.61
Amazon- books	$1,344.63
Amazon-tech kid/software	$9.62
Brooklyn Hardware (toilet handle)	$9.49
Payroll	$4,466.77
1st State Bank	$731.52
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.

Public Comment: A question was posed to Josh about providing mobile book services to the Montezuma Correctional Facility. The board appreciated the outreach, but the Poweshiek County Jail already has its own library and Montezuma is out of our territory.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business - Chris made a motion for approval of a display to be hung on the south wall of the library for bookmarks to be available to patrons. 2nd by Mary Jo. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Schedule Continuing Education for new board members will take place as soon as possible.

Library Director's Report

Over 60 patrons have signed up to participate in the Adult Fall reading program. The bingo card is a very popular activity! The contest will run until October 31st. You must have your entries turned in by Oct. 31 and winners will be drawn on November 2. Stop in and grab your sheet, if you haven't already!!

Josh met with new District Consultant Jennifer Smith and discussed library challenges and other pertinent information.

Library Director Josh has completed 30 hours of continuing education.

An upcoming Library Director's meeting with Brooklyn, Montezuma and Grinnell will take place on October 19, 2026.

This season's Tournament Tuesday has been sponsored by Brooklyn Fabric Company! Thank you for supporting this very popular weekly event. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please stop by the Library.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. Motion by Sherry; 2nd by Beth to adjourn at 5:25p.m.