Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting
November 2, 2026 at 5pm

Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, November 2, 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 October 5, 2026 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
Building & Maintenance Fund - $3,238.33
First State Bank CDs - $25,891.36

Brooklyn Municipal Utilities	$500.00
Brooklyn Telecommunications	$77.82
Amazon- books	$1,369.30
Amazon - bookmark holders	$58.99
Amazon-tech kid/software	$9.62
Brooklyn Hardware (toilet handle)	$8.99
Payroll	$4,637.49
1st State Bank	$420.51
IPERS	$569.04
Treasurer State of Iowa	$49.16
Wellmark	$643.08

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

Public Comment

Unfinished Business - Open meeting certificates - several board members took the open meeting module to be compliant with the State.

New Business - All of the Brooklyn Library Board is certified in the Open Meeting law. Josh will keep the completed certificates for Board members on file at the Library as well as provide copies to the City of Brooklyn.

Library Director's Report

Fall Reading program - There were 33 participants who read a total of 644 books and logged 71 bingos. Winners for the reading program will be drawn later tonight and winners will be posted on the Library Facebook page.

Library Director's meeting on October 19, 2026. The Poweshiek county librarians met to discuss library practices, city contracting, and the upcoming Supervisor's meeting.

Digital archive promo online - Thank you to the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation for funding for the digital archives at the Brooklyn Library.
https://www.facebook.com/reel/1654181182751401

Brooklyn Chamber will be sponsoring the Christmas themed story time on Dec. 5. There will be a Grinch themed craft for your child, please plan to stop.

Brooklyn Library can help get you access to Telehealth services (Dr on Demand, MyChart, zoom, etc.) You need to schedule time for this service in order to provide privacy. You cannot do walk-in appointments without scheduling first.

Quarterly report -July, August, September 2026
Patrons 3,030

Adult non-fiction	99
Adult fiction	1,628
Adult Total	**1,727**
Juvenile non-fiction	17
Juvenile fiction	1,588
Juvenile Total	**1,605**
Periodicals	68
Total Printed Materials	**3,400**
Audiobooks	4
Videos	56
Bridges eLibrary	1,118
Digital Archives	991
Puzzles	27
Boardgames	5
Total Non-Print	**2,201**
Grand Total for Quarter	**5,601**

We had **49** reference requests. **181** patrons used our computers. There were **57** meetings in our conference room. We welcomed **29** new members and renewed **39**. We brought weekly Story Time to **641** young people. **32** came to the monthly book club. We provided books to **35** patrons via our Bookmobile to Brooklyn Community Estates. **9** people accessed our digital archives. We provided notary services **72** times. **78** attended weekly Friends of the Library games. And **41** young patrons participated in our E-Sports program.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, December 7, 2026 at 5 p.m. Motion by Chris; 2nd by Beth to adjourn at 5:21p.m.