

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62265
September 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Travis Santel.

Member's present were: Travis Santel, Diane Horchleit, Gary Sweet, Judy Baehr, Vivian Bowler, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Jo Simon.

Public Comments: None.

Board Meeting Minutes:

August meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy mentioned for August minutes to be approved. Vivian second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Vicki distributed the August 2025 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed.

-August has been busy but no significant event.

-Preschool Story Time started on Sep 2 with 14 people, including 8 kids.

-Trick or Treat in the park is Friday, October 17.

-The Book and Bake sale is Saturday, October 18. If anyone wants to donate baked items, it will be appreciated.

-We have tentatively scheduled book Bingo for Wednesday, November 12.

-Holiday Story Time is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 17. The theme will be story time with Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph. We will have costumes and blow-ups.

-New Baden's non-profit library cards are the cheapest in southern IL, and word is spreading. Another library questioned it and Vicki found the state ruling, and the books we are okay. There was discussion on card costs and the ruling.

-Vicki would like to purchase about 60 lightweight folding chairs and get rid of the brown folding chairs. She would like to purchase a cart to put them on also. She can get them from Amazon for about \$1,000. No decision was made at this time.

-Vicki would like to get rid of the Clifford costume. It is taking up room and we do not use it. Board agreed.

-We got rid of the big outside trash can, but Vicki has noticed cigarette butts and wicker wrappers in the parking lot so she is looking at purchasing a new trash can to put by the bike racks. Amazon has one for \$605.70 and she posted around a picture of it. Board agreed.

-September is get a library card month. Vicki had a shirt on to promote the month and had publicists with cameras spread by using the library that she posted on Facebook. She will try and do something every week in September.

-Dunbars Pharmacy in Maccombah asked if our library would like to have a flu shot clinic and Vicki said yes. It is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 12:00-2:00.

-The new library signs are posted inside the library. Tracy did a great job on them.

-Vicki would like to purchase two new chairs for the employees behind the front desk. There was discussion about going to the resale furniture store in New Baden first.

-Lithuan Electric was here to do some work and Vicki will have them install an outlet by the front door. They can use it for many things: lights, Christmas tree, signs, etc.