

New Berlin Library Board Minutes
New Berlin, IL 62265
February 9, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Travis Santel.

Member's present were: Travis Santel, Diane Horschler, Vivian Bowden, Greg Sweet, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent were: Jo Sweet, Judy Bach, and Amanda Williams.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

January meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned for January minutes to be approved. Greg seconded. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Vicki distributed the January 2026 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed.

-January 15, we had an author event. There were 11 people in attendance. The author did not market the event very well.

-Upcoming events:

-This Friday, February 15 we will have a watercolor event for 5-14 year olds. There are 14 kids signed up to attend. Someone on Facebook asked about an adult watercolor event and the artist said she would be favor of having one. Trying to get a date for the adult event in March on maybe a Saturday afternoon. The artist will display some of her paintings in the library and they will be for sale.

-In March we will try to have another puzzle race. Looking at maybe March 10.

-In April we will have the Village Wide Yard Sale at the library.

-Looking at having presentations on aging adults sometime during the year.

-Vicki would like to open the corner of the library for more events. She is looking at moving books in the adult area and then moving the DVD's to the book area and getting rid of the shelves the DVD's are on.

-Vicki addressed some concerns in the library with patrons. There is a male who walks around town and has started coming into the library. He gets agitated, moves books on the shelves, damaged a book from another library, kicked the door opening pad, and brought in the mail. There is a 6th grader who comes to the library and leaves trash around and smeared with the drawings on the front window. After a long explanation of these people, it was suggested Vicki find out who their guardians are and talk to them. Vicki also has a Board member from another library coming to our library. Apparently, she is not happy with her library and likes what we do at our library. Vicki is uncomfortable with the person discussing things from her library, so she called IRLS and asked how to approach the person. Vicki will try and discourage her from discussing library business with her.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report for January was reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bank reconciliation, and the bills to pay.