

New Books Library Board Minutes
New Books, IL 62265
March 9, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jo Street.

Member's present were: Jo Street, Diane Henschler, Vivian Boudier, Travis Santel, Judy Bacher, and Amanda Williams. Vicki, the Librarian called in. Absent was Greg Tross.

Public Comments None

Board Meeting Minutes:

March meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian mentioned for March minutes to be approved, Judy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Diane distributed the March 2026 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed by Vicki.

-Our numbers are really up this month, and we had 11 new patrons added. We are growing in the right direction.

-Last week a large envelope came for the library. Recently a patron passed away and donated \$2,000 to our library. He was not married and had no children, but he did have sisters. Vicki wanted to contact them to thank them for the donation. One of the sisters contacted Vicki. Vicki would like to do something to honor the donation. We should think of a way to use the donation and honor the person.

-March was our garage sale and we had 17 tables. Everybody had a good time. One table did not finish.

-The book sale/book sale is April 24 and 25. We will have a "light" book sale with cookies, beverages and small items. If you are bringing a food item, please bring it on Thurs, Friday, April 24 will be the pre-sale day from 1-5, and Saturday will be the \$5 bag day from 9-1.

-Vicki called the carpet cleaner she used last year. The cost is \$6,660 to do the same job she did before. He can do a protective coating and that would be \$2,134. We will decide at the next meeting.

-Wagner Communications from Truist contacted Vicki about security cameras. Vicki is fine with the inside security cameras but would like something for outside and public restrooms for the staff. The Village Administrator said they are getting new security cameras for the park and the new building. There is a possibility the library could be on the same contract.

-The first week of the Summer Reading program will be a combined day celebrating the 250-year anniversary. There will be no reading or credits that day. There will be a historical program by a troupe from St. Louis for about 45 minutes. Then we will have a snack and talk about the summer reading program. The last week will be combined also, but no plans on what we will do right now.

-We have a new picture donation hanging above the fireplace.

-The Girl Scouts are having meetings in the library again. They are very excited to be back. They painted rocks for the library, and they are on the front desk.

-Josh Wright is a Chiropractor who will be doing informational sessions on Fridays in the library. They will start either April or May, and not every month.

-Vicki provided the Board with a website <https://www.americanbooks.com/galton50/>.

She suggested they look at it. It is a digital documentary about libraries in the 515 area code. The author came to our library and we are in the documentary.