

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

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

Member's present were: Jo Stroot, Diane Hoerchler, Vivian Bossler, Travis Santel, Judy Baehr, and Amanda Williams. Vicki, the Librarian called in. Absent was Greg Sweet.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

March meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned 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 14 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 puzzle race and we had 13 tables. Everybody had a good time. One table did not finish.

-The book sale/bake sale is April 24 and 25. We will have a 'light' bake sale with cookies, brownies and small items. If you are bringing a food item, please bring it on Thurs. Friday, April 24 will be the presale 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 \$1,660 to do the same job he did before. He can do a protective coating and that would be \$2,134. We will decide at the next meeting.

-Warner Communications from Trenton contacted Vicki about security cameras. Vicki is fine with the inside security cameras but would like something for outside and panic buttons 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 crafts 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 Weight 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.stephenkennedy.com/-/galleries/618>. She suggested they look at it. It is a digital documentary about libraries in the 618-area code. The author came to our library and we are in the documentary.

-Greg got 'The Book Page' from Lebanon library. It's a magazine with library information. It's \$500 for 50 subscriptions a year. Vicki didn't think we would use 50 subscriptions. The Board suggested asking another library to share with our library. It was tabled for now.

-Vicki asked if we could change the meeting in June from the second Monday to the third Monday. She will be on vacation and won't have time to prepare the reports. We will discuss it at next month's meeting.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report for March was reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bank reconciliation, and the bills to pay. There was discussion about the cost of Overdrive. Vicki said they had 117 audio books from Libby and 142 from the Cloud last month. Of the \$800 we will be getting \$600 back in free books. Vicki said there are a lot of people who use eBooks.

-Judy made a motion to approve the March 2026 financial reports, pay March debit card bills and April bills. Amanda second. The treasurer's report was approved.

Unfinished Business

-Travis and the staff have annual training to complete.

-Vicki met with the Village Administrator and he will do a walk around the building with Tim Deien. He thinks the Village workers might be able to do the work. He asked if the library was doing anything for the 250-year celebration. If the Village does something the library might help.

-Statement of Economic Interest needs to be filed to Clinton County by Vivian and Jo. If not filed by May 1 there is a penalty.

-The Little Free Library at the Elementary School was tabled.

New Business

-Reminder April is the end of the fiscal year.

-Vicki would like to raise the non-resident fee for the library. She will contact the County and ask them how much tax dollars we get from property taxes and how many households does it cover. She did a random poll, and it came to about \$70. The non-resident fee is \$56 right now. There was some discussion and we will discuss it more after Vicki gets more information.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment:

-Vivian motioned for meeting adjournment. Travis seconded. Meeting adjourned.

-Next monthly meeting will be May 11, 2026, 6:30 PM.

Respectively,
Diane Hoerchler, Secretary