

New Berlin Library Board Minutes
New Berlin, IL 62265
June 8, 2026

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

Member's present were: Jo Street, Terrie Samel, Diane Hinchman, Vivian Bowles, Greg Sweet, Judy Burke, Amanda Williams and Vicki, the Librarian.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

May meeting minutes were reviewed. Jo mentioned for May minutes to be approved. Diane seconded. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

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

-Our numbers are good again this month. We had 13 new patron cards and the eBooks doubled from last year.

-We had nothing scheduled for May except to work on the summer reading program. We did have the carpets cleaned.

-June we will be in the June Amphitheatre parade on Saturday, June 20. We will pass out fliers to adults and parents to bring books for the kids.

-The Summer Reading program is moving along. The last week will be the World Bird Sanctuary, and they will do a presentation on eagles. The first week will be all about the 250-year birthday. The middle three weeks in July will be our normal summer reading program with this year's reading program theme, *Plant a Seed, Read.*

-The Library Crawl will be in Oct. and we will be passing out 250 breaded brochures. Vicki had samples to show the Board.

-Vicki would like to make changes to the library policies. On page 18 of the policy under Volunteers she would like to add, "All volunteers must be at least 14 years of age". On page 26 under Electronic Meetings, she would like to add a paragraph about quorums of members. On page 37 under Meeting Procedures, she would like add "and/or the Director" to the first two paragraphs after The Treasurer. In the third paragraph she would like to add "use the library debit card" after is authorized to. On page 42 under Library Materials (Circulation, Holds/Reserves, Interlibrary Loan, Lost or Damaged Materials) she would like to add "New materials" and under length of loan, "Books 2 weeks/DVD's 1 week" with auto-renewals. The Board will vote at the next meeting.

-Vicki talked to the Board about the kids in the library since school has been out. She feels she has been lenient with them, but she is frustrated with them. They bring food and drinks in and were told not to do that. They play games and have their speakers on their phones and when patrons come to the library they increase the volume. One of the kids brought a scooter into the building. We had the carpets cleaned and someone brought in mud from their shoes. There was a lot of discussion on other things the kids could do during the summer, and we are not a babysitting service. The Board would like policy to say only those computers of the five can be for gaming and they should be charged the full rate. Right now, they are only being charged \$1.00 no matter how many hours they are using the computers. Vicki did say some patrons donate money for the kids to stay on the computers. Vicki will work on new policy.