

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62265
August 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Trevis Santel.

Member's present were: Jo Simon, Trevis Santel, Diane Hutchinson, Vivian Bowden, Amanda Williams, Vicki, the Librarian and guest Shelby Ruhl. Absent was Greg Street and Judy Rader.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

June meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian mentioned for June minutes to be approved. Trevis seconded. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Vicki distributed the June and July 2026 Librarian reports to Board members and the reports were reviewed.

-Our numbers are still good.

-June/July recap: June was the June lambswool. We had enough stuff to pass out until we got to the park. Maybe next year we will need more. July was the parade in Albers. We had 700 things to pass out and only made it halfway through the parade. If we do it next year, we will plan on 1,200 items to pass out. People were excited to see the library in the parade.

-The Summer Reading program is finished. We had 215 kids over the five weeks. We had a special program the first and fifth weeks. Next year there are only four weeks. Next year's theme is Reading Expands Our Universe.

-We have spent all the Technology Grant, \$12,500.

-We have a lot of events coming up. In September we are going to have an informational event in the hopes of starting a Mahjong group. We have enough supplies for three tables and are how it goes, September 1, Scorpion will start. This year we will be doing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. We will have a bulletin board set up and after every 100 books read, kids will get a free book. When they reach 1,000 books they will get another prize. October will be the Library Card for the whole month. We will be passing out headed brochures to travelers coming to our library. We also have the book sale, Friday and Saturday, October 9 & 10. Book or Treat in the Park is Friday, October 16. Kris Falkerson, who works with coping for life and kids, is having a 10-year anniversary. She would like to do a book signing, Thurs, November 19.

-Vicki purchased a new shelving unit that sits by the new shelf with easy books for kids.

-There is a new state law which requires libraries to display outside information. We have it displayed.

-The artist who did a painting class in the library donated one of her paintings and it is on display.

-Trevis' brother works for a company that is going from tower computers to laptops. They are selling the older tower computers for about \$65. Vicki suggested we purchase four of them and move them to the back room and let the kids use them for gaming. In the back room there is a shelving unit with small kid's books and Vicki thought that would be a good area. There was discussion on other libraries having a gaming area and where to go with the kid's books that are at eye level for them. Vicki thought if the kids were in the back it would free up the front room computers for adults to use. No decision was made at this time.