

New Baden Library Board Minutes
New Baden, IL 62265
August 10, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Travis Santel.

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

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

June meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned for June minutes to be approved. Travis 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 Jamboree. 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 1,500 items to pass out. People were excited to see the library in the parade.

-The Summer Reading program is finished. We had 213 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 see how it goes. September 1, Storytime 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 Crawl the whole month. We will be passing out beaded bracelets to travelers coming to our library. We also have the book sale, Friday and Saturday, October 9 & 10. Trick or Treat in the Park is Friday, October 16. Kris Fulkerson, 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 tree shelf with easy books for kids.

-There is a new state law which requires libraries to display suicide 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.

-Travis' 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.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Reports for June and July were reviewed.

- Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bills to pay, and the bank reconciliation. The CD maturity date should have been 2026 on both bank reconciliation sheets. It was suggested not to roll over the CD at this time. The property taxes are late this year which means we will get our tax money late.

- Diane made a motion to approve the June and July 2026 financial reports, pay July debit card bills and August bills. Travis second. The treasurer's report was approved.

Unfinished Business

- Travis and Jo have annual training to complete.

- Vicki made the changes to the library policies discussed at the last meeting. Vivian motioned to approve the new policies. Amanda seconded. Approved.

- Vicki did not check to see if the Village workers did any repairs to the building.

- Vicki talked to Teri Crane from the Village. Teri said they could take the old school records in the library to the new Village Hall. Vicki will box the records and take them to Village Hall.

- The Little Free Library at the Elementary School was discussed. Travis and his son agreed to work on the project. Vicki will contact the school to see if it is okay.

- Treasurer's book went to the Auditors and is already back.

- The IPLAR went in early. Vicki said the State of Illinois now strongly recommends each board member have their own specific email address for library correspondence. She passed out a sheet with suggested emails addresses. All library correspondence should to go through the new emails.

New Business

- 2027 is an election year and Vivian and Amanda are up for election. Vicki let the board know Amanda is moving to St. Rose and will no longer be a board member. Vicki introduced Shelby Kuhl to the Board. Shelby introduced herself and is willing to become a part of our library. She will be appointed at our next meeting and will run for election in Apr. Vicki said the election packages will be ready for pickup on Aug 25 from Village Hall.

- There were no closed meeting minutes to review.

- Vicki reminded the board to review Serving Our Public standards.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment:

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

- Next monthly meeting will be September 14, 2026, 6:30 PM.

Respectively,
Diane Hoerchler, Secretary