

Red Bud Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gidley at 5:03PM.

II. Roll Call

Members present: President Christina Gidley, Treasurer Patricia Sachtleben, Secretary Kristy Cooper, Trustee Debbie Gielow, Trustee Cathy Thompson, Trustee Jill Miesner, City Council Member/Library Liaison Bryce Parsons

Others present: Library Assistant, Bailee McCarthy (filling in for Library Director, Jamie Joost)

Members absent: Vice President Chris Moll, Trustee Jamie McClellan

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from March 12, 2026 were in the packet. **Debbie Gielow made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2026; Bryce Parsons seconded.** The minutes were approved as handed out.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports for March were reviewed and discussed. **Kristy Cooper made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cathy Thompson seconded.** Financial reports and monthly Library deposits are attached.

VI. Librarian's Report

A copy of the librarian's report was included in the packets. Library Assistant, Bailee McCarthy reviews attendance of programs has been down, computer usage, and board room usage. The Cloud library audio is up.

IML has deleted patrons by branch. 233 inactive were deleted from 2019 or sooner.

VII. Old Business

Spring Book Sale was March 23-March 28: Despite a small selection of books, the sales were \$261.50. The leftover books were donated to St. John's Catholic School for their rummage sale.

Library temporarily changed hours of operation-closed on Friday until further notice. Monday-Thursday hours remain 12pm-7pm and Saturday hours remain 9am-1pm (while Jamie recovers from injury). **Kristy will ask Liz at City Hall about the need for a doctor's note before Jamie can return.**

Update: Jamie Joost, Library Director has a tentative return date of the week April 20, 2026. She will not be attending Reaching Forward South Conference.

Trustees received expenses survey report from Illinois Comptroller; survey to be completed and mailed back by May 1, 2026.

IPLAR (Illinois Public Library Annual Report) is approaching (due July 1, 2026).

New Business

RBHS Agriculture Department and Pumpkin Blossom Hill will be doing presentations for the "Plant a Seed, Read!" Summer Reading Program (dates TBD)-Summer Reading will kick off on June 1, 2026

Reached out to Ace Hardware for donations for Summer Reading Program

Potential book vendor-Ingram Content Group: Their discounts are the same at Baker & Taylor. Library Assistant, Bailee McCarthy stated that she is checking out shipping dates as that has been a consistent issue from others who order from Ingram Content Group.

Kristy Cooper and Christopher Moll reinstated at Trustees at March 12, 2026 board meeting; term expiring April 20, 2029

Debra Gielow did not reinstate to be a Board Trustee; she served on the Board for 30 years (appointed December 1996)

Jennifer Walker and Ashley Hentis welcomed on as new Board Trustees (Walker to succeed Gielow; Hentis to succeed and finish Blenda Ingalls' Term as ProTem)

Discuss and Vote

Officer Elections-officers elected will have term of May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027. Current 2025-2026 officers: President-Christina Gidley; Vice President-Christopher Moll; Treasurer-Patricia Sachtleben; Secretary-Kristy Cooper

A ballot was passed out to each present member for official elections. The official election for the 2026-2027 results were as follows (no change):

President-Christina Gidley; Vice President-Christopher Moll; Treasurer-Patricia Sachtleben; Secretary-Kristy Cooper

Employee wage increase by City Hall proposal-FY27 Library budget reflects a wage increase up to 2.7%. **Jill Miesner made a motion to approve a 2.7% wage increase starting with the first full pay period in May 2026. Patricia Sachtleben seconded the motion.**

Review/Discuss/Potential Vote

When to resume Friday hours with Jamie tentatively returning week of April 20. The board discussed tabling this item until the next meeting when we know more about Jamie's return.

Retirement part for Debbie Gielow, Blenda Ingalls: Debbie and Blenda will talk and get a date to us

2025/2026 Illinois Public Standards: Ch 1 and 2

Policy and Procedures committee: Patricia Sachtleben passed out the following policies to review for the April 9, 2026 meeting. There was no quorum, so these policies will be discussed at the April meeting:

Privacy and Confidentiality: **Bryce Parsons made a motion that the policy was reviewed and there were no revisions. Cathy Thompson seconded.**

Copyright: **Patricia Sachtleben made a motion that the policy was reviewed and there were no revisions. Debbie Gielow seconded.**

Borrower's Card: **Kristy Cooper made a motion to revise policy details, as indicated in red and approve. Debbie Gielow seconded.**

Circulation: **Cathy Thompson made a motion to revise policy details, as indicated in red and approve. Jill Miesner seconded.**

Library Book Club: **Patricia Sachtleben made a motion to revise policy details, as indicated in red and approve. Chris Gidley seconded.**

Cleaning and Safety: **Kristy Cooper made a motion to adopt the Cleaning and Safety Policy. Jill Miesner seconded.**

Library Monthly Programs

The monthly programs were reviewed. Puzzle Race is April 25, 2026.

Additional Business: With no other New Business to discuss, President Christina Gidley proceeded to address items for next month's agenda. There were none.

VIII. Adjournment

Debbie Gielow made a motion to adjourn the library board meeting at 5:48 PM. Cathy Thompson seconded. The next library board meeting will be held on May 14, 2026 at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Cooper/Secretary