

Red Bud Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gidley at 5:01PM.

II. Roll Call

Members present: President Christina Gidley, Vice President Chris Moll, Secretary Kristy Cooper, Trustee Cathy Thompson, Trustee Ashley Hentis and City Council Member/Library Liaison Bryce Parsons

Others present: Library Director, Jamie Joost and Bailee McCarthy, Assistant Librarian

Members absent: Treasurer Patricia Sachtleben, Trustee Jill Miesner, Trustee Jamie McClellan and Trustee Jennifer Walker

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from April 9, 2026 were in the packet. **Bryce Parsons made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2026; Cathy Thompson 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 pay the bills and 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. Bailee McCarthy noted that e-audiobooks checkouts doubled from 2025 to 2026. Bailee was able to resolve the outstanding fines from previous years.

Old Business

For "Plant a Seed, Read!" Summer Reading Program, Carrie Koester/RBHS Agriculture Department will present a family program for all ages on June 30, 2026. Pumpkin Blossom Hill will present on June 17, 2026. Jamie has reached out to Ace Hardware for seed donations.

Jennifer Walker and Ashley Hentis welcomed on as new board Trustees (Walker to succeed Gielow; Hentis to succeed and finish Blenda Ingalls' Term as Pro-Tem)

Employee wage increase by City Hall; FY27 Library budget reflects a wage increase up to 2.7%

New Business

Jamie returned to work May 4, 2026 (recovering from foot injury, has been working remotely)-Jamie sent her doctor's release letter to Chris Gidley and Liz Cowell (City Hall-Finance Officer)

New Officers for 2026-2027 officers: President-Christina Gidley; Vice President-Christopher Moll; Treasurer-Patricia Sachtleben; Secretary-Kristy Cooper

All Trustees must sign 'Ethics Statement of Public Library Trustees'-trustees that were present at the meeting all signed the statement and it is on file

Oath of Office for newly appointed Trustees-tabled until June 11, 2026 meeting.

City of Red Bud FY27 Committees, Commissions and Boards handout to add to Trustee binders

eRate funding reimbursement for HTC and Lazerware-The first installment has been received.

Liz Cowell will tentatively be at June 2026 Library board meeting to discuss and answer any questions about Library's FY27 budget

Discuss and Vote

When to resume Friday hours at the library-tabled until June 11, 2026 meeting.

FY27 Non-Resident fee-there is now a requirement to review the non-resident fee bi-annually. The last time we changed the non-resident fee was in August of 2025. The current fee is \$65: **Chris Moll made a motion to keep the non-resident fees at \$65. Cathy Thompson seconded.**

Swank Movie Licensing Application deadline is May 22. Licensing agreement to be allowed to publicly show movies. The cost is \$340 for a license (30% discount for IHLS libraries). The license is from 7/1/26-6/31/27. The cost would be covered under the 'Electronic/Audio Resources' portion of FY27 budget. **Kristy Cooper made a motion to approve a one year Swank Movie Licensing agreement. Bryce Parsons seconded.**

Review/Discuss/Potential Vote

Retirement party for Debbie Gielow and Blenda Ingalls, previous Board Trustees; Gielow served on the Board for 30 years, Ingalls served on the Board for 14 years. Jamie Joost will check with them and suggest the first Thursday of a month at 5:30pm.

2025/2026 Illinois Public Standards, review for June Board Meeting

1. Building and Grounds
2. Collection Management

The board went through the above standards together, signed and dated our responses.

Policy and Procedures committee: Patricia Sachtleben passed out the following policies to review for the June 11, 2026 meeting.

1. Code of Conduct
2. Servicing Individuals with Disabilities
3. Outreach Services and Delivery Policy
4. Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy
5. Registered Sex Offenders Policy

Security camera bids: Lazerware, Amazon Ring, will contact Wagner Alarm System for 3rd bid-tabled until June 11, 2026 meeting.

Library will be celebrating 80 years on July 7 (established date)' tentatively planning celebration of July 23

Library Monthly Programs

The monthly programs were reviewed. First graders visited on May 13th and fourth graders visited on May 14th for tours.

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

VII. Adjournment

Cathy Thompson made a motion to adjourn the library board meeting at 6:11 PM. Bryce Parsons seconded. The next library board meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Cooper/Secretary