

July 17, 2025

EAST ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER

Margaret Funke called the regular meeting of the East Alton Public Library District Board of Trustees to order at 5:45 PM. Those in attendance were J. Richie, J. Bricker, J. Buttry, and A. Davidson. Also present was Jeremy Staicoff, Director. 5 present, 2 absent. Quorum established.

CORRECTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Buttry

Second: Richie

Approve June 2025 Board Minutes

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Davidson, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NOTES

T. Feezel arrived at 5:48 PM.

FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Bricker

Second: Davidson

Approve Expenditures & Wages for June 2025

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Davidson, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Report

1. The replacement of the wooden shingled roof is officially finished.

2. The library switched from Spectrum Business internet service to Clearwave Fiber internet service.
3. Reached out to vendors about security cameras. As of this report waiting for quotes.
4. Worked with our banker on renewal of one of our CDs.
5. Began early work on library's annual report for State of IL (IPLAR).
6. We officially offer Kanopy as a service to our patrons. Kanopy is an OverDrive service that offers a free streaming option to members of our library.
7. Our Summer Reading program has been very successful this year so far. We have had pretty good attendance at most of our programs and set a record for attendance (since new director at least) at one of our performer events.
8. Speaking of Summer Reading, the staff deserves all the credit for making it happen. The programming team put together fun events, and the staff has done great work on the library, different programs, and assisting patrons through it all.
9. Finished work on the combined budget/appropriation ordinance. A copy is included in the Board packets.
10. Drafted Building Levy Ordinance 2025-03. Copy is included in Board packets.

Youth Services Report

1. On June 16, children 10 and up got to make their own dragon eggs using foam eggs, thumbtacks, and nail polish! 11 patrons attended.
2. We had a Teen Murder Mystery on June 17. They got to question each other, look for clues, and try to figure out who the killer was! 5 patrons attended.
3. On June 18, we held a Puzzle Race. They participated in teams to try and see who could complete the puzzle the fastest. 20 patrons attended.
4. Dino O'Dell performed an outer space themed show on June 20 and 51 patrons attended!
5. Kids and teens played Just Dance on the Nintendo Switch on June 23. 17 attended.
6. June 24, we held a Dungeons and Dragons session for teens who enjoyed it very much! 2 attended.
7. A Smash Brothers Tournament was on June 25. 17 patrons attended.
8. Steph Plant performed songs and shared a book she wrote herself on June 26. 30 patrons attended.

9. Treehouse Wildlife Center brought in some amazing animals on June 27! 113 attended.
10. June 28, we held IRL Pac-Man for kids and teens who took turns playing as the ghosts trying to catch Pac-Man, and Pac-Men who tried to avoid the ghosts and pick up all the fruit. 18 attended.
11. June 30, Maui visited us again! Kids took turns reading to him and giving him lots of love! 14 attended.
12. July 1, we held a marshmallow challenge. Kids and teens tried to make the tallest structure using only marshmallows and toothpicks. 18 attended.
13. We had Switch Freeplay on July 2 where kids could play a variety of different games. 9 attended.
14. We held a Mario Kart Tournament on the Nintendo Switch 2 that Jeremy kindly brought in! 17 patrons attended.
15. Kids and teens enjoyed decorating shark themed cookies for Shark Week during Teen Cookie Decorating on June 8. 10 patrons attended.
16. June 9, we had Indoor Nerf Games. Kids and teens played in teams that were grouped by ages, and then in a free for all! 41 attended.
17. Storytime was held on June 10. The kids enjoyed shark themed stories as well as making their own shark for the craft afterwards. 26 patrons attended!

DISCUSSION

Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Draft

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Buttry

Second: Davidson

Approve Ordinance 2025-02: Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Davidson, aye; Feezel, aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

Motion: Bricker

Second: Feezel

Approve Ordinance 2025-03: Building & Maintenance Levy Ordinance

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Davidson, aye; Feezel, aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

Motion: Feezel

Second: Davidson

Reject Nonresident Cards for Fiscal Year

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye;
Davidson, aye; Feezel, aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.