

October 16, 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, and L. Timmins. Also present was Jeremy Staicoff, Director. 4 present, 3 absent. Quorum established.

CORRECTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Timmins

Second: Bricker

Approve September 2025 Board Minutes

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Timmins, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NOTES

None

FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Bricker

Second: Timmins

Approve Expenditures & Wages for September 2025

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Timmins, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Report

1. Work on security cameras has seen progress as one vendor has provided a bid, and as of this writing, one more vendor is scheduled to evaluate our situation.

2. Chris and I have been looking at getting Narcan training for staff again. Chestnut is offering online training and we have begun scheduling staff to take part in those trainings.
3. We will have two student workers from Roxana High School at the library as part of their school's pre-employment program starting October 16.
4. Since there has been a renewed focus on serving our youngest patrons through programming, Devin, Chris, and Adam have been working on making the library more accessible to them and their parents.
5. The Library will be participating in the East Alton Halloween parade for the 4th consecutive year on October 30. Our theme will be The Addams Family.
6. The Library is taking part in IHLS' annual Library Crawl event, which takes place during the month of October. As of writing this report, we have had 76 participants.
7. Drafted Levy Ordinance 2025-04. Copy is included in Board packets.

Youth Services Report

1. For Lego Club on Sep 11, 3 patrons attended. Their wonderful creations were added to the display case along with the other ones.
2. On Sep 15, we held Teen Dungeons & Dragons. 1 patron attended and had an amazing time!
3. There were 11 patrons for Storytime on Sep 18. We read books about fall and then made our own trees with twisty leaves!
4. Our Baby Rave on Sep 20 was a hit! We had 46 patrons who danced, played with glow sticks, and had an overall blast!
5. Maui visited us on Sep 22, and he brought a friend, a golden retriever named Enzo! They had 8 visitors who read to them and gave lots of hugs and pets.
6. Lego Club was on Sep 25. 8 attended and they added their creative builds to the display case!
7. Teen Book Club was on Sep 30. Unfortunately, no one came, but I still enjoyed the book!
8. For our September Cat themed scavenger hunt, 140 were turned in!
9. Our paw print bulletin board for August and September had 47 added on!
10. Oct 4 was our Blue Puppy Party (aka Bluey Party). 56 patrons attended! They played games, made crafts, and even got to meet Bluey!

11. SWAYS was at Glen Carbon on Oct 8. We talked about iRead and the upcoming Summer Reading Program which items from the iRead shop are now available for purchase (yay!). We also discussed programs that we all recently had to give new ideas or work out any issues that occurred.
12. Storytime was on Oct 9. 8 patrons attended! They played in the bubbles, we read two stories about Frankenstein, and for the craft we made our own Frankensteins!

DISCUSSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Richie

Second: Timmins

Levy Ordinance 2025-04

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Timmins, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.