

May 21, 2026

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, A Davidson, and T. Feezel. 6 present, 1 absent. Also present was Jeremy Staicoff, Director. Quorum established.

CORRECTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Buttry

Second: Bricker

Approve April 2026 Board Minutes

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NOTES

None

FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Davidson

Second: Buttry

Approve Expenditures & Wages for April 2026

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

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Director's Report**

1. Submitted verification of 2025 Tax Computation Report to Madison County Clerk's office.
2. Confirmed financial and ACH information for upcoming tax distributions to Madison County Treasurer's office.
3. Completed a required annual training for State of IL.
4. Continued prep work with staff for upcoming Summer Reading Program. Kickoff is June 6.
5. Worked on ACT Community Action Grant application with Hannah. If awarded grant, the library will host the Earn-A Bike program where youth learn bicycle care and maintenance. Children will receive a bicycle at the end of the course. Copy of grant and accompanying support Resolution 2026-01 included in Board packet.
6. Created first draft of combined budget & appropriation ordinance. Copy is included in Board packet.
7. Drafted Ordinance 2026-01 Board Meeting Dates to set upcoming FY meeting dates. Copy is included in Board packet.
8. Drafted public hearing notice for budget & appropriation ordinance. Copy is included in Board packet.

Youth Services Report

1. Storytime on April 17, which was pajama themed, was attended by 17 patrons! We danced, played in bubbles, and read two stories followed by a sleepy bear craft!
2. Teen Dungeons & Dragons was on April 20. 5 patrons attended.
3. Anime Club was on April 21. 8 patrons attended.
4. Lego Club was on April 23. 1 patron attended and worked on their previous creation and added it back to the wall.
5. Our Peeps Diorama contest ended on April 25.
6. 10 dioramas were submitted.
7. 76 people voted in person and 143 voted online.
8. The winners each got a prize as well as everyone who participated!
9. Princess Storytime with the Ice Queen and Snow Princess (AKA Elsa and Anna from Frozen) was on April 25. 67 patrons attended!

10. Storytime was on April 30. We danced, played in bubbles, read stories about gardening, and then made a flower craft! 8 patrons attended.
11. I attended Family Literacy Night at Eastwood Elementary on April 30. I spoke to students/their families about our upcoming Summer Reading program, our May programs, how to get library cards, and what they could do at the library.
12. Anime Club was on May 5. 6 patrons attended.
13. On May 6, I went to the elementary school to read to the first graders who all really enjoyed the stories!
14. Also on May 6 was our first Switch Freeplay for kids/teens! 3 patrons attended.
15. On May 7, I went to the Washington Early Childhood and read to the preschoolers.
16. Lego Club was on May 7. 3 patrons attended and added their creations to the wall.
17. On May 13, one of the kindergarten classes came to the library for a Storytime. We read a few stories and then I showed them around the library.
18. Also, on May 13, I went to the elementary school and read to all of the first graders again.
19. Another Kindergarten class visited on May 14 for a Storytime. We read a few stories and then I showed them around the library!
20. Storytime was on May 14. We played in the bubbles, ran around, read a story about strawberries and then made a strawberry craft.

DISCUSSION

Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Draft

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Davidson

Second: Feezel

Resolution 2026-01 Community Action Grant

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

Motion carried.

Motion: Buttry

Second: Bricker

Ordinance 2026-01 Board Meeting Dates

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

Motion carried.

Motion: Richie

Second: Feezel

Set Public Hearing for Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.