

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Keppler-Abbott, Kerber, Oppenhuis, Saller, Short, Wehling. Powers-absent
Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of December 16, 2025 were reviewed. Following review, Kerber moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Saller.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Oppenhuis presented the Treasurer's Report & Financial Recap. Following review, Wehling moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Saller.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Keppler-Abbott moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$26,774.01 seconded by Short.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The budget comparison was discussed.

Director's Report

-Noon Year's Eve had 30 kids attend.

-The printer needs to be replaced by the circulation desk.

-The summer presenter-"Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show" has been booked for Thursday, June 11 for \$599.00

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- Snow removal is going well.

Housingkeeping- Thank you to everyone who comes to help clean.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-Reminder that the library will be closed whenever Beecher School District is closed for inclement weather, including for cold days.

Social- no report

General- no report

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- Jill reported that one heater upstairs is functioning, while the other is not. Both heaters are over 30 years old. There is concern that if the remaining heater fails, it could result in frozen pipes upstairs. We will obtain an estimate for a new heater.

New Business-The main front entrance project was discussed. Bid packets will be distributed and accepted on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the Illinois Public Library standards for The Public Library Per Capita Grant. We are doing well in many areas.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Saller moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Rick Kerber
Secretary