

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Cellarius, Keppler-Abbott, Oppenhuis, Powers, Wehling
Absent-Saller, Short

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of June 16, 2026 were reviewed.

Cellarius made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Wehling.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Power-abstain, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Powers moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$32,560.63 seconded by Cellarius.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Accountant Squier gave a report on the direct deposit process. No change will be made at this time.

The annual treasurer's report was reviewed.

Powers made a motion to pass and Wehling seconded.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

A July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 budget committee members will be Keppler-Abbott, Oppenhuis and Short. They will meet with Director Grosso on August 6.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 94 children over 3 weeks.

-America cupcake decorating had 40 participants.

-Tie Dye shirts are popular with the kids and adults with almost 90 people participating.
-U of I sent us the small science lab bus and the longer natural history trailer with 45 attendees.

Correspondence

The Secretary provided a copy of the letter given to Midland States Bank, stating that the library policy requires two signatures for any changes to or withdrawals from library funds. Three trustees are currently listed on the account.

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- no report

Housingkeeping- The Board agreed to take the volunteers to breakfast as a thank-you for their service and contributions.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-Windows were replaced on the 3rd floor of the elementary school.

Social- The sports program will have refreshments.

General- none

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Board received an update on the Main Front Entrance Project. The new doors do not have a battery backup system. Preferred Window and Door quoted the cost to be \$3,457.65 with the batteries needing to be replaced approximately every three years at an estimated cost of one-half of the initial price.

During an electrical outage lasting several minutes, an error code is sent to the fire department. This would not be a full alarm; however, the fire department would respond to check the library. If the doors do not have a battery backup, the fire department would need to enter through the side door.

After much discussion, this item was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business-

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance-tentative vote at the August meeting.

Freedom of Information Act Policy was updated.

Wehling made a motion and Powers seconded.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Ordinance #103 was updated with the price increased for nonresident cards.
Oppenhuis made a motion and Cellarius seconded.

Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Powers=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Cellarius moved to adjourn at 8:10P.M., seconded by Oppenhuis.

Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Powers=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

Sheila Oppenhuis
Secretary