

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 6, 2026

Presiding Officer: Ann Carruthers, Vice President

Board Members present: Brett Loyd, Katie Nacrelli, Roger Whaley, Kate Ziady

Board Members absent: Steve Burks, Pamela Poe

Staff Members present: Aaron Williams, Jeremy Armstrong, Emma Hayes, Erin McCorkle, Salvatore Giambrone, Emma Scheldorf, Ashley Martin, Melinda Borie

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of June 1*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for August 3*

Mr. Whaley moved: That the consent agenda be approved.
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady
Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Nichole Jones is a new volunteer in the pantry since the last Board meeting. She would like to see the pantry stay open.

Andrew Rosenbarger critiqued Steve Burks' leadership regarding the recycling program and sale of the Galena property. He urged the Board to listen to Library staff.

Tracey Fawcett announced that the Brad Meyer for Congress campaign is holding a food drive on Saturday for the food pantry.

Marcey Wisman stated that the pantry should fall under the community service aspect of the Library's mission, and questioned why recycling isn't covered by the county budget.

Lane Stumler thanked Ann Carruthers and those on the pantry committee for their work, and is hopeful for a positive process and fruitful outcome.

PERSONNEL

Jeremy Armstrong reported several new hires. Emma Hayes began work on June 29 as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Emily Owens began work on June 22 as a part-time Librarian Assistant. Odin Burris began as the Galena Makerspace Librarian Assistant on June 16. This will allow Holley Nickell to transfer back to Central once training is complete. Gary Carroll joined the Facilities team on June 15. Ann Dawkins joined the CAC as a Museum Educator on June 10. Missy Jacobs began work on June 5 as a new summer intern. Facilities team member Mark Holbrook retired on June 30 after almost 12 years of service.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aaron Williams reported that the Bubble Bash at Community Park went very well and had over 1,150 in attendance. Thanks to the staff who helped pull it off, especially Marketing, Facilities, and Youth Librarian Liz Garrison. We hope to partner with the Floyd County Parks Department more in the future. The Juneteenth Community Resource Fair has become an annual event and saw 300 participants and almost 30 community partners. The Friends' June book sale was a success, raising \$4,600. Recent veterans programming has gone well, including the second annual Veterans Appreciation Night featuring the River Cities Concert Band, and Galena's monthly Women's Veterans Meet & Greet. A community food drive will be held here on Saturday. This is a public event hosted by the Brad Meyer campaign, not a Library event. There have been 2,600 signups and 128 completions in summer reading. In the summer lunch program, 1,896 lunches have been served so far, averaging about 80 children per day.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley reported that the Foundation's next meeting will be later this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pantry Committee Report:

The next pantry committee meeting will be July 20 at 4pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pantry Committee Appointments:

The pantry committee recommends acceptance of all 25 members of the public who signed up to participate in the committee. Committee meetings are open to the public.

Mr. Loyd moved: That the list be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Ziady

Motion: approved unanimously

Annual Salary Schedule:

Mr. Whaley moved: That this item be tabled.

Seconded by: Ms. Ziady

Motion: approved unanimously

Legislation Changes:

A new rule from SBOA states that Board minutes should reflect acceptance of donations each month. Mr. Williams would like to make this new report a part of the consent agenda. The Board decided to see what the report entails before adding it to the consent agenda.

Indiana Senate bill 119 took effect July 1, expanding the list of facilities that sex offenders should not enter. The bill does not impose new requirements on libraries, but recommends posting notices on entrances to state that children's programming is taking place.

Christ Tabernacle Church:

The Library discovered that during construction, an opening was cut into the parking lot that is larger than what was approved in 2018. A letter has been sent from the Library attorney to the pastor requesting a survey be performed before further work is done. The Board discussed the terms of the original easement and next steps.

Quarterly PLAC Report:

There were no PLAC cards sold this quarter. Ms. Carruthers signed the report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whaley moved: That the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady
Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....August 3, 2026













