



The mission of the Batesville Memorial Public Library is to help the people of the community in their pursuit of information and education, as well as vocational and recreational endeavors, by providing current materials, services, and programs.

Minutes for July 23, 2025

Call to Order: Mark Stenger called the meeting to order @ 5:00PM.

Members and guests present: Mark Stenger, Heather Goldsmith, Jeff Ollier, Dana Cassidy, Mark Masavage, Pete and Jamie Schantz.

Members of the public/guests: none present

Director: Kim Porter

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting via email.

Minutes were approved as circulated and amended and filed for audit

Claims and Financial:

The financial reports were circulated prior to the meeting via email.

The financial reports were approved as circulated and filed for audit.

The board gave approval for Deb Grieshop, Business Admin, to transfer A&I donation dollars and grant monies into our TrustIN account.

Committee/Subject Reports:

1. **Friends of the Library:** – no report
2. **Maintenance:** The air conditioning unit above the meeting room has been freezing up causing water to build up and find its way into the meeting room below. Gehrings is working on solving the problem. The city came to replace the gas meter because of a leak.
3. **Director's Report:** Kim reported there have been numerous meetings about our new building. She is also working on writing grants for the building project.

Strategic Focus:

1. **2026 Budget Review/Approval:** The 2026 budget was reviewed and approved. There is enough money to fund the budget. The Ripley County Council will hold the budget hearing on September 15th and adopt our budget on October 20th. Both meetings are at 6PM in Versailles Annex Building.
2. **E-rate consortium Resolution:** 60% of our internet funding comes from federal government through the state library. The board approved the Commitment to Join Indiana State Library Consortium.
3. **Appointing Authority Visits:** Board members were encouraged to attend council and school corporation meetings in support of our building project. Kim stated that she would contact the appointing boards to put us on their agendas once individual board members decide upon a date to attend.

4. Arts and Innovation Hub:

- a. Funding updates were given. READI money should be arriving this month. The Bond Sale is scheduled for the morning of August 6th.
- b. Construction Update: We are on time and on budget.
- c. Bookshelf building – Estimates are coming in on brick repair or stucco. A decision will be made soon.
- d. Book Drop to be installed soon.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Amotion to adjourn made by Mark Masavage and seconded by Heather Goldsmith.

Next regular meeting: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 5:00 pm**