



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 February 25, 2026

Call to Order: Mark Stenger, Board President, called the meeting to order @ 5:00 P.M.

Record members and guests present: Mark Stenger, Jeff Ollier, Thomas Barnett, Mark Masavage, Heather Goldsmith and Pete Mack.

Members of the Public/guests: Nancy Laymon and Brooke Stafford.

Director: Kim Porter

Minutes of January Meeting

Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting via email.

Minutes were approved as circulated and filed for audit.

Claims and financial reports:

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the Rainy Day fund and the need for a clear plan for its use.

Pete Mack proposed transferring \$500,000 from the operating fund to Trust Indiana. A

motion was made by Mark Stenger and seconded by Jeff Ollier. The motion carried unanimously

Committee / Subject Reports:

1. **Friends of the Library:** The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for March 13–14. Approximately \$900 was raised during the December book sale, and \$500 was donated to the library.
2. **Maintenance report:** A roof leak, from a cracked pipe, was reported in February in the Technical Services area. A temporary repair has been completed. Further discussion regarding repair or replacement will take place at a future meeting. The age of the roof is unknown.
3. **Director's report:** Copies of the Director's Report were distributed at the meeting. Discussion included potential use of the library by outside organizations, parking lot usage, and public awareness. The Board discussed the need for a formal policy regarding medical emergencies. Thomas Barnett will provide sample policies for review. The installation of a panic button was also discussed. Candy Bessler's retirement was noted, and information regarding a retirement dinner will be shared.

Strategic Focus:

1. Meet the Staff – Makerspace Specialist: Discussion included development of the Maker Space. Nancy Laymon and Brooke Stafford were introduced. Two of their major roles will be promotion and introductory classes. Meeting room and Makerspace policies will be presented at a future meeting.
2. Hillenbrand/Walnut Street Project: Greg Wade presented updated plans. Adjustments to sidewalks and landscaping were discussed, including removal of raised brick areas. Revised plans will be presented at a future meeting.
3. Arts and Innovation Hub
 - a. Construction Report: The ceiling grid has been installed. Cabinetry installation is ongoing. Security cameras are being installed. The Maker Space ceiling is complete, and bathroom fixtures have been installed. Final cleaning is pending, and additional door locks are needed.
 - b. Funding and Marketing: Discussion was held regarding a donor wall, including design concepts and recognition tiers. Approximately 37 donor spaces are planned. The READI LEI grant was also discussed. We will be applying for an outdoor music garden.
 - c. Open House Planning: Landscaping is planned for the first week of June. A VIP event will be scheduled. Coordination with local Chambers of Commerce will continue.
 - d. Approval of Payments for Bond Funds: The board approved payment from the Bond fund for GM Development.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Thomas Barnett and seconded by Jeff Ollier to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2026