



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 June 24, 2026

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

Members and guests present: Mark Stenger, Thomas Barnett, Heather Goldsmith, Jeff Ollier, and Jamie Schantz.

Members of the Public/Guests: Sarah Dobson, BMPL; Elvira Sun, FOL.

Director: Kim Porter

Minutes of May 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 and payroll were approved as circulated and filed for audit.

Committee/Subject Reports-

1. **Friends of the Library:** Elvira Sun reported that the Friends would be having a one-day sale on July 11th because of the overflow of donations. They are not accepting donations at this time until further notice.
2. **Maintenance Report:** – No Report
3. **Director's report-** Disseminated via email prior to the meeting. New panic buttons have been installed in both buildings. She also reported that Veridus nominated our project for an AIM award.
4. **Director Evaluation Committee** – No report

Strategic Focus

1. **Meet the Staff:** Sarah Dobson, Children's Coordinator- Sarah gave a summary of her responsibilities. She highlighted her Summer Reading program, and the changes made this year. She also gave us an overview of the outreach that she does out in the community at daycares, preschools and the schools including Sunman.

2. Internal Controls Revision- The board was presented minor changes to the Internal Controls Policy. Thomas Barnett made a motion to accept the revisions, and it was seconded by Jeff Ollier. Motion passed.
3. 2027 Operating Budget - The board discussed having the 2027 Budgets go to binding review so that we can receive the full maximum growth quotient. The budget would be advertised and adopted by the Ripley County Council. Thomas Barnett made the motion to proceed with Binding Review and seconded by Jeff Ollier. The motion passed.
4. Hillenbrand/walnut Street project- Kim gave a brief update relaying that Greg Wade advised to keep costs down that we contract with more local vendors/businesses.
5. Arts and Innovation Hub-
 - a. Construction Update - Zach Stephens, Veridus consultant, is accepting a new job and will be leaving Veridus. David Rainey will be finishing the project with us. Midwest was on sight this week replacing plants and a tree.
 - b. Parking issues – Stripping on the street was discussed and customer parking concerns. Mark Stenger will meet with the Street Department to discuss our concerns.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn made by Jeff Ollier and seconded by Heather Goldsmith. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting: **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**