



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 22, 2026

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

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

Members of the Public/Guests: Elvira Sun, FOL; Jena Hallavant, BMPL

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.

Committee/Subject Reports:

1. Friends of the Library- The July book sale was successful taking in \$1,923.
2. BAAC – no report
3. Director's report- Kim reported that we did not receive the LEI grant for the Music Garden. We will seek other grant funding in the near future for this project. The outdoor furniture is scheduled to arrive August 10/11. July 30/August 2 the lobby will be closed due to annual cleaning of the floor in this area. 767 adults/children registered for the summer reading program with a completion rate of over 50%.
4. Evaluation Committee- no report.

Strategic Focus

1. Meet the Staff: Jena Hallavant, Cataloguer: Jena catalogues all the new items including board and video games. She connects BMPL with Evergreen and also does ordering.
2. 2027 Operating Budget: The MLGQ is 6% for the 2027 budget. The board voted last month to go to binding review with the Ripley County Council. There will be a public hearing on September 21st and the adoption date is 19th. A Motion was made by Jeff Ollier to approve the 2027 budget that would be presented to the Ripley County Council to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Heather Goldsmith.
3. Hillenbrand/Walnut Street Project: It was decided to replace the sidewalk on the north side of the building and try to add lighting in the original fixtures. Also

eliminate plantings on this side and keep it simple. In the front of the building most plantings will be removed and design changed including sidewalks. The front entrance will also be changed.

4. Long Range Plan: ideas include

- A. Renovating the annex building to make it more suitable for group gatherings
- B. Renovating the public restrooms to make them more ADA compliant. Our architect Katie Grajewski is already working on new design.
- C. Reworking or replacing shelves and the circulation desk. Katie is also looking into these projects.
- D. Adding/replacing cameras in BMPL building.

5. Arts and Innovation Hub: Veridus will give a completion date soon. There is still some trim to be replaced on the exterior. A new vent to help with pressurization has been added.

Public Comment - None

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

Next regular meeting: **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**