

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025
Watertown Public Library

PRESENT: In person: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Betsy Forrest, Jim Heinrich, Diane Knutson, Nancy Wilhelm, Amanda Golson, Robert Kraus, Larry Nelson, Glenda Dolphin

EXCUSED: Jean Yeomans

OTHERS: In person: Brittany Larson, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Emily Heller, Bridges Library System Public Communications Coordinator; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant; Jodi Kessel Szpizar, Johnson Creek Public Library Director and APL Representative; Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Executive Director and Resource Library Representative
Via Zoom: Gerard Saylor, L.D. Fargo Public Library Director

Call to order: Linda Ager, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Introductions were completed after the call to order.

Comments from the Public: None

Correspondence: None

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Kraus motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Heinrich/Forest motion to approve the June 2025 monthly invoices as presented passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Heinrich/Dolphin motion to approve the May 2025 financial reports for funds 210 and 215, as presented, passed unanimously

REPORTS

Director: Brittany reported on several of her top priorities in her new role as system director, including the 2026 budget, adjacent county funding requests and connecting with system staff. Brittany noted the Joint Finance Committee recommended a funding increase over the next two years which is now awaiting approval within the state budget. Brittany announced that the Butler Public Library has hired a new director, Suzanna Schroeder. Brittany also reported on the progress of the RFP process for delivery.

APL: Jodi reported on the various topics of discussion at the last APL meeting including strategic planning options, the ACT 150 Planning Committee, the 2026 budget and member library charges.

Resource Library: Bruce gave a brief update on the Summer Reading Program. Bruce noted that the Teen Summer Intern role, provided by a grant from DPI, has been filled and the approved candidate has already started in their role. Bruce also reported that Waukesha Public Library staff attended several WLA presentations given at the library.

Prairie Lakes/Bridges Library System Funding Memorandum for 2026: A Biermeier/Knutson motion to approve the Prairie Lakes/Bridges Library System Funding Memorandum for 2026, as presented, passed unanimously.

SEWI Directors Retreat Presenter Agreement with Dawn Tevis: A Forest/Kraus motion to approve the SEWI Directors Retreat Presenter Agreement, as presented, passed unanimously.

Marketing and Advocacy Updates: Emily gave a presentation on various marketing efforts currently undertaken throughout the system and statistics regarding the success and viability of various marketing strategies.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Menomonee Falls Public Library.

At 5:13 PM a Biermeier/Dolphin motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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