

Columbia Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

August 12, 2025

The August meeting of the Columbia Public Library was called to order by President Dan Brutton at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance included Dan Brutton, Michelle Sawicki, Diane Stechmesser, Kathleen Endraske and Sara Joergens.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** July minutes were reviewed but no vote to approve could be taken due to lack of quorum.
2. **Public Comment:** No requests were made to address the Board.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sara Joergens reviewed the reports for June and July. She explained why certain areas were up or down but, overall, all was consistent with expectations. No vote to approve was taken.
4. **Approval of Current Bills:** Bills were reviewed by those present but no vote taken.
5. **Correspondence:** No word from City Hall about approval of new Board members.
6. **New Business:**
7. **Librarian Report:** Library Director Michelle Sawicki reviewed the Library Report. Board of Trustees Becky Hunt and Patrice Bain were selected as new Board members and are still awaiting the mayor's approval. Heidi Klein has decided not to apply. Tim Stanberry has expressed interest in open position. Building Maintenance The fence above the basement stairs needs replacement. The basement air conditioner went out. Reinhold replaced control board but said unit needs to be replaced soon. Geissler Roofing repaired another leak in roof. The roof warranty is expiring soon. The middle section has been replaced previously, and warranty for that section doesn't expire till 2039. Community The library's 75th Anniversary is next year. Library Director Michelle Sawicki, Crystal and Stephanie attended Friends meeting to discuss plans. Crystal presented information about library at Hilltop Learning Center. Michelle also worked at Monroe Co.'s Fair for the Rotary Club. She attended Library Directors' meeting in Alton, Women's Club and Rotary meetings. Stephanie attended CROWN meeting. Policies A new updated policy for the copy machine was reviewed. No vote could be taken to approve. Programming There was a total of 1,024 participants for summer reading programs. Standards The Library Director gave the Board information on Serving Our Public 6.1, 7.1, 8.1 to review. Statistics New numbers for July were listed.
8. **Adjournment:** Diane Stechmesser made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25. Our next meeting is September 9, 2025.

Diane Stechmesser
Acting Secretary