

Columbia Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 9, 2025

The September 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, and Sara Joergens.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** August 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 report for August. She explained that revenue was up due to real estate tax income and the Illinois State Grant funding received. No vote to approve was taken.
4. **Approval of Current Bills:** Bills were reviewed by those present but no vote taken.
5. **Correspondence:**
6. **New Business:**
7. **Librarian Report:** Library Director Michelle Sawicki reviewed the Library Report. Board of Trustees The mayor has called Becky Hunt. Tim Stanberry's application and resume were submitted. Building Maintenance The fence above the basement stairs needs replacement. Easter Fence submitted a quote. Community Michelle firmed up plans for a collaborative program with Garden Place for a bus to bring residents to visit the library every second Friday of the month. The library's 75th Celebration Committee will meet Monday, September 22nd. Michelle also attended the ribbon cutting at Gateway Financial Group in addition to a Women's Club meeting, Rotary Club meeting and social. She purchased and donated a basket and wine to the Mouse Race. She is selling nuts for the Women's Club and created the September/October menu for the American Legion along with arranging for speakers. Stephanie attended CROWN meeting. Policies A new updated policy for the copy machine was reviewed. No vote could be taken to approve. Programming The Library is holding a shredding event October 4. The Friends of the Library Festifall Book Sale is October 5th. Crystal had 18 people show up for the last book club. September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Special Request Stephen Kennedy requested permission to take photographs in the library for a project he is working on. Staff Two new staff members have been hired. Statistics New numbers for August were listed.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Diane Stechmesser
Acting Secretary