

Columbia Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

The May meeting of the Columbia Public Library was called to order by President Dan Brutton at 7:15. Those in attendance included Dan Brutton, Sara Joergens, Michelle Sawicki and Diane Stechmesser. Since the number of attendees did not make a quorum, no votes could be taken.

1. Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed the April minutes.
2. Public Comment: No requests were made to address the Board.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sara Joergens reviewed report. She reported income and expenses consistent with previous months.
4. Approval of Current Bills: The April bills were reviewed.
5. Librarian Report: **Board** Flowers were sent to Kathleen Endraske on behalf of Board and Library staff. **Maintenance** Basement water heater was replaced. Carpets will be cleaned this Sunday. **Closed Session** What to do with minutes from closed sessions will be on next month's agenda. **Collection** A Veterans of Monroe County book Volume II was gifted to Library. A Toniebox and Tonies were added to library's collection. **Community** Library partnered with SSM Physical Therapy for presentation and Linda Branam with brain health discussion at the Senior Club. Library hosted Woman's Club and Rotary Club meetings. Library hosted Garden Place residents at the library. **Finances** The Endowment Fund meeting was rescheduled for next month's meeting. **75th Anniversary** Debbie Row, Mary Holtkamp and Michelle have completed research for the StoryWalk signs. Discover Downstate is now designing the signs. A commemorative video is also being planned. **IMRF** No decision yet from City on pending shortage of \$29,860.23. **Summer Reading** May 16th is kickoff. Crystal has been promoting it at local schools. The glossy brochure mailer was mailed and will promote Summer Reading Club and 75th Anniversary activities. **Training** The City is requiring board members to take sexual harassment training. Link is provided. **Statistics** April statistics were provided.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:35. Next meeting Tuesday June 9, 2026.

Diane Stechmesser