

August 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Lena Library Board was called to order at 5:45 by President Charlene Foley. Present: Barb Kepner, Barb Schexnayder, Roger Schultz, Kim Hybarger, Sue Youngblut, and Library Director Brittany Gaulrapp. Absent: Kathy Benters

The secretary's minutes were reviewed by Board members, Barb K made the motion to approve the minutes, Barb S seconded. Voting followed, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed & with nothing unusual noted, Charlene made the motion to approve July and August bills, and payroll, and to record the treasurer's report. Barb K seconded. Voting followed, motion passed.

The librarian's report was presented by Brittany. Noted were 2,616 checkout/renewals, 10 new patrons, 13 items added, (at least) 2 e-books checked out. Summer reading has ended and the finale went well, with approximately 80 attendees. Schedules and upcoming fall programs were discussed with employees. The IPLAR report is complete and has been submitted.

The annual required online trainings are close to being complete.

Mark Anderson, from HCC will be doing a presentation "New France" in the middle of September.

After several libraries across the state have received bomb threats, enhanced protections for Illinois libraries and librarians were signed into law. Included are security cameras, silent alarms, security check points, etc. This law goes into effect 1-1-26.

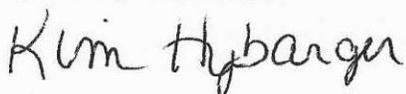
Discussion was held on updating the childrens' area, with more kid friendly furniture, comfy places for families to read together, brightening up the area. Susan volunteered to get together with Brittany and Kathy to look around and get some ideas.

Charlene asked about our snow removal/shoveling contract. Brittany hasn't received it yet but is anticipating getting it soon.

After discussing security, Charlene asked Brittany to check with Steve Buss @ Advanced Tech concerning cameras for the front of the building and the parking lot. She will also contact Six Point to inquire about cleaning the outside of the library.

Roger made the motion to adjourn, Kim seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Hybarger, Secretary
Lena Library Board