

Berkley Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2025

ATTENDING: Paula Dugan, Chairperson; Megan Silva, Trustee; Dean Larabee, Trustee; Carol Buote, Director; Emily Taylor, Secretary

BILLS: No bills to be reviewed.

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 7:16 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting is scheduled for October 21st, 2025 at 7:15 PM.

MINUTES OF PAST MEETING: Minutes of the August 26th meeting were read into the record. Minutes were accepted.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN REPORT: New Children's Librarian Jenni Bentley was hired, beginning Monday, 9/15. Story time participants remained steady and are hoping to grow participation with a new librarian in place. Children's room videos were rearranged, making more room for new videos. There is a guessing jar filled with Legos and a riddle of the month for September. There was a new juvenile and YA book order going for September. Planning has begun for a Halloween event on Friday, October 24th. Ideas were discussed for what to give out for the library's table at Trunk or Treat. Ideas were given that a Pumpkin Walk as held in the past may be a good idea to bring back this year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director's report included updates on program attendance for the period between August 26th and September 16th. From September 1st to September 13th, the library had 532 patrons. The book club read The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. New materials were catalogued for September. The financial report for state aid was reviewed.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: The Friends took the summer off from meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 6:30 PM at the library. Friends are looking for Friends.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: For the library construction grant, a contract price was successfully negotiated with an architect firm, but the contract has not yet been finalized. Real construction will not begin until after September 24th. CBT team is coming for another walkthrough at some point. Layout of the library were discussed and what the priorities of the design are. Building committee is expecting a busy fourth quarter to meet goals for end of year. The tent in front of the library will be taken down and stored by the town.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Dean Larabee volunteered to take on the role of clerk to clean up meeting agendas to make them clearer and more descriptive. Chairperson Paula Dugan agreed.

CORRESPONDANCE: No correspondence.

Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Emily Taylor, Secretary