

Glen Ellyn Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting of July 20, 2026

3rd Floor Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

President Volk called the meeting to order at 7 pm

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present

President: Karen Volk

Vice President: Kathy Slovick

Treasurer: Andrew Savikas

Secretary: Richard Jones

Trustee: Chris Crawford

Trustee: Kay Fillingham

Trustee: Beth Murin

Others Present

Jennifer Baldwin – League of Women Voters

Staff Present

Julia Binkowski, Library Services Director

Dawn Bussey, Executive Director

Ellie Hansen, Youth Assistant Director

Leslie Jacobs, Adult Director

Maria Tachna, Assistant Director

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Julia Binkowski, Library Services Director, provided a presentation on Library Services initiatives and was joined by Library Services Supervisors Amy and Megan. Amy discussed her work overseeing book clubs and interlibrary loan services, noting that the library currently supports 84 private book clubs and utilizes OCLC to obtain materials not available through SWAN. She also shared interlibrary loan statistics from January 2025 through June 2026 and discussed the potential implementation of Tipasa, a cloud-based interlibrary loan management system designed to improve the patron experience and streamline staff workflows. Megan provided an overview of the library's meeting room services, including the reservation process and the transition to offering meeting rooms free of charge. She noted that the policy changes expanded community access and reinforced the library's role as a welcoming gathering space for both residents and nonresidents. Julia concluded with plans for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, describing it as a library-wide initiative featuring special programming, Library Bingo for new and existing cardholders, and a goal of 250 new library card registrations in conjunction with the America 250 celebration.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Trustee Murin **moved to accept the minutes of the regular Library Board Meeting as amended on June 15, 2026. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote - Unanimous.**

Treasurer Savikas **moved to accept the minutes of the Executive Search Committee Meeting minutes as amended on July 6, 2026. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote - Unanimous.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the monthly communications.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Volk provided an update on the recent Illinois Trustee Forum meeting, including discussions about upcoming educational opportunities at the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference and Trustee Day. She highlighted several recommended sessions focused on constructive board dynamics, including strategies for managing disagreement, fostering candid conversations, and strengthening board culture. President Volk encouraged trustees to consider attending these events to take advantage of the professional development opportunities available.

Trustee Fillingham reported on her attendance at the American Library Association (ALA) Conference. She shared key takeaways related to libraries' role in supporting democracy, providing equitable access to information, and addressing evolving community needs. She also attended sessions on capital planning and library facilities that focused on best practices for project planning and implementation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Savikas reported on the financials this month. Of particular note, \$51,698 was paid to Utica Insurance for annual property and casualty insurance, \$9,563 was paid to the Hanover Insurance Group for annual workers' compensation, \$5,123 was paid to Secret Lab for new desks for the IT Department, \$2,000 was paid to Lauterbach & Amen for the remainder work on the annual audit, and \$3,248 was paid to Traveler's Insurance for the surety bond and crime policy for the board treasurer and an added cyber liability policy.

Treasurer Savikas **moved to authorize expenditures for goods and services totaling \$368,342.50 as listed in the July 2026 Expenditure Approval List. Motion Seconded and Carried – Roll Call Vote - Unanimous.**

Treasurer Savikas **moved to accept the June 2026 Revenue and Balance Sheet, and the July 2026 Expenditure Report. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote – Unanimous.**

STAFF REPORTS

Director Bussey reviewed the Library's June statistics, noting positive trends across nearly all service areas. Library visits increased 9% compared to the prior year, while circulation of physical materials increased 2%. E-materials usage continued to grow, increasing 4% during the month. Additional areas of growth included adult database usage, which increased 14%, and program attendance, which rose 28%. Makerspace usage experienced significant growth, increasing 136% in June. Professional development participation increased 227%, reflecting staff attendance at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, which was held locally in June. Overall, Director Bussey noted that nearly all major performance measures showed year-over-year growth and continued positive trends.

Director Bussey also reported that the Friends of the Library recently held a book sale, generating approximately \$3,000 in proceeds.

Summer Reading Program participation continues to be strong and has been very well received by the community. As of July 20th, participants had logged 49,810 days of reading. A total of 2,556 individuals had registered for the program, with 1,547 participants having

logged reading activity. Finally, Director Bussey reported that Per Capita Grant funding will increase for the current year.

4 things to know and share are: 1. Wednesday evening, Dawn will speak to the Civic Betterment Party about the open trustee positions. If you have ideas or know someone who is interested, encourage them to contact the CBP or reach out to Dawn; 2. The library subscribes to Brainfuse Job Now and Brainfuse Help Now and is available to all card holders; 3. Locker deliveries are up 7% compared to last year and up 17% since inception; and 4. Next Monday is the village board meeting with the .02 maintenance levy. Trustee Crawford will attend; other trustees are encouraged as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A budget committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2026 at 7 PM

Trustee Crawford volunteered to present at the July 27th Village Board meeting to highlight a few library services and initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Release of Executive Session Minutes: Vice President Slovick **moved to release minutes dated December 15, 2025, and destroy all executive session recordings from January 2025 back to June 2024. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote – Unanimous.**

Approval of 3rd Floor Refresh Project in the Amount of \$670,000 with Shales McNutt Construction Management: Treasurer Savikas **moved to approve the 3rd Floor Refresh Project in the Amount of \$670,000 with Shales McNutt Construction Management and a 10% or \$67,000 contingency. Motion Seconded and Carried – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous.**

Approval of Proposal for Executive Director Search in the Amount of \$31,000 from Bradbury Miller and Associates: Secretary Jones **moved to approve the proposal for the Executive Director Search in the Amount of \$31,000 from Bradbury Miller and Associates. Motion Seconded and Carried – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous.**

OTHER BUSINESS

The annual retreat date is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th from 1 – 4:00. Please share with Karen or Dawn if you want something to be covered.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 pm, Secretary Jones **moved to Adjourn the Regular Library Board Meeting.**
Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote – Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Maria Tachna

Assistant Director