

**C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes—February 10, 2026**

**THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON, WITH BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, ATTENDING REMOTELY.**

**To attend electronically, the member attending an in-person meeting must show:**

- 1. Personal illness or disability;**
- 2. Family or other emergency;**
- 3. Employment purposes or business of the public body;**
- 4. Unexpected childcare obligation;**
- 5. The performance of active military duty as a service member**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Amanda Crider. Those present were Hannah Greever, Holly Johnson, Alyson Morris, Katie Williams, Linda Woodrome, and Director Esther Curry. Assistant Director Erin Steinsultz and President Crider attended on Zoom.

**Audience to Visitors:** None

**Presentation From Martavia Wynn From Campaign Counsel** - Speaker was unable to attend and presentation was rescheduled.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was previously presented to the board members. As there were no corrections or additions to the January minutes, the secretary's report was approved by unanimous consent.

**Correspondence:** 1. Grant from Carnegie Corporation for \$10,000.  
2. Phone call from DAR State Librarian regarding donation of \$5,000 to help with cost of mobile shelving.  
3. Thank-you card to Erin from Southtown Youth for the library's contribution to their Holiday Christmas program.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vice President Linda Woodrome gave the following report:

First Community Bank	General Operating Fund	\$ 693,932.92
	Working Cash Fund	199,942.00
	Special Reserve Fund	<u>2,383,858.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,277,732.92

Katie Williams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, pay the January bills, and transfer \$50,000 from savings to checking. Linda Woodrome seconded the motion. ROLL CALL #1 was approved 6-0.

**Director's Report & Staff Reports** - Director Curry noted that the library began offering Libby at the beginning of January and already had 158 patrons sign up.

**Report of Officers: President:** None.

**Treasurer:** None.

**Standing Committees:**

**Finance:** None.

**Personnel:** None.

**Policy:** None.

**Bldg and Grounds:** None.

**Community Relations:** None.

**Special Committees:**

**Concept Design Committee:** None.

**Annex Committee:** None.

**Illinois Heartland Library System:** None.

**Shakespeare Foundation:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** 1. None

**New Business: 1. Approval of how to use the Carnegie Corporation Grant Funds** - The board discussed various options for how to use the grant funds from the Carnegie Corporation. Linda Woodrome made a motion to spend the funds on new carpet and renovations in the genealogy department. Amanda Crider seconded the motion. ROLL CALL #2 was approved 6-0.

**2. Biannual review of closed session minutes** - Holly Johnson and Alyson Morris reviewed the closed session minutes. Alyson Morris made a motion to keep the minutes closed. Holly Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**3. Information on upcoming Library Director evaluation** - The board will need to do the annual Library Director evaluation. President Crider will send out the evaluation paperwork and board members will fill out online and email to President Crider. Evaluations should be complete by the end of March. Personnel committee will schedule personnel meeting at March board meeting in order to put together a summary of the evaluation.

**Closed Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** With approval by unanimous consent, President Crider adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

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