

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
Date: July 8, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board member were present: Joy Cichewicz, Maria Jackson-Smith, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire.
Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral.
Excused: Alma Hughes-Grubbs, Dan Fleming.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the July 8, 2025, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to approve the June 10, 2025, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Rosemary Otzman commented that Sumpter stated at their last meeting that the library inquired about using the pavilion behind the Sumpter Branch for programing. Rosemary stated that they sounded very positive and excited.
6. **Release and Settlement Agreement – BADL and Wayne County:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the release and settlement agreement between Belleville Area District Library and Wayne County. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Building:** No Report
 - B. **Bylaws:** No Report
 - C. **Finance:** No Report
 - D. **Outreach:** No Report
 - E. **Personnel:** No Report
 - F. **Policy:** No Report
 - G. **Art:** Liz Dobbs is the featured artist of the library's current exhibit on the 1st floor.
8. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the accounts payable as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Director's Report:** The library is working with Sumpter to hold more programming at the Sumpter Branch. Priest asked if there were any new developments regarding changing the direction of the sign outside. Suchy plans to discuss this with the new township manager.

Suchy is consulting with the architect/landscape architect about the boxwood trees that are dying on Church Steet.

10. Trustee Comments:

Priest: Brought grandson into the library a few times. He loved the scavenger hunt. Announced that she will be unavailable for the August meeting.

Cichewicz: Hoping that the board can cancel the August meeting. There was general agreement by the board to cancel. Peters stated that the board will meet again in September.

Stoudemire: Sorry to have missed Lake Fest but noted that she is happy that it did well and is growing.

Jackson-Smith: Just got back into town and is trying to get back into the groove.

11. Chair Comments: Peters stated that she is happy to serve on this library board.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.