Approved 11-18-2025

Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
Date: October 14, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Dan Fleming, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, Maria Jackson-Smith, Sharon Peters, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral. Excused: Linda Priest, Joy Cichewicz.

3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the October 14, 2025, agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approve September 9, 2025, Minutes:** Motion by Jackson-Smith, seconded by Peters, to approve the September 9, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comments:** No Comments

6. **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:** Peters commented that the BACA Art Show was this past weekend and Michelle Montour was installing the winner's art soon. The art show was fantastic.

7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Director's Report:** See attached. Randy Brown Landscaping planted the new black chokeberry bushes that replaced the boxwood bushes. The library has run into difficulty getting its elevator vendor to perform a required test and is exploring other vendors.

9. **Trustee Comments:**
   Stoudemire: Is happy to see Alma.
   Jackson-Smith: Brought her son in to get his first library card. While they were at the library he had to say "hi" to Tortellini, play on the computers, and, of course, check books out.

Fleming: Has done a lot of traveling but it is great to be home. Commented that he looks forward to receiving the library's newsletter to load his calendar with all of the upcoming programs. Also loves frequenting the library to see all the art and to say "hi" to the staff.
Hughes-Grubbs: Thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

10. **Chair Comments:** Attended the Sumpter Open House and Birds of Prey program at the Sumpter Branch. Enjoyed Harvest Fest, especially, the young dancers from Jitter Bugs. There were a lot of things happening at the library that day. Commented on Rotary's Trivia Night, where library assistant Nikki Pickeral was the presenter.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Fleming. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.