

**Belleville Area District Library  
Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral  
Excused: Maria Jackson-Smith.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to approve the March 10, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Rosemary invited everyone to a public meeting regarding the importance of newspapers. The meeting will be held at the library May 7, 2026, at 6 pm and will feature a speaker from Wayne State University who will discuss the importance of local journalism. It will also be an opportunity for the public to discuss what they would like to see in their local newspaper.
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Building:** Suchy will meet with the new landscaper this week. Spring clean-up of the grounds and bioswale will be forthcoming. The library accepted a quote from City Elevator for quarterly elevator maintenance for \$1,200 per year starting June 1st. A copy of the city/library parking lot agreement was included in the board pack. Funding for capital improvements to the lot are to be divided between the library and the city based on their percentage of ownership (the library owns 59% and the city owns 41%). The library is responsible for routine maintenance and snow removal. Suchy will discuss the possible relocation of the recycle bin with the city.
  - B. **Bylaws:** Suchy is in discussion with the attorney regarding the bylaws revisions and the media communication policy and public comment policy.
  - C. **Finance:** No report
  - D. **Outreach:** No Report
  - E. **Personnel:** No Report
  - F. **Policy:** No Report
  - G. **Art:** Contributions in memory of Alma Hughes-Grubbs will be used to award an annual prize to students displaying their art at the library.
7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Juriga, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Director's Report:** See attached.

**9. Trustee Comments:**

**Priest:** Has been inspired to use more of the library's electronic services.

**Juriga:** Stated that Reggie Miller will not be running again.

**Stoudemire:** Was happy that John is back! She missed him. Will miss the May meeting for a trip.

**Cichewicz:** Had so much fun at the recent Jazz Night at the library.

**Fleming:** Regretted not being able to come to Jazz Night but did go to the Astrology Night at the Sumpter Branch which was fantastic.

**10. Chair Comments:** Loved the jazz program which she was able to attend the night before her surgery. Was happy to see Tanya at the meeting.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Juriga, seconded by Fleming. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.