Approved 10-13-2026

Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair, Linda Priest called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, Maria Jackson-Smith, John Juriga, and Linda Priest.
   Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral, and Circulation Department Head Lindsay Lore.
   Excused: Sharon Peters and Tanya Stoudemire.

3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Juriga to approve the September 8, 2026, agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approve July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Cichewicz to approve the July 14, 2026, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:** None.

6. **Approve Resolutions Authorizing Millages to the December 2026 Tax Bill:**
   Resolution No. 2026-03 Motion by Juriga, seconded by Jackson-Smith to approve Resolution No. 2026-03, Winter Tax Levy #1. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, and Priest. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

   Resolution No. 2026-04 Motion by Juriga, seconded by Jackson-Smith to approve Resolution No. 2026-04, Winter Tax Levy #2. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, and Priest. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

   Resolution No. 2026-05 Motion by Juriga, seconded by Jackson-Smith to approve Resolution No. 2026-05, Winter Tax Levy #3. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, and Priest. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Committee Reports:**
   A. **Building:** No report.
   B. **Bylaws:** No report.
   C. **Finance:** Suchy presented the June 2026 YTD Budget Report.
   D. **Outreach:** No report.
   E. **Personnel:** No report.
   F. **Policy:** No report.
   G. **Art:** No report.

8. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **Director's Report:** See attached. Suchy reported that the Chamber of Commerce hosted their monthly networking event at the Sumpter Branch Thursday, September 3rd. Also on September 3rd, Belleville High School had their first home football game, and the library opened the Cozadd Room to help with the increase in teens in the building. That same afternoon there was a tornado warning, and staff helped teens and other library patrons seek shelter on the first floor. Staff did a great job keeping everyone safe and calm. Suchy announced that the Envisionware self-check/print kiosks have reached their end-of-life and will no longer be supported by the company. Since the kiosks work in tandem with the library's other Envisionware services, the library will purchase new hardware and software from Envisionware to replace them. The estimated price will be $32,000. Circulation Department Head Lindsay Lore described the Library Network's new 58-bin automated materials handling system which will greatly improve the interlibrary loan delivery service. She also described the features of the TLC Go app that the library is purchasing, which will streamline online library services including the catalog.

10. **Trustee Comments:**
    Jackson-Smith: No comment.
    Fleming: Is looking forward to Fall.
    Cichewicz: Has been crazy with gardening! It was a summer of produce with over 30 quarts of canned beans.
    Juriga: Music Lake Side is now over and has Thursday evenings open again.
    Priest: Announced that the Garden Club is participating in the city-wide garage sale. They will be on Charles St.
    Juriga: Is donating items to the Methodist Church for the garage sale. Proceeds will benefit the Food Closet.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Juriga, seconded by Fleming. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.