

Trenton Public Library
118 East Indiana Street
Trenton, Illinois 62293
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 27, 2025

Attending: Jackie Van Gorkom, Mary Huelsmann, Tom Rankin, Ann Albers, Larry Davis, Kelly Wilhelm, Steve Schatz, Shari Tockstein, Alderman Toni Bridick, and Director Angie Chute.

Absent: Kim Wiggins

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm by President Jackie Van Gorkom
2. PUBLIC INPUT: NONE
3. REQUIRED ACTION/REPORTS
 - a. Minutes of September 2025: Accepted as read.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Filed for audit
 - c. Approval of bills: Larry motioned to pay the bills; Shari seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
4. INFORMATION REPORTS
 - a. President's Comments: Jackie would like to see library visits from the local schools reinstated. Angie will revisit with Angela Woll for spring visits.
 - b. City Council Representative: Toni Bridick announced that the architect will be here on November 3rd. Angie will contact city hall for a time estimate and will be here as well.
 - c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Building: Room painting will be done by the board in 2 weekends on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday November 9.
 - ii. Finance: Final years property tax deposit has been made
 - iii. Policies: none
 - d. Librarian's Report:
 - i. November schedule with Angie being out of town, was announced
 - ii. As of this date, with 4 more days to go, we have had 212 Library Crawlers
 - iii. Bookshelves have been sold, for a total of \$120
 - iv. Future program idea of The Masked Reader
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - i. We will need a subcommittee of 2, to audit the Secretary's Minutes in 2026
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a. Angie gave an update on the building grant. She and Karen Buzzard watched the webinar and she has sent in the info required to the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
 - b. Halloween Block Party was cancelled due to rain. Everyone agreed it was the right decision.
7. ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA
 - a. Kelly proposed that we do a library survey in 2026. Shari 2nd. A vote was taken and there were 3 Yes, 2 No, and 3 Abstained. Once a survey is made and approved, we will be having copies in paper form and online, as well as published in the local Trenton Sun.
 - b. Kelly also announced that she will be stepping down from the library board and will be working with a team in Belize helping to transport children to the U.S. who are in critical need of operations.
 - c. Tom Rankin expressed great interest in helping to spread the word about the state Talking Books Program.
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Board went into executive session to discuss the library director's raise
9. REMINDERS
 - a. Next meeting will be held November 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Director, Angie Chute