



MINUTES

Library Board

17 Jun 2026

7:00 p.m.

Berkey Public Library (3155 Coolidge)

Present:

Carol Hermann

Margaret McGee

Amanda Rohda

Christina Grimm

Rita VanBrandeghen

Matt Church, Library Director

Ross Gavin, City Council Liasson

Absent: N/A

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Public comments: There were no public comments

III. The 20 May 2026 meeting minutes were approved upon motion of Carol, seconded by Rita and unanimously approved as printed by the board.

IV. Librarian's report:

- Matt reported that the library changed to summer hours (closed on Saturday) after Memorial Day weekend and will revert to our full schedule (including Saturday hours) after Labor Day.
- Lisabeth & Katie represented the library at the Berkley Schools English Language Development (ELD) Family Night event at Norup International School.
- Rebecca coordinated the Rogers Community Walk visits with the library.
- The Berkley Historical Museum had a display of items relating to childhood in May.
- The library is a stop on the Berkley Historical Society's scavenger hunt. Participant instructions are available.
- The Friends of the Berkley Library raised over \$3,000 at the spring book sale held in May. Many thanks to donors, volunteers, and shoppers.

- Friends' meetings will resume in September.
- May programs were well attended, offering activities and programs for patrons of all ages.
- Matt attended an informative virtual seminar ("From Vision to Victory: A Library Millage Playbook") sponsored by the Friend of the Michigan Library.

V. Old business

- A. Circulation continues to trend upward. With one month left in the current fiscal year, the library has already surpassed 2 of the prior 3 years with a circulation of 211,918 and is on track to surpass last year as well once June numbers are in.
- B. The 10 hotspots have been in heavy demand. Demand has also increased for DVD/Blu-Ray media.

VI. New business

A. Board Vacancy

The board reviewed library board applications for the vacancy left by Rita VanBrandeghen. After a thorough discussion, the board voted upon motions to submit their first and second choice candidates to the City Council.

- A motion was made by Carol Hermann, seconded by Christina Grimm, and unanimously approved by the board that Amanda Davies be selected as our first choice to fill the board vacancy.
- A motion was made by Amanda Rohda, seconded by Margaret McGee, and unanimously approved by the board that Bruce Corrigan-Salter be selected as our second choice to fill the board vacancy.
- The board was very impressed with the qualifications of each applicant and grateful for the interest in the board position.

B. July and August Board meetings

- Due to various vacation and school scheduling conflicts, it was determined that the July board meeting would be re-scheduled and that there would be no August meeting. Matt will ensure that the information is forwarded to the City Clerk.
- Upon motion of Amanda, seconded by Carol and unanimously approved by the board, it was determined that the July board meeting would be moved to 29 Jul 2026 and that there would be no August meeting.

VII. Update from City Council liaison

- The city's new fiscal year begins 01 Jul 2026.
- The Bacon Street resurfacing project is proceeding and will continue into the fall.

VIII. Adjourn

- Upon motion of Rita VanBrandeghen, seconded by Amanda Rohda, and unanimously approved by the board, the meeting was adjourned.
- 8 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carol Hermann

Next meeting: 29 Jul 2026