

**Brentwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

President Ed Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Ed Wright (President), Kathy Ryan (Vice President) Lori Ashmore-Ruppel (Secretary), Jeanette Oesterly (Treasurer), Angela BoClair, Laura McAllister, Kelsey Burkemper, Beth Miller Erman, and Mary Stevens. A quorum was present. Gina Gibbons, Library Director and Sharon Harter, the aldermanic liaison were also present. Megan Moss was also present. Megan is awaiting approval from the aldermanic board to join the Board of Trustees.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was to accept the agenda by Jeanette Oesterly and seconded by Kelsey Burkemper. All vote aye.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting by Jeanette Oesterly and seconded by Beth Miller Erman. All vote aye. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 special by Jeanette Oesterly and seconded by Mary Stevens. All voted aye.

READING OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no visitors at the meeting.

ALDERMANIC LIAISON'S REPORT

There is nothing to report that directly affects the library. There have been a lot of car break-ins throughout Brentwood and in surrounding areas. All of the local police are coordinating. SSM is opening a rehabilitation center in Brentwood.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gina Gibbons attended the Missouri Public Library Directors conference in Branson, Missouri. The state librarian had to lay off five people - a third of their staff - and the state archives laid off 12 people due to budget cuts at the state level. The Brentwood library did receive federal money for the Evergreen migration. Every six years, the library needs to ask Congress to appropriate the funds. As legislation continues, there will be another push to write legislators in September. Evergreen has an executive board and Sarah Palmer is running for one of the seats. Summer Reading Club is doing well and the library staff are encouraging adults to sign up. The transit numbers are higher since joining Evergreen from 11,396 at this time in 2024 to 28,319 this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Design Process

There was a kick-off meeting with Navigate and ICS on June 9, 2025. ICS is very eager and impressive in making recommendations. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the site. A special invite list has been created including previous board members as well as city officials and our state representative (Ray Reed) as well as the residents of Moritz and Bridgeport. Arcturis and ICS will provide the sign about the building and their companies. Navigate will provide a photographer. The groundbreaking agenda will include brief remarks by Ed Wright and symbolic shovels for photos. For the buy-a-shelf program, we will wait to announce it once we have the structure set up for people to purchase the shelf.

ICS suggested a time capsule. What would it include? Some ideas: a list of banned books, a book for people at the ground breaking to sign or leave notes, library card, library check out card stamped with the date. The idea of a time capsule was tabled as it can be created at a different point in the construction process.

Community Relations Committee

There is nothing new to report. There are volunteers scheduled for events this summer. The committee is in the process of gathering information about the shelf sponsorship to be ready to implement it in the new year. Brentwood Beats is this Friday and the library will have a bookmark craft.

Library Advocacy Committee

The library director gave an update during her library director's report.

Strategic Planning Committee

The strategic plan will be tabled until September but the committee welcomes any thoughts on the current draft.

Rebranding Committee

The new library logo has been adjusted slightly to respond to the concern that the stack of books looked like it had a raised middle finger. The logo has been revised and there are two different color palettes proposed. Palette one has more green and yellow coloring as palette two has more blue and yellow colors. Palette one has more colors that will be in the building. The committee will proceed with palette one.

Treasurer's position update

Jeanette Oesterly is ending her term on the board and Megan Moss has been selected to join the board and has agreed to become treasurer. Once Megan has been officially approved by the aldermanic board, the library board will vote for treasurer via email or at the September board meeting. Jeanette will support Megan in this new role.

New Officers' terms review

The new officer's terms begin today.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The library has \$5 million in the COPs money and \$2.9 million in investments (T bills). The bank account is over \$700,000 so some of those funds will be moved into investments. In the last month, the library received \$350,000 in tax receipts.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Ed thanks Jeanette for her years of dedication and focus and the board celebrated with cake.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeanette Oesterly and seconded by Lori Ashmore-Ruppel at 7:16 p.m. All vote aye.