The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Urban, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Present: Erica Bellina, Deb Newell, Glen Layne-Worthey, Julia Pollack, Shirese Hursey, Beth Scheid, Darius White, and Dan Urban

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA
None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA
It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Julia Pollack, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

PRESENTATIONS.
Lauren Chambers presented the Per Capita grant requirements for Programming. Lauren provided examples of programs from the past year and the different mediums that count as programs according to the Per Capita standards. Lauren Chambers presented a report on the 2025 Summer Reading program. Lauren shared how the program works, what prizes are awarded, summer reading programs, and the stats from this year.

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)
Dan Urban asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items. It was moved by Deb Newell, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)
It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey, seconded by Erica Bellina, and passed unanimously to approve the Ameren invoice for $13,657.24.

It was moved by Julia Pollack, seconded by Glen Layne-Worthey, and passed unanimously to approve the FY 26 Budget Amendment.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Erica Bellina presented on Libraries and AI. Erica touched on how AI can be used for collection development, programs, and data analysis, as well as how some libraries are currently using AI. Erica also shared both benefits and challenges that should be considered when using AI.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS
Friends of the Library

None.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation
Dan Urban shared that the Fall appeal is going out in late October or early November. The Library Foundation has been chosen as a finalist for the Common Ground Food Co-Op's Round up for Good, voting is currently open if you are a member.

Illinois Heartland Library System
Darius White shared three new Illinois bills that have been signed by the governor that affect libraries. These bills allow libraries to offer payment plans for non-resident fees, starting next year libraries will be required to have a trained staff member to be there to administer Narcan while the library is open, and the third is a bill that allows state funds for libraries to be used on security cameras and silent alarms.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Taliah Abdullah thanked staff and board members for coming to Becky Brown's retirement celebration. Dawn Cassady provided an update on Library renovations and noted that it is running on schedule.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT
Dan Urbana reminded folks that there is an opening for a board member, so please reach out to your contacts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by Glen Layne-Worthey and seconded by Shirese Hursey to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.