Lillie M. Evans Library District
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 15th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The Lillie M. Evans Library Board was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th, 2026. Angie Daily, Randy Ingle, Dan Sullivan, Rachel Wilson, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Director Beth Duttlinger, Diane Smith, and Deb Givens were present.

Comments or questions to the Board – none.

Minutes

A. Regular Board meeting on December 11th, 2025. The minutes from the Board Meeting on December 11th, 2026 were read. Dan Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Randy Ingle. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

A. Illinois Library Association legislative talking points – lists ILA legislative priorities
B. ILA e-books and libraries infographic – shows cost differences for libraries between physical and electronic formats.

Committee Reports

A. Finance – none
B. House and Grounds – none
C. Policy
1. FOIA – Rachel Wilson made a motion, seconded by Diane Smith to approve the amended FOIA Policy. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Personnel – Beth is considering adding at least one part-time employee due to Anita's upcoming retirement and staff and family health concerns.

Financial Report

A. Approval of December expenditures – Angie Daily made a motion to accept the December expenditures, seconded by Rachel Wilson. Angie Daily, aye, Randy Ingle, aye, Dan Sullivan, aye, Rachel Wilson, aye, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, aye Diane Smith, aye, and Deb Givens, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Director's Report – on file at the library.

Friends of the Library report – Some Friends funds will be used for the 250th celebration programs and summer reading performers.

Unfinished Business

A. Long Range Planning – Focus Group: 4/28/26 – move to 3/19/26? Beth asked if we could change the date of the Long Range Planning Focus Group to 3/19/26. We agreed that that date would work.
B. FY25 Audit and Comptroller's Report – They are still working on it. They hope to have it finished in February.
C. Joint Board Meeting on January 15th, 2026 – We will be meeting tonight after our Library board meeting.

New Business

A. America 250 programming – Upcoming programs are on the library handout.
B. IL Public Library Standards – Topic 1: Access – library meets all core standards. These standards are replacing the Serving the Public that we have done in the years past.

Comments to Guide Future Agendas – none

Adjournment – Randy Ingle made a motion, seconded by Diane Smith to adjourn our meeting at 6:37pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens, Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting on February 12th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.