Lillie M. Evans Library District
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 12th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lillie M. Evans Library Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 12th, 2026. Dan Sullivan, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Director Beth Duttlinger, Diane Smith, Randy Ingle, and Deb Givens were present. Angie Daily and Rachel Wilson were absent.

Comments or questions to the Board – none.

Minutes

A. Regular Board meeting on January 15th, 2026. The minutes from the Board Meeting on January 15th, 2026 were read. Dan Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Randy Ingle to approve the Regular Board minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
B. Joint Board meeting on January 15th, 2026. The minutes from the Joint Board meeting on January 15th, 2026 were read. Diane Smith made a motion, seconded by Dan Sullivan to approve the Joint Board minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

A. ALA – Federal Funding for Libraries – Libraries are asking their representatives to support funding for IMLS.
B. Peoria County – Officials & Services Directory 2026 – 2027. Beth gave all of us our copy of the Directory.
C. HB5236 –The Digital Library Protection Act - This bill is in the House Consumer Protection Committee right now. This bill addresses digital equity for libraries.

Committee Reports

A. Finance – none
B. House and Grounds – none
C. Policy
    1. Gifts to the Library – reviewed this policy.
    2. Disposal of Surplus Library materials – 1st reading.

Financial Report – Approval of January and February expenditures. Diane Smith made a motion to approve the January and February expenditures, seconded by Randy Ingle. Dan Sullivan, aye, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, aye, Diane Smith, aye, Randy Ingle, aye, and Deb Givens, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Director's Report – on file at the library.

Friends of the Library – none.

Unfinished Business

A. Long Range Planning – Focus Group: 3/19/26. This planning night will start at 6:30pm. Beth will need a board volunteer to take notes—Gayle volunteered.
B. FY25 Audit and Comptroller's Repot – Beth emailed the Comptroller's Report to all board members then called them and received unanimous voice votes on 2/18/26 to get the report approved on time. We reviewed the audit.

New Business

A. Statement of Economic Interest – This is due by May 1st, 2026.
B. Resolution of Appreciation for Anita's retirement – Dan Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Diane Smith, to accept the resolution for Anita. All ayes, motion carried.
C. FY2027 budget planning – Beth is in the beginning stages of starting the 2027 budget.
D. IL Public Library Standards – Topic 2: Advocacy and Community Engagement and Topic 3: Buildings and Grounds. We met and exceeded in Topic 2 but we will do Topic 3 - #5 & #6 at next meeting.

Comments to Guide Future Agendas – none

Adjournmentt – Randy Ingle made a motion to adjourn our meeting, seconded by Diane Smith, at 7:54 p.m.
All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens, Secretary

Next Meeting
Regular Board Meeting – April 9th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.