

MINUTES OF THE SPARTA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday,
May 4, 2026

The May 4, 2026 meeting of the Sparta Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order in the meeting room of the Sparta Public Library at 6:00 p.m. by President pro tempore, Randy Bertetto.

Members Present:

Don Adams	Anne Bournier
Susan Polino	Amy Kloos
Randy Bertetto	Kyle Daniels
Bob Taylor	

Susan Colbert, Library Director

Abs:Andrea Schulein

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Anne Bournier and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report :

The treasurer's reports for the month of April were reviewed by the board.

A motion was made by Anne Bournier and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

The bills for the month of April were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Anne Bournier and seconded to pay any outstanding bills. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report - Susan Colbert

1. Sue Pirtle and Linda Wiley are planning the Summer Reading program around a theme of "Plant a Seed." The library was awarded a \$250 grant through iREAD for the purpose of Summer Reading supplies. Summer Reading registration begins on May18.
2. Shawn Martin and Overkill Custom have done a wonderful job refinishing the library drop box. It has been installed outside the library.

3. The quarterly report to the Illinois State Library for the Technology grant along with an amendment, was submitted on April 15, 2026. The amendment will cover other technology expenses in regard to the library being ADA compliant as it is still in progress.
4. The Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) is in progress.
5. Updates to the security alarm system are finished.
6. The staff visited the Carbondale and Murphysboro public libraries on their in-service day.
7. The board members discussed if it was wise to have a separate email address for library business and decided against having separate addresses.
8. The library has accepted a quote from two exterminating companies (McCloud Services) and will continue to check on others.
9. There were several events in April:
 - Sparta Head Start were given a tour, story and refreshments.
 - Residents of Addington Place visited, played a game and were all given a red rose.
 - National Library Week concluded with events each day.
10. The library will take place in Sparta's celebration of the U.S. 250 birthday. The staff is brainstorming several ideas.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The outside bike rack is quite unstable and needs to be secured. A suggestion was made to attach it to a steel plate. There was also a suggestion to etch Jeff Colbert's name on a memorial plate for the donation of the bike rack.
2. Wayne Roberts was welcomed as a new member of the Sparta Public Library Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Anne Bournier to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Polino
Sparta Library Board Secretary