

Trustees:

Jill Bock
President

Marinda Thornbrough
Vice President

Cherie Rone
Sec/Treasurer

Brenda Tillman
Member

Joe Brashears
Member

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Gideon

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Library Director

Lori Robinson

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW MADRID COUNTY
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
JULY 17, 2025 2:15 P.M.
AT THE NEW MADRID COUNTY LIBRARY PORTAGEVILLE BRANCH**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Jill Bock

2. Roll call

Present—Jill Bock, Marinda Thornbrough, Brenda Tillman

Absent—Cherie Rone, Joe Brashears

Also present—Lori Robinson, Director

3. Minutes of the June 2025 meeting and the July 2025 Agenda were presented. Motion to approve the June 2025 Minutes and the July 2025 Agenda as amended was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Marinda Thornbrough. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Revenue and expense reports for June-July 2025 were presented. Motion to approve the revenue and expense reports for May-June 2025 was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Marinda Thornbrough. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Director's Report

The Summer Reading program was well attended at most branches. Discussion followed about plans for the 2026 Summer Reading Program. Branch librarians will be more involved; prizes awarded; all ages included were some of the plans discussed.

HB 567 which passed last year and raised minimum wage and granted sick leave to all employees was discussed. The sick leave provision has been repealed and efforts are underway to reinstate it including a ballot initiative. The Board decided as a group to continue the sick leave benefit instead of repealing it from part time employees.

The quarterly staff meeting was on July 8th. 2026 Summer Reading Program was discussed; a slideshow was presented to train everyone for the Kanopy app;

customer service information was presented; encouraged staff to reach out with ideas for their library to boost patron usage of the library.

6. Old Business

Spencer's Lawn Care will power wash the Portageville branch in August. Michael Fowler installed the air curtain at the Portageville branch.

6. New Business

Election of Officers: Motion was made by Brenda Tillman to keep the current slate of officers; second by Marinda Thornbrough. Motion unanimously passed.

The book return at New Madrid needs to be replaced due to water leakage. A quote was presented from Global Industrial for \$1,667.81. This box will be placed on the porch of the library and secured to deter theft. The funds from the Haryette Campbell Trust will be used for the purchase. Motion to purchase a book return from Global Industrial was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Marinda Thornbrough. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Executive Session

None

8. Other

The Board discussed whether the Director should have more flexibility in making purchases without needing Board approval. Currently, the limit is \$500. After some discussion, Motion to raise the limit to \$1000 was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Marinda Thornbrough. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marinda ThoRnbrough; second by Brenda Tillman. Motion unanimously passed.

Presiding Officer Jill Bock
Jill Bock, President

Director Lori Robinson
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