

South New Berlin Free Library
Public Meeting
July 21th, 2026

Board Members Present: Kathie Burnside, Robert Decker, Carrie Lewis, Gary Smith, Samantha Kemnah, and Scott Stensland; Absent: Laura Riddle

Staff Present: Robin Avolio-Director; Public Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm by Kathie Burnside, President.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted on a motion by Sam, second by Carrie and passed.

There were no public comments made.

The minutes from the April 28th, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved on a motion made by Sam, second by Bob, and passed.

Library Director, Robin Avolio presented the financial report. It was noted that utilities were higher than usual. The financial report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Robin presented the bills. They included \$17 for a Pennysaver ad, \$149.70 for books, \$273.62 for the build a buddy (dino's), and \$61.67 for additional summer reading program incentives. All four bills were approved via board member approval.

Robin presented the director's report. The Annual Book Sale made \$230. The library also received the Four County Library System Love of the Voters Award. The library held bike decorating, a Genealogy program, and a Ticks & Lyme Disease presentation. The Summer Reading Program also has started. There will be Summer Reading programs running from 6/30-8/11. Stewarts Make Your Own Sundae Kit were approved for the final summer reading program date. The library was awarded the Arts in the Community Grant with Bonnie Gale, the project will be baskets and Christmas ornaments. We received preliminary Construction Aid Grant approval for the Stairlift project. There will be a Citizens' Preparedness Workshop with "Go Bags" in October, date to be determined. Suzanne Bloom wants to come do a program called "It takes a Village". The phones will need to be replaced, Robin may have a temporary replacement at home.

Under old business, laptops were discussed again. There is a need in the community for public computers. The goal would be to get two desktops. Scott is going to discuss the reboot/restore program with Four County. A motion that two computers for/less than the price of \$1200 can be purchased was made by Bob, seconded by Scott, and passed. Regarding the CD, it was decided to let it roll over. Carrie to go and see, during the maturation period, if there is a higher rate to move it to. The temporary repair for the gutters seems to be adequate for the winter. Will revisit in the spring. The step into the Community Room will be repainted with construction or road paint for safety. Scott is going to follow up with the roofer. Reminder to do trustee training.

Under new business, the Library is eligible for Historical Register. If we apply and get approved that could open more doors for grants to help maintain the original structure.

The next meetings will be October 20th at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:32.

Carrie Lewis, Secretary