

Regular Meeting of the Kilbourn Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Members present: Maggie Fraser, Ted Theiler, Iwona Pakos, Monica Gavinski, Kerri Ryan, Cathy Borck, library director. Absent: Dan Anchor, Sara Ketterer

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Proper notice having been given pursuant to Sect. 19.84 of Wis. Statutes, and therefore being in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, the meeting was called to order by Ted Theiler, treasurer, at 5:01 pm.
- II. Motion to approve minutes from last month's meeting made by Maggie. Second by Monica. Motion carried.
- III. The Library Director's Report will be available to members prior to the meeting and included as an attachment to the minutes.
- IV. Financial Report made by Cathy. Motion to approve the monthly expenditures made by Maggie, second by Iwona. Motion carries.
- V. Committee Reports - none
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Discussion on Hoopla letter
 - 1. Letter was sent out to patrons, explaining pay per use, and ways to keep Hoopla affordable for our library
 - 2. Will continue to monitor usage and cost
- VII. New Business
 - A. 2026 adjacent county reimbursement billing
 - 1. Motion to allow South Central Library System to continue to do billing (Juneau, Marquette, Dane counties) for us made by Maggie, second by Iwona. Motion passed.
- VIII. Items for referral to next meeting
 - A. Election of officers
- IX. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm.
- X. The meeting adjourned on a motion by Maggie, second by Monica. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kerri Ryan, Secretary

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Director's Report

Library statistics

March

Door Count – 7827

Last year – 7401 Last month – 7011

Computer users – 269

Last year – 332 Last month – 230

Wireless users – 619

Last year – 563 Last month – 587

Circulation – 4896

Last year – 4854 Last month – 4297

Bookmobile Circulation – 447

Last year – 347 Last month – 424

Digital Circulation – 2060

Last year – 1852 Last month - 1982

Library Activities

National Library Week is April 19 -25. We will have special displays and activities to celebrate the week.

We started the Baseball Essay Contest at the beginning of the month and it will run all month long. The essay contest is for kids in grades 2-6. The 2 winning essay writers will receive 2 tickets to a Brewers game and a \$50 gift card.

There has been an update to our early release schedule due to the students having to make up snow days. There will only one this month on April 29 and one in May on May 20. The last day of school is June 5 and that will be an early release. We will have a naturalist from the DNR here on April 29 for a presentation on backyard birds.

Our Watercolor class is going strong with 15-20 people each week. That runs until May 4

We are hosting a Poetry open mic night on Thursday, April 30 in honor of National Poetry Month. Hopefully it will be a nice evening and we can hold it on the patio. People are invited to come and read an original poem or a poem that resonates with them or just come and listen.

The Friends of the Library held a book sale in conjunction with the downtown Dells Egg Stravaganza Hunt on Saturday, March 28. They had a very successful sale with more people coming for the sale itself than those who were there for the hunt.

We have a new Story Walk up for spring. "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring". We will change out the Story Walk on April 20 and put up the Honorary Chair of National Library week, Mychal Threets' book "I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy".

The South Central Library System all director's meeting was held on Thursday, March 19. The topic of discussion was the migration to the new integrated library system Symphony Web. We are scheduled to go live on the new system on Thursday, April 16. A technical services freeze went into effect on March 31. We are unable to do cataloguing or updating of materials until the new system is up. Beginning on Monday, we will be using an offline circulation system for checkouts only. We will be holding on to all of our checkins and holds until the new system is up. We closed the library at 4pm on Monday and the entire staff was able to practice on the system. We all feel pretty comfortable with being able to do the daily tasks.

The library is going to host some Saturday storytimes at the Plaza this summer. We will have author Amy Laundrie as a guest storyteller there for our Summer Library Kickoff on Saturday, June 6. We will also be passing out book sale coupons so people can come over to the historic library and shop. Tammy will have 5 more storytimes throughout the summer. We will also take the bookmobile there so people can check out. We will also have one of our big summer performer programs at the plaza. Miller & Mike, a juggling, comedy act will perform there on Thursday, July 23 at 5pm.

The bookmobile is in production and it will hopefully be delivered sometime between the middle and end of August!