



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2026**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director, Jaclyn Miller, Associate Director and Robert Stratton, Office Administrator.

Friends of the Library liaison present: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance following establishment of quorum.

Rock read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. General Public Comment Period: None
2. Consent Agenda:
 - Motion to approve the consent agenda.**
 - A. Approval of July 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Approval of July 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$212,689.34, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
 - C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$387,721.69**
 - 1st** Rock
 - 2nd** Friedman
 - A roll call vote was taken.
 - Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
 - Nays: None.
 - Absent and excused: None.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble thanked staff for their work on the Summer Reading Program. She participated in the Adult Battle of the Books and had a great time.

Board comments: Wheeler appreciates the QR code on the Friends of the Library membership solicitation letters, making it much easier to submit payment. She also enjoyed the bald eagle program sponsored by the Friends. Rock thanked Miller for putting together library welcome packages, which are distributed to new neighbors by the Quarton Lake Neighborhood Association welcome committee.

Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Paul Gillin (13 years of service), Mick Howey (9 years), Lawrence Marble (1 year), Terry Meyer (14 years), Daniel Patton (9 years), Kristen Tait (25 years), and Peter VanGelderren (3 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 50-51 of the August Board packet.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Ryndee Carney reported that the Friends mailed out their annual newsletter and solicitations for membership dues. 370 were mailed out. The Friends are pushing new marketing materials – updated brochure, bookmark, QR code for membership.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on August 10. Present were Rumble, Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the August Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Building Committee:

Rock reported that the Building Committee met last on August 14. Present were Rumble, Rock, Graham, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 17-18 of the August Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Outreach Committee:

Graham reported that the Outreach Committee met last on July 24. Present were Friedman, Graham, Craft, and Miller, and Outreach Librarian Jen Hassell. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 19 of the August Board packet. The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be scheduled at a later date.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights as shown in the Library Report. Craft reviewed the Statistics Dashboard showing that most metrics are tracking positively for this FY. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 21-31 of the August Board packet.

Craft noted that the proposed City Library Agreement is still under review by City Manager Jana Ecker.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

New & Miscellaneous Business:

Approval of 2027 Calendar

Craft reviewed the details of the Proposed 2027 Calendar memorandum found on pages 34-36 of the August Board packet.

Motion to approve the 2027 Library Calendar as found on pages 35-36 of the August 2026 Board Packet; with the May Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 instead of Monday, May 24.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

Tuition Assistance Program

Craft reviewed changes with the Board, based on suggestions from the July meeting, which can be found in the memorandum on pages 38-39 of the August Board Packet.

Motion to approve and adopt the Tuition Assistance Program; with the addition of a "Grade" column in the Course grid of the Tuition Assistance Reimbursement Form.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda:** None.

9. **Information Only:** See pages 49-68 of the August Board packet.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock

2nd Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date