BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumple.

Absent and excused: Jennifer Wheeler.

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

Friends of the Library liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: Five.

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:

Pam Graham requested to remove Item C from the Consent Agenda, to be moved to New & Miscellaneous Business for discussion.

Motion to approve Items A & B of the consent agenda.

A. Approval of August 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of August 2026 vendor payments in the amount of $166,040.10, including payments in excess of $75,000.

1st Pisano

2nd Friedman

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Wheeler.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumple gave gratitude for the Adult Services team in assisting her with Halloween projects.

Board comments: Rock appreciates seeing reports and comments from staff about conferences they attend and congratulated Craft on completing a half marathon.

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Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Gary Eisele (17 years of services), Lawson Glenn III (5 years), Stephanie Klimmek (15 years), Jamie Richards (11 years), and Cyndi Summers (6 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 34-35 of the October Board packet. Miller noted the Friends of the Library will host their Fall book sale on November 14-15, with Sunday, November 15 as '$5 Bag Day'. This week is recognized as National Friends of Libraries Week.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Miller stated that she attended the Friends monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13. The Friends finalized plans for the Fall sale and are working through their process for accepting donations during the lower level renovations, which will leave their storage room inaccessible for three weeks. They have scheduled the Spring sale for May 1-2, 2027. A postcard mailing with membership and Fall Book Sale information will be mailed next week.

Report from Teen Advisory Board: Mia, Miles, Henry, and Quentin, who are representatives from the Teen Advisory Board (TAB), introduced themselves and briefly discussed what they are working on: Winter/Spring teen programming, outreach to different organizations for partnerships and sponsorships, getting more teens into the library, and improving the library as a safe 'third space'.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met last on October 12. Present were Rumple, Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the October Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Graham reported that the Building Committee met last on October 12. Present were Rumple, Graham, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 17-18 of the October Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Craft noted that during the meeting, the loading dock repair item was approved during the concurrent City Commission meeting.

5. Library Report:

Craft reviewed the one-year update on the Strategic Plan 2025-2028 and first quarter Key Metrics Report. Miller reviewed all of the conference reports from staff. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 19-30 of the October Board packet.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business: None.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

Discussion on Removed Item C from Consent Agenda

Graham brought to attention the $56,250.00 charge withdrawn by the City from the Library account. This amount was not agreed on and is currently being decided through contract negotiations. Graham is disappointed the Administrative Services contract has not been resolved in a year and noted that the Board has a responsibility to bring attention to this potentially unlawful journal entry made by the City. Pisano noted the City is essentially providing free administrative services to non-City entities. Rumple suggests writing a letter from the Board of Trustees and attending the next City Commission meeting. At this point, the Library has no other option but to approve the ledger for September.

Motion to accept Item C of the consent agenda.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $523,821.15.

1st Pisano
2nd Graham
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Information Only: See pages 33-37 of the October Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock
2nd Friedman
A voice vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman 11/16/2026

Wendy Friedman, Secretary Date

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