

BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2025

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Amanda Rhoda, Chairperson; Carol Hermann, Rita Van Brandeghen, Margaret McGee

Absent: Christina Grimm

Amanda Rhoda called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

No public comments.

Minutes of the June 18, 2025 meeting were approved. Rita moved to accept and Amanda second. Board unanimously approved as printed.

Librarian Report:

The Library Network is running a Summer Coloring Adventure. Each of the nine participating libraries will give a sticker to the visitor. A visit to all nine libraries will qualify you to enter the raffle for the grand prize.

Kindergartners from Rogers Elementary visited the Library on June 3. One very excited child returned with her parents to get a library card.

Rebecca and Lisabeth visited Berkley High School to promote summer reading.

The kickoff for Summer Reading on July 16 was attended by 375 people. This year a QR code was used to sign up making the process go much quicker.

The Library Friends had a booth at Berkley Pride. Friends will meet again in September.

55 people attended the storytime at Dorthea Pocket Park.

26 people attended a canning program with McClure's Pickles. It was a huge success.

Library hosted State Representative Natalie Price and Oakland County Chief of Older Adult Services Jim Ellison for a Community Conversation on older adult services at the state and local levels.

Matt talked about the new Tonie collection. It is creating a lot of interest.

Old Business:

Circulation statistics were up from last year.

New Business:

The Boards and Commissions is looking back at the budget and planning what to do.

Update from City Council:

Ross is out of town but gave Matt a report.

City did a work session on Mi Life Clinic. It is a wellness clinic to those that have health care through the city. It is for employees, spouses, and children. No co-pay etc. It does labs etc. and finds issues early.

Union contracts are coming due. The monthly pay in for health insurance coverage will be \$25 per employee, \$50 for employee and spouse, and \$100 per family.

Carol moved to adjourn. Margaret second. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Rita Van Brandeghen