

Brighton Memorial Library District Board of Trustees
Minutes from April 9, 2026

Roll Call & Pledge: The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Carolyn Kelly at the Brighton Memorial Library District. Board members in attendance were Meridel Buscher, Chris Dunlap, Jacinda Dunlap, and Elizabeth Harper. Library Director Holly Hasquin was also in attendance. Board member Sheila Wilkie was absent.

Recognition of Visitors: Isaac Sandidge is visiting to learn more about being a board member.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion to approve March 12, 2026, board meeting minutes with a change from the date February 12, 2026, listed in the approval, was made by Chris Dunlap and seconded by Meridel Buscher. Roll Call: Buscher: yes; C. Dunlap: yes, J. Dunlap: yes; Harper: yes; Kelly: yes; Wilkie: absent.

Treasurers Report:

- Discussed Financial and Monthly Expenses for March 2026.
- All levy funds were received in February.
- A motion to approve the financial report for March 2026 was made by Meridel Buscher and seconded by Chris Dunlap. Roll Call: Buscher: yes; C. Dunlap: absent, J. Dunlap: yes; Harper: yes; Kelly: yes; Wilkie: absent.
- A motion to approve the monthly expense report for March 2026 in the amount of \$5661.13 was made by Elizabeth Harper and seconded by Jacinda Dunlap. Roll Call: Buscher: yes; C. Dunlap: yes, J. Dunlap: yes; Harper: yes; Kelly: absent; Wilkie: absent.

Librarians Report:

- Librarian's Report was reviewed and discussed.
- Adult Participation was up for programs.
- Children's program totaled 10 for the month.
- Upcoming book sale on April 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- The Peeps contest was very well participated this year, receiving 27 entries.
- The Spring Fundraiser began April 6 and orders by April 28. Product will arrive on May 7, 2026. Profits will be used for new books in the children's room.
- Director Holly started Summer Reading sponsorship and donation requests. This year's theme is dinosaur themed, titled "Unearth a Story". Summer Reading dates are June 8 – July 27.
- April 16, 2026, at 7 p.m. Cristina Henriquez will be presenting online.
- Tales to Tails time began this month for the first time. Ella is a therapy dog. Will host the second Thursday of each month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Roof in main building is leaking again. Holly is getting an estimate for repairing.

- A motion to approve librarians report was made by Elizabeth Harper and seconded by Chris Dunlap. Roll Call: Buscher: yes; C. Dunlap: yes, J. Dunlap: yes; Harper: yes; Kelly: absent; Wilkie: absent.

Correspondence: Invitation to participate in the Market Days at Schneider Park. Discussed the possibility. Galaxie has gone in the past, Holly will talk with Galaxie.

Planning Committee Report:

Committee met on April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Planning committee meeting agenda:

- Help is needed sorting through, organizing and cleaning out the materials in the library storage, Holly's office and Ransom building for a goal to host a craft swap and possible yard sale in conjunction with the book sale in June. Town yard sale dates are June 5 & 6, 2026. First date set to sort through is Monday, April 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Other dates to follow.
- Would the board like to attend the Betsy Ann Picnic this year to set up a table to market the library? Ideas include promotional materials (Summer Reading, monthly event calendar, etc.) and possibly a game with giveaways (prizes and/or books) depending on size of area. Idea to host a contest/giveaway for joining the library (with an emphasis on out of town) to be held the week after the picnic. Possible raffle of a Kindle. Would the association like us to volunteer with Bingo as we have in the past? The Board agreed it would like to participate. Holly will connect with association to learn more about opportunities and discussion to continue next month.
- Shell Sign / Village Sign – should we reach out to Shell and Village of Brighton to have information included on the signs for marketing outreach? The Board agreed yes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Jacinda asked the Board if they thought having the mayor come to read a book would be a good idea, the Board agreed yes. Jacinda to reach out to the mayor to ask.
- Statement of Economic Interests to be Filed with the Macoupin County Clerk was completed by the board members.
- Carolyn has a friend who is looking to collect beanie hats and is wondering if she can run through the library.
- Jacinda will be visiting the Village office and Shell Gas Station to have the Book Sales and other programs added to the signs.

Recap: All members present identified tasks they were committed to completing.

Date/Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Meridel Buscher to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Jacinda Dunlap, Secretary