

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
June 2025

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on June 9, 2025, was called to order by President, Leanna Gray, at 6:30 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Paula Myers led the Board and staff in the “Pledge of Allegiance” following the Call to Order.

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called by the Board Secretary, Paula Myers.

Members present: Paula Myers, Rose Alongi, Carol Downs, Janice Wilbanks, Leanna Gray, Vickie Morrow, Andrea Helmer

Members absent: Gail Durkota, La Tasha Baxter

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May 2025 meeting were filed as written. A motion was made by Rose and seconded by Vickie. to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for May 2025 as provided by the City was reviewed. The motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Carol and seconded by Janice. All approved.

June 2025 bills were discussed. Motion to pay the June 2025 Library bills was made by Janice seconded by Andrea. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- More post-golf scramble donations have been received from those who couldn't make the event or just those non-golfers who wanted to donate.
- The Children's area of the Library is being renovated and a quote will be given in the near future.
- The Summer Reading Program kicked off last week with the first event held at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The day was a success with approximately 64 attendees. More Library staff and volunteers are available this summer and it is a welcome opportunity. The next Summer Reading Program trip will be to the DQ Fire Station. Gabi has updated the website and put a QR code on the front banner on the building.
- The Library Reading Challenge now includes all school-aged students. The challenges are 1,000 books before Kindergarten, 500 books before Middle School, 200 books before High School and 100 books before Graduation. Books get larger as they progress in school. Upon completion of their goals, students will receive Barnes and Noble gift cards.
- Liz's last day was Saturday, May 24; staff and friends stopped by to wish her good luck.
- The Library is taking a break from the chair exercise class; however, the local business, Seed + Soil, will be offering this at their location on North Washington Street. The class will be on Tuesday mornings and a yoga class will be offered on Thursday evenings.

- The Library Community Survey has been online via Google Forms and a QR code is available on the June calendar. Also, a printed copy and a QR code is available at the Library Service Desk. Currently, 22 responses have been received.
- At the request of a middle school group, a Middle School Book Club will start. The first meeting of the group will be June 18 to decide the book to read and the group will meet six times over the course of the summer to discuss books.
- The Library is in the process of completing their annual sexual harassment training.
- The Library will be closed on **Thursday, June 19** in honor of the Juneteenth holiday.

FINANCE: – Vickie – Nothing to report

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Gail –NA

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Flowers are planted in the front of the Library & look beautiful.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-Survey is out to the community to be completed during the months of June and July.

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha – NA

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report.

#### NEW BUSINESS & REMINDER

None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next meeting will be July 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary