

Galva Public Library Board of Trustees
November 11, 2025

The November 11, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Cheryl Anderson, Barb Caravello, Alan Gardiner-Atkinson, Linda VanDeVelde, Gloria Wilson, Destiny Zurek and Library Director Lauren Heck. Donna Carlson was absent.

The Secretary's report was approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Cheryl moved that this report and bills in the amount of \$20,967.31 be approved. Alan seconded; motion carried.

Director's Report

Personnel

Lauren and Hess completed their annual FOIA and OMA trainings. Lauren is the primary FOIA officer and Hess is the backup.

Abigail expressed interest in some library/professional training. Lauren signed her up for a Book Mending zoom training in January. This is offered through the ALA and the cost is \$89.

Programming

The Halloween keychain craft on 10/20 had 16 people in attendance. We did not hand out as many books at Trunk or Treat this year as we have in previous years. Many children were very adamant that they did not want a free book. We had great attendance at the Halloween party in the afternoon and for trick or treating. We had 210 people in the door on Halloween.

The Leaf Garland craft at the Senior Center on 10/28 had 16 people in attendance.

The U of I programs were well attended with 8 people at the 10 am session and 11 people at the 1pm session. Lauren is looking forward to partnering with them again.

Lauren has worked out the Winter Reading Program with Subway. The cost increased by \$1 per sandwich/pizza. With the two grand prizes, the total cost of the program is \$350. It will run from 12/01/26 to 01/31/26.

Circulation/Collections/Financials/Grants

The new collection of 'Wonderbooks' has been started. We have started with 6 books.

The new website went live on 10/20 with no identified issues yet. The library will be receiving a \$10,000 gift from the Andrew Carnegie foundation of New York in January of 2026.

Boundless, formerly E-Read IL, was on Baker & Taylor's platform. RAILS and the IL State Library have a plan in place for transitioning the collection to 'The Palace Project'. There will be more to come on that.

The Auditor informed Lauren that he plans to retire. Lauren has begun the search for a new auditor.

Equipment/Maintenance

Lauren reached out to Terry Summers for snow removal for the season. He is requesting \$125/occurrence this year, as opposed to \$100 in the previous FY.

Lauren is actively looking for a landscaper.

Lauren spoke with Excel Fireplace and Chimney of Morton IL. They are willing to look at the fireplace in the children's room and give an estimate for a gas insert. There will be a service call fee of \$150, but if we go with their estimate, they will refund the fee.

Everyone on the Board has received the 'United for Libraries' Public Library Trustee Ethics Statement.

Action Items

Alan moved to approve holiday closings for 2026, Destiny seconded, motion approved.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Caravello
Secretary