



MINUTES

Library Board

January 1/21/26

7:00 PM

Berkey Public Library (3155 Coolidge)

Present:

Matt Church,
Library Director

Amanda Rohda

Christina Grimm

Carol Hermann

Margaret McGee

Rita
VanBrandeghen

Absent:

Ross Gavin, *City Council Liaison*

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

II. Public comments: None

III. Minutes of the November 19th 2025 meeting were approved. Carol moved to accept and Amanda seconded. Board unanimously approved as printed.

IV. Librarian's report:

- Berkbuster was a huge success, over 200 people
- Raised \$3000 by the Booksale put on by Friends of the Library
- Tonies have also been a huge hit; Tonie donated 2 additional players for the library to use
- Tuesday Book Club- Annette will be retiring as their leader after 30 years!
- Training on homeless resources is available for staff through The Library Network
- Bombshell Treat Bar- Will be doing another community storytime event for kids in February
- Crystal, Berkley's City Manager, will attend the February Library Board meeting
- 1/21 was the first Budget meeting, things on agenda discussed:
 - Replace remaining security cameras
 - Two new chairs in Children's Room
 - New doors or door refresh for front of Library
 - Plans for parking lot renovation
- Lathrup Village is seeking contract library services due to Millage failing → Requested Berkly to participate in pricing for library services.

V. Old business

A. Circulation

- Friends interested in starting a board game collection → will be classified under puzzles and games

B. Library card Policy

- a. City Legal counsel reviewed and was approved by Library board; Rita motioned to approve, Carol seconded.

VI. New business

A. New Officer Selections for 2026

- Chair: Margaret McGee
- Vice Chair: Christina Grimm
- Note: This will be Rita's last year with the Library Board, will be here through July; Matt to let the City Council know we will need an interview set for a new member

C. New Board Candidate selection

- a. Details on how individual boards/committees will give input, and have involvement from the current members on new interview process

VII. Update from City Council liaison

- City Manager's evaluation happening 1/23
- Boards and Commissions interview process currently in process for those that have spots to fill
- Council adopting a 5 year parks and recreation plan

VIII. Adjourn

1. Moved by Amanda, seconded by Carol.
2. 8:00PM Adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Christina Grimm

Next meeting: February 18th 2026