

BROOKINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 11, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Brookings Public Library met on Thursday, June 11, at 12:00 pm in the Historical Room at the Brookings Public Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Miller, Mark Binkley, Allison Schmitt, Denise Hall, and Moriah Flanagan

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashia Gustafson, Sam Beckman, Shane Andreasen

1. Call to Order

Kathy Miller called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Kathy Miller approved the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Miller approved the meeting minutes from May 14, 2026.

4. Open Forum

5. Old Business

6. Other Items & Reports

6.1 Financial Report

Ashia Gustafson presented a review of the 2026 budget through May to the Library Board members.

6.2 Librarian's Report

Programming:

Children: As of Thursday, June 11, 950 kids have registered for the Summer Reading Program. In 2025 total registrations were 960. In the first week and half of events, there has been an attendance of 1,500 including 500 people for The Zoo Man and around 200 for the Bike Rodeo. The "Paleontologist for a Day" event was held on June 10, and realized 392 attendees.

Teen: 105 teens have registered for the Summer Reading Program. In May, 12 teens painted tiles for the 250th Celebration mural for the VFW and 8 participated in Workshop Wednesday and made beaded embroidery hoops. Teen June activities include: Hang zone, Abstract Portraits, Beaded plants for Workshop Wednesday, Teens in the Kitchen making strawberry crisp, Book club, Graphic Novel club, and Bricks and Flicks which includes building a Lego set while watching the film Jurassic Park. Jenny Kluck is also partnering with the Teen Center at the Boys & Girls Club for monthly Workshop Wednesday events with the possibility of implementing a year-round partnership.

Adult: The adult summer reading challenge has begun and 98 people have registered so far. Silent book club had a turnout of 15 people. 10 teams, consisting of 32 participants, competed in the Dinosaur Cake Decorating Competition. There were 21 attendees at the LGBTQ+ Panel. 25 people attended the two sessions of the Pressed Flower Pride Bookmark craft. The Triassic Trek Escape Room will run June 15 – 17. The Library will host a booth at the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19 and Brookings Pride on June 27.

Other: The floor in the breakroom will be replaced beginning June 16.

Other: The roof renovation project is complete.

Other: Ashia Gustafson and Sam Beckman met with Brookings Commission Department Director, Stacy Steffensen, and Brookings County Commissioner Chair, Shawn Hostler, to discuss options regarding options to report Library proceedings to the

Brookings County Commissioners. It was agreed that the County Commissioners will be sent the Library's monthly newsletter, quarterly Envisio reports pertaining to the Library's strategic plan progression, and two annual reports will be given from the Director of Library Services, Ashia Gustafson.

7. New Business

7.1 Approval of Bills

The Library Board members reviewed the May 2026 bills, budgets, and expenditures. Mark Binkley moved for approval. Kathy Miller seconded. Motion carried.

7.2 Library Policy Review

Ashia Gustafson reviewed the Video Surveillance Policy and Website Link Selection Policy updates with the Library board. No changes were proposed.

8. Items Not on the Agenda

Moriah Flanagan mentioned that the slides on the television screen behind the circulation desk were showing an incorrect start time of 11:45am for Library board meetings. Ashia Gustafson will see that the time is corrected.

Ashia Gustafson mentioned "Freya's Library Journey" to the board. It is an Instagram story chronicling a toddler's mission to visit 400 libraries by her third birthday, and Brookings Public Library was one of her stops last week.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, at 12:00 PM in the Historical Room of the Brookings Public Library.

10. Adjournment

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashia Gustafson
Director of Library Services