Bartlesville Public Library Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting

On Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 4:30 PM, the Bartlesville Public Library Board was called to order in the Administrative Boardroom of the Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville Oklahoma, pursuant to the notice filed in the office of the City Clerk, 401 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville on May 18, 2026 and posted the same day on the bulletin boards at City Hall and the Library at 5:30 PM.

Members Present:
Dianne Crow, Chair
Stacy Lewallen
Martin Patzkowski
Sharon Hamilton
Katie Franz

Members Absent:
Kim Miller
Benita Shea

Also Present:
Kiley Roberson, Library Director
Cindy Yell

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.
2. Mr. Patzkowski moved to accept the March 19, 2026 meeting minutes. Ms. Lewallen seconded. All voted AYE.
3. Ms. Roberson presented the Director's Report for March/April 2026. Circulation numbers have started to decline, and library leadership has already discussed potential solutions. Computer and wi-fi use is also declining, but the extra space created by removing three computers is leading to more multi-functional space. Adults are using the space for Mah Jongg, puzzles, and tutoring. Adult programming events (crafts, book club, computer classes) brought in 79 attendees over 16 events.
   Youth services programming is staying strong. Total impact for March & April: 58 programs and 896 attendance. Teen programming has seen a significant increase due to the "After 3" program. We have recruited several of the teens who attend "After 3" to be our Teen Team for summer reading program 2026. Events for all ages (Comic-Con,

Read Across America Day) attracted 572 attendees for 6 programs.
Literacy services programming (exercise classes, cooking classes, tutoring) welcomed 1,276 attendees to 156 events, and the community welcomed two new citizens!
Total programs: 236 events; 2,823 attendees.
Three members of the leadership team attended Library Day at the Oklahoma state capitol in April. They shared information about the library's adult education and literacy services.
The 2026 Summer Reading Program (SRP) begins June 1. This year's theme is "Unearth a Story" and features dinosaurs.
Ms. Roberson provided an update on major projects for the upcoming fiscal year (beginning July 1), including a rebranding project with updated interior painting and signage, custom interactive learning features in the storytime area, and increased funding for physical and electronic materials.

4. The Safety of Children, Interlibrary Loan, and DVD Player policies were reviewed by the board, who made some minor changes for grammar, clarity, and style. Ms. Franz moved to accept the policies with revisions, seconded by Ms. Hamilton. All voted AYE.
5. Members commented on the window painting in progress on the library's east exterior. The finished project will feature dinosaurs, children reading, and the SRP theme "Unearth a Story." The library is also advertising for Summer Reading on two billboards in May and June.
6. There were no public comments on agenda items.
7. Items for the July 9, 2026 meeting include approval of policies.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Cindy Yell
Assistant Director, Bartlesville Public Library