**Bartlesville Public Library Board**
**Minutes of the Special Meeting**
**September 10, 2026**

The Bartlesville Public Library Board met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in Meeting Room A of the Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S. Johnstone Ave., Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Notice was filed in the office of the City Clerk on September 2, 2026, and posted the same day at 5:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

- **Members Present:** Dianne Crow (Chair), Katie Franz, Sharon Hamilton, Stacy Lewallen, Martin Patzkowski, Benita Shea
- **Members Absent:** Eric Gray, (Open Position), (Open Position)
- **Staff & Guests Present:** Kiley Roberson (Library Director), Cindy Yell, Laura Pryce (Senior Librarian), Laci Davis, Angela Hindman, Aaron Kestner, Jennifer Mullally, Heather Tate, Kathy Waddell, Chelsie Wagoner, Kandelyn Wingate

**Proceedings**

**1. Call to Order**

Board Chair Dianne Crow called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**2. Introductions of Candidates for Library Board Vacancies**

Prospective board members introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds:

- **Chelsie Wagoner:** Resident for 29 years; homeschooling parent of two, active within the Northeast Oklahoma homeschool community, frequent library user.
- **Kandelyn Wingate:** Co-owner of Marigold's Bookstore; highlighted the library's role as an essential community hub and noted her professional background working directly with publishing houses.
- **Angela Hindman:** Resident for 11 years; Reading Specialist with Owasso Public Schools specializing in dyslexia intervention; passionate about literacy access and representative literature for children.
- **Laci Davis:** Bartlesville native and Oklahoma Wesleyan University graduate; Student Services Director at Tri County Tech; passionate about lifelong learning and digital/print literacy.

- **Jennifer Mullally:** Trust Officer at Arvest Bank; experienced in financial planning and community service; interested in supporting library expansion and outreach.
- **Heather Tate:** Resident since 1997; Bartlesville Public Schools educator currently teaching in an alternative therapeutic setting (ATLAS) for trauma-impacted youth; emphasized the critical role of early literacy.
- **Aaron Kestner:** Assistant Principal at Central Middle School; noted strong student interest and engagement with the public library.
- **Kathy Waddell:** Resident since 2016; Managing Director at Ernst & Young (EY) conducting employee benefit audits; prior finance committee and treasurer experience with the YWCA (OKC), United Way, Boys & Girls Club, and local booster clubs.

Director Kiley Roberson thanked the candidates, noting that candidate recommendations will be submitted alongside the Mayor to the City Council at the October meeting. Board candidates will be contacted toward the end of September.

*Candidate Q&A:* Kathy Waddell asked regarding the library's primary challenges. Director Roberson cited balancing community needs identified in patron surveys with budgetary realities, noting facility maintenance (roof and foundation repairs) requires extended funding timelines, while digital collection expansion remains well-supported.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 9, 2026, meeting were considered.

- **Motion:** Stacy Lewallen moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- **Second:** Martin Patzkowski
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously (Aye: Crow, Franz, Hamilton, Lewallen, Patzkowski, Shea; Nay: None).

**4. Summer Reading Program (SRP) Report – Laura Pryce, Senior Librarian**

Laura Pryce presented results from the 2026 program, "Unearth a Story":

- **Participation:** 1,590 registrations and 764 completions (48% completion rate), compared to 1,474 registrations and 730 completions (49%) in 2025. Adult registrations exceeded child registrations for the first time.
- **Elementary School Contest:** Wayside Elementary won the traveling 3D-printed trophy for highest completion percentage among Bartlesville Public Schools.

- **Programming Highlights:** Launched "Dino Play Day" with over 100 attendees, which evolved into the ongoing "Story Sprouts" early literacy program. Performer Kevin Wade saw high attendance. Teen craft activities were capped at approximately 20 participants per session.
- **Budget Breakdown ($9,302.52 Total):**
    - Performers: $4,794.00
    - Prizes and Supplies: $2,065.24
    - Marketing: $1,993.28
    - Pool Party: $450.00
- **Future Theme:** The 2027 SRP theme will be "Mysteries Await at Your Library."
- **Discussion:** Katie Franz recommended adding non-food prize coupons for children with dietary restrictions. In response to Martin Patzkowski regarding budgetary constraints, staff noted that rising performer fees and supply costs necessitated adding double-sessions, and increased funding will be requested for next year.

**5. Director's Report – Kiley Roberson (July/August 2026)**

- **Circulation & Facility:** Added 350 new patrons. Computer sessions trended upward. Wi-Fi counts decreased to approximately 8,000 following IT's relocation of access points, yielding more accurate in-house patron counts rather than exterior or unintentional traffic.
- **Departmental Programming:** Offered 205 total programs with 3,940 attendees (up from 2,080 in 2025). Youth Services hosted 46 programs (1,927 attendees; 1,325 children); Literacy Services held 130 sessions (1,611 attendees, 9 active tutors, 15 pairs, 46 total learners, and 12 citizenship students).
- **Reference & History:** Processed 101 outbound Interlibrary Loans (ILL). Local & Family History logged 239 visitors and 191 research inquiries. White Rose Cemetery recorded 1 space sold and 4 interments.
- **Collection Development:** Added 633 total items (486 physical, 100 digital, 23 TLC kits/objects); weeded 174 aged/damaged items.
- **Operations & Services:** Bartlesville Public Library is officially fine-free. The new Makerspace is open and hosting weekly sessions on Wednesday evenings. New Chair Yoga classes launched with strong participation.

- **Facilities & Administration:** Staff is pursuing grant funding for minor building damage sustained during the July 4 storm. September is Library Card Sign-up Month (free replacement cards offered). Director Roberson was appointed to Oklahoma Library Association's advocacy committee for Library Day at the Capitol 2027.

**6. Board Member Comments**

Dianne Crow noted short wait times on digital titles in Libby. Director Roberson detailed collection development strategies, including lowering Hoopla spending thresholds and reallocating funds toward extra digital licenses for high-demand titles on Libby.

**7. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Chelsie Wagoner thanked staff and sponsors for the SRP prize packages, noting her children sent thank-you letters to local business partners. Katie Franz affirmed the initiative's value in teaching youth about local commerce.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

Policy updates will be presented for review at the November 12, 2026, regular meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Dianne Crow adjourned the meeting at 5:47 PM.

Submitted,

Cindy Yell, Assistant Director