

The Berlin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order on November 11, 2025, at 4:30 by Secretary Margaret Guertler. In attendance were Trustees Blazel, Draves, Durtschi, Malchetske, and Rainboth. Secretary Margaret Guertler and City Council Liaison Kristina Boeck attended virtually. Director Chris Kalupa was also in attendance.

Ruth Sussman and Cole Sheridan of Unite Your Local One Chicago Hospitality Union were present for the public portion of the meeting. They urged the board not to reinvest with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Blazel to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Passed.

Moved by Durtschi, seconded by Rainboth to accept the monthly bills for October. Passed.

Moved by Blazel, seconded by Rainboth to accept the Treasurer's report for October. Passed.

Library Director's report: complete copy attached to official minutes.

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Durtschi to approve the 2026 Library Calendar. Passed.

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Blazel to approve the 2026 Library Budget. Passed.

Trustee Draves reported on the activities of the Friends of the Library: October book sale, membership letter, Christmas tree in the park, letters to Santa, staff gifts, Dinovember, adult craft night, and January and February Read-Ins.

Business for future agenda: WCTS painting, carpeting, Kay Swan/Kay Roethel door panel designs, library signage, policy committee, Carnegie grant.

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Blazel to adjourn at 5:19 pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Draves, Trustee