

Creston Dement Library
201 North Main Streets
Creston, IL 60113

July 14, 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30. Board members present: Doug Kroupa, Alan Polansky, Molly Johnson, Colette Mabrey, and Mary Korth. Library Staff member Ashley Newlun was present. New employee Jill Concepcion was also present.
2. **Visitors –**
3. **Review and Approve Minutes –** Alan moved to approve the 6/16/26 minutes as amended, Colette seconded. Unanimous approval. Aye: Doug, Dede, Mary, Alan, Molly, and Colette.
4. **Review and approve Directors Report –** Jill, our new employee, started programming. She is also interested in 3-D printing. Move to accept the report Alan, 2nd Colette. Approved. Unanimous. Aye: Alan, Colette, Molly, Doug, Mary.
5. **Review Treasurer's Report, Payments, and Payroll**
 - a. **Payroll –** Move to approve payroll 6/15/26-6/30/26 Molly, 2nd Alan. Unanimous approval. Aye: Doug, Molly, Alan, Colette, Mary.
 - b. **Bills –** 12/17/25-6/30/26 Move to approve Alan, 2nd Mary, Unanimous approval. Aye: Mary, Alan, Colette, Molly, Doug.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report –** Molly didn't get the statements in time to get them to us. Move to approve Alan, 2nd Colette. Unanimous. Aye: Alan, Mary, Doug, Colette, Molly.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **New Building**
 1. **AC Repair –** There is a gap in the ceiling that allows hot air to come in. The flashing was not installed, so that will have to be fixed.
 2. **Windows –** There is cracking around the windows. We discussed how to fix it. Ashley said Ben (her husband) may be able to fix it.
 3. **Furniture –**
 - i) Chairs - Alan moved to allocate \$600 to purchase 4 chairs for the librarians. 2nd Colette. Approved Unanimous. Aye: Alan, Colette, Mary, Molly, Doug.
 - ii) Shed – Doug suggested putting the shed toward the back of the building next to the sidewalk. We would have to dig down several inches to put gravel and concrete there for the base. No vote was taken.
 - iii) Tv mounting – Doug didn't get the mounting supports. Best Buy didn't have them on sale. Doug and Ben don't think we need professionals to mount them, so they will do it.
 4. **Planting –** It's almost done..
 5. **Storage units –** There are tables and shelving units in storage. Doug doesn't think we need them and that we should get rid of them. He also has 2 projectors at his home that he thinks we should get rid of. No vote on this, but there was a general agreement.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Personnel –** Jill Concepcion has been hired as an aid.
 - B. **Policies –** Doug spoke for the policy committee. They have broken the policies into four areas. They are working on the employment section first. They are using AI (word and co-pilot) to work on it. Documents will be in PDF format.
 - C. **Financial –** we started on budget planning. Ashley will send information to the newspaper tomorrow.
 - D. **Programs –** Fall and Christmas in Creston
 1. Oct 4 is Booster Days
 2. Booster Hall is booked for us.

Adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Korth