

Creston Dement Library
201 North Main Street
Creston, IL 60113

Sept. 15, 2026

Board called to order at 6:30 by President Doug Kroupa. Board members present: Doug Kroupa, Alan Polansky, Ashley Newlun, Colette Mabry, Molly Johnson, Dede Forrest, and Mary Korth. Library Director Ashley Newlun was also present.

1. **Call to order**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Director's Report**- new chairs are coming. Ashley spoke about the library law stating that board officers should not serve for more than 2 years. Colette and Mary will take minutes at the next meeting to help Colette take over secretary duties.
4. **Review and Approve Minutes**
 - A. Move to approve minutes of Aug. 18, 2026 as amended Alan, 2nd Colette. Approved. Unanimous. Aye: Dede, Alan, Colette, Molly, Doug, and Mary.
 - B. Aug. 18, 2026 Special meeting. Move to approve Molly. 2nd Colette. Approved. Unanimous. Aye: Dede, Alan, Colette, Molly, Doug, and Mary.
5. **Review and Approve Treasurer's Report, Payments, and Payroll**
 - A. Payroll 8/16/26 – Move to approve Alan, 2nd Dede. Approved, Unanimous. Aye: Alan, Dede, Molly, Doug, Colette, and Mary.
 - B. Bills – 7/2/26-8/22/26 - Move to approve, Colette, 2nd Dede. Approved. Unanimous. Aye: Alan, Dede, Molly, Doug, Colette, and Mary.
6. **New Business**
 - A. New Building
 1. Furniture-seating/shelving-chairs are coming. Ashley wants to get rid of rocking chairs and large table.
 2. Planting – Trees are planted.
 - B. Friends of the Library – the board looked at the shed the F.O.L. will order. Approved.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. Policies – No update. Alan is working on the "time Off" policy.
 - B. Personnel – Ashley's evaluation has not been completed. It should be completed by the next meeting. Ashley is planning on hiring another clerk.
 - C. Financial- Move to pass Ordinance 26-03 Tax Levy Alan, 2nd Colette. Unanimous approval. Aye: Alan, Doug, Mary, Colette, Molly, and Dede.
 1. Ashley wishes to purchase 25 Play alongs. Move Mary. 2nd Colette. Unanimous approval. Aye: Doug, Molly, Alan, Colette, Dede, Mary. (These play one pre-loaded book.)
 2. Booster Days – Ashley will be involved with the parade with Alan's van. They will be giving out candy.
 3. Fall and Christmas in Creston
 - a. Nov 6- Houdini-in Booster Hall.
 - b. Oct 31-Halloween stuff at Booster Hall, not the library.
 - c. Dec. 4-5 – Christmas in Creston
 4. Spring activities
 - a. Children's resources – Ashley is working with community agencies to have a children's resource fair.
 - b. Art show – the new art teacher wants to have an art show here.

Meeting adjourned 8:00

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Korth