

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Directors
March 18, 2025**

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney (remote) Maureen Lyons, Judy Lindholm, Sandy Bennett, Erik Hall
Absent: Ashtyn Beek, Ruzan Morrison
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink
Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

Vice President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: John Worden, Ray Mitchum, Gary Thompson
Board Comment: Maureen Lyons

Approval of the Agenda: Moved/seconded (Hall/Lindholm) to approve the agenda. Passed.

Approval of February 18, 2025 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Bennett/Hall) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: Moved/Seconded (Lindholm/Bennett) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: The "brain" computer has been replaced.

New Business:

A: Budget: The budget process is about ready to wrap up. Review of the last few years looking at staff reductions, budget items removed, program changes, etc.

B: Legislative Update: Representatives David Blom and Brett Barker recently held a Town Hall meeting at the Albion Library. Legislation is being considered concerning state and national level services. Some items that may be affected are: Interlibrary Loan service, Libby (electronic books), Enrich Iowa, obscenity legislation, bringing back the library levy, etc.

C: Community Meeting Room RFP: Bids to update the technology in the large meeting rooms are due April 9. This project is being funded by the Friends of the Library.

D. MOBI: Sarah and Joa made a presentation at the last Council meeting. Options will be presented at the March 24 Council meeting.

E. Staff Reports:

Katie: The "brain" computer was just replaced. Upcoming programs include the monthly movie, a flower origami program and a program given by ISU professor, Jeff Bremmer, on the history of Iowa.

Joa: Working on summer challenges and scheduling. Hopefully the summer lunch program continues. The BOB Bash (Battle of the Books) will take place April 4. The library is partnering with downtown businesses for a scavenger hunt throughout the month of April. This year the Día de Los Niños /Día de Los Libros celebration will take place on the library lawn on April 30.

The library will host pre-school family night—big crowd anticipated!

Joa is busy promoting summer reading to many, many groups!

Judy Lindholm
4/15/2025

F: Director's Report:

- The IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) is potentially going to lose staff and services. The Marshalltown Library was honored in 2012 as one of the leading libraries by the IMLS.
- Thank to Katie for all of her tech work!!—we do not have a full-time IT person!
- Staff has been doing Ryan Dowd trainings during weekly staff meetings. They focus on homelessness and mental health.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 15 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.
