

Marshalltown public Library
Board of Trustees
April 15, 2025

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

President Tonya Gaffney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: John Worden, Ray Mitchum

Board comment: No comments

Approval of the Agenda: Moved/Seconded (Lyons/Bennett) to approve the agenda. Passed.

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

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

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: Budget Update:

IMLS funds: Iowa has not been notified yet about the loss of IMLS funding. IMLS helps to pay for Bridges and Overdrive (eBook platform and content) and Iowa Shares, the Interlibrary Loan Delivery service.

Iowa State's Insect Zoo, a popular youth program around the state, has lost their ISU funding.

B: Legislative Update:

--The obscenity bill and the bill to eliminate Enrich Iowa did not survive.

--It is still possible the library levy (and other levies) could be restored. If that happens, there would most likely need to be a city election to restore the levy.

C: Community Meeting Rooms RFP: The City Council approved the bid from Mechdyne to update the technology in the large meeting rooms. This update is funded by the Friends of the Library.

D: MOBI: The bid package for the sale of MOBI has been issued. There has been some serious interest. Bids will be opened April 22 and the City has the right to refuse any bid.

E: Staff Reports:

Katie:

--*Information only:* There is a possible change to the operating calendar: looking at closing the Saturday and Sunday after July 4 and maybe after Thanksgiving. Door count is low and there would be a utility cost savings.

--The series labels are now being added to the science fiction collection.

-- Upcoming programs:

- Earth Day Plant Swap
- Jeff Bremer, author of A New History of Iowa
- Darcy Maulsby, "Farm to Fork" agriculture program
- Information on starting a seed library and seed saving program

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Joa:

- The recent BOB event (Battle of the Books) involved 96 students and was in partnership with Lenihan and volunteer coaches.
- The Storybook Walk covers the downtown area
- Día de Los Libros and Día de Los Niños is back at the library. The Miller Mariachi Band will perform.
- The library will join with the Arts and Cultural Alliance for "Poets and Performers."
- SUMMER!!!!

F: Director's Report:

- Tax day is upon us and requests for forms is always high.
- There has been a surge of book donations.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.