

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 17, 2025**

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Maureen Lyons, Judy Lindholm, Erik Hall, Ruzan Morrison
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink
Recording Secretary: Mara Edler

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

Public Comment: Lee Searle, John Worden, Pete Grady, Jeff Hutton

Board Comment: Maureen Lyons commented on her 26 years of service. President Gaffney addressed the history of the Epoch Times State of Concern since November 2022 as well as open meeting laws.

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

Approval of the May 20, 2025 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Lindholm/Lyons) to approve the minutes. Passed.

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

Old Business:

The IMLS funding is still in flux. In Iowa, this funding is used to pay for the IA Shares courier service and the Bridges digital collection. At this point, the State will reduce ILL delivery to once/week.

Sarah is working with the Burbank Public Library to coordinate the delivery of MOBI.

New Business:

A. Friends Update

Work has begun on the two houses on the NW corner of the property, currently owned by the Friends of MPL. Digging has begun on basements and sewer lines. There is no timeline yet, but they will be moved to the 400 block of Linn St. The Friends are paying for the basement removal, and then the land will be deeded over to the city.

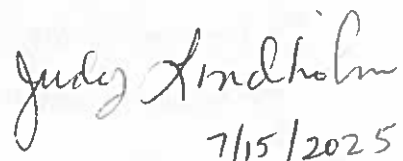
The Friends are liquidating funds for the Community Room A/V project and the interior renovation project. The A/V project is to be completed early this fall and is expected to take ~2 weeks.

B. Interior Renovation Update

Carol Webb has signed with FEH and a kick-off meeting with all parties is scheduled for June 23. The project is being entirely funded by the Friends of MPL. The far end of the building will include space for a new board room, new study rooms and a podcasting room. Plans will be available soon for board perusal.

C. Collection Development

The policy will be discussed at the July meeting. The library board will accept questions regarding the policy prior to this. Questions can be submitted in writing (index cards available at the front desk) or via email to Sarah Rosenblum by July 7 at noon. The board will try to address these questions at the next meeting. All policies are available on the library website.


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D. Staff reports

Katie

The following changes are happening to online resources: Due to the federal IMLS State Library budget cuts, the Foundation Directory will no longer be available after June 30, Brainfuse HelpNow will no longer be available after July 15, and Brainfuse JobNow/VetNow will not be available after June 30. Due to MPL budget cuts, the NYTimes online resource expired on June 5 and Consumer Reports Online will not be available after June 30. The State Library has signed a contract for Iowa Libraries to offer Mometrix, and online testing study resource with access to over 1500 practice exams. The start date of the new resource is TBD.

Upcoming programs:

July 17 @ 5:30 - Incredible Bats

July 19 @ 2:00 - Jeff Stein: Iowans You Should Know

July 23 @ 2:00 & 6:00 - Book Discussion of Denise Williams' *Just Our Luck*

August - Denise Williams Author Visit

Joa

At this point in the summer reading program, 585 students have registered, representing every school in the county. 2nd graders are the largest registered group at this point.

100+ people attended the first storytime and lunch program.

Pokémon Club is meeting weekly at the library during the summer.

The Healthy Family Fair, a collaboration with CAPS, will be held this Saturday, June 21.

Park & Rec assisted with anchoring the picnic tables on the west lawn.

The Youth Department has acquired a new Touch-to-Play computer. The game table will be installed in the Cafe.

The Adventure Pass is back with a new platform and is available to adult cardholders in the MPL service area. The Pass allows access for 2 adults and 2 children to visit the following venues: Blank Park Zoo, Science Center of Iowa, Grout Museum, Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens, and the DSM Children's Museum. The MPL purchases the passes, and not all libraries in Iowa offer the Adventure Pass.

Director's Report

The library is on or under budget for the fiscal year.

The library has been very busy and had a great deal of room use.

Staff are working on an on-going series classification project.

The south concrete sidewalk is being evaluated by the city; Parks & Rec will be trimming trees.

Sarah extended many thanks to Maureen for her years of service and for shepherding the original building project. President Gaffney presented Maureen with a certificate of recognition on behalf of Mayor Joel Greer and the City Council.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.