

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
July 15, 2025**

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

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

Public Comment: Comments were made by John Worden and Ray Mitchum
Board comment: There were no comments

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

Approval of the June 17, 2025 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Lindholm/Bennett) to approve the minutes. Passed.

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

Old Business: There was no old business:

New Business:

A. Election of Officers:

It was moved/seconded to approve the following slate of officers for the '25-'26 year:

President: Tonya Gaffney
Vice President: Sandy Bennett
Secretary: Judy Lindholm

The motion passed.

B. AV and Interior Renovation Projects:

- The AV update will be done August 11-15 and should be complete before the next board meeting
- The interior renovations will be done by FEH, the original architects of the library building. It is estimated the construction will begin about the beginning of the year.
- Both projects are being funded by the Friends of the Library

C. Collection Development (Joa and Katie)

The Collection Development Policy is one of four policies that must be reviewed every Three years for State accreditation. Included are:

- Gift and donation procedures
- Weeding and disposal of materials
- Complaints and challenges of library materials
- Criteria for collection purchases

Judy Lindholm
8/19/2025

They explained the criteria used for the collection and purchase of non-fiction materials as well as newspapers. Included are reliability of the author and publisher, political balance, reliability and bias. Also interest, demand and community reflection. The Media Bias Chart was used to show how a large number of newspapers are categorized.

D. Staff Reports:

Katie

The series project continues. The mystery and sci-fi sections are complete and the western section is being worked on.

Upcoming programs;

July 17 Incredible Bats!

July 19 Jeff Stein will present "Iowans You Should Know"

Joa

Programming continues through the first week of August. Summer partners have been MCC Esports, Bobcat University and Bobcat Academy...and more!

E: Director's Report—Sarah

- Due to funding cuts at the State Library, delivery of ILL books will be reduced to one day per week. (currently 2 days/week) Delivery now will be serviced through the AEA. Delivery dates and times will be announced soon.
- Budget presentations to the City Council will have a new format.
- Emerson has requested that parallel parking be established on First Street across from the library's diagonal parking.
- The City is looking for outsourcing possibilities.

The next meeting will be August 19 at 5:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM.