

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
August 19, 2025**

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Erik Hall, Lea Husak
Absent: ~~Judy Lindholm~~, Ashtyn Beek, Ruzan Morrison *Sandra*
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie fink
Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

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

Public Comment: Comments were made by Pete Grady, Lee Searle, John Worden, Ray Mitchum

Board Comment: Comments were made by Lea Husak

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

Approval of the July 15, 2025 Minutes: Moved/seconded (Husak/Hall) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: Moved/seconded (Lindholm/Husak) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: Last month the state reduced ILL delivery to once a week. We have now been informed that we are one of 10 libraries that will continue to receive twice/week ILL delivery service.

New Business:

A: AV and Interior Renovation Projects Update:

Included in this project are new cameras, new speakers in the ceiling, adaptive hearing devices, new projectors and a new screen in Side A. Mechdyne and city employees completed this project which was funded by the Friends of the Library.

Interior Renovation:

FEH, the original architect of the library building, is designing the new space which will include a board-type room, additional study rooms, a "social" room and more. The renovation is also being funded by the Friends of the Library.

B. Building Updates:

In preparation for the renovation, some collections have been moved, a print release station will be added to the copy center and new signage will designate some collections.

C: Staff Reports:

Katie:

- Iowa author, Denise Williams, will be here for an author event
- ISU Extension will have a seed-saving class
- Monthly films will continue featuring "Three Faces of Eve"
- There were 187 adult participants in the summer reading program

Joa:

- Busy transitioning to school-year projects
- Partnered with Bobcat University and Emerson
- An additional monitor is going to be installed at the youth desk
- A demographic report of summer participants will be ready in October

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D. Director's Report:

- Brenda Hall is the new State Librarian
- Re-accreditation will be due in February. Included will be some updated policies and By-Laws
- Luis Alcaraz will be recognized at City Council for 5 years of employment

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16 at 5:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48PM.