

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 23, 2025**

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Sandy Bennett, Judy Lindholm, Ashtyn Beek, Erik Hali, Lea Husak, 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 Ray Mitchum, Linda Clark, John Worden, Peter Grady and Jolene Ballard

Board Comment: There were no comments

Approval of the Agenda: Moved/seconded (Bennett/Husak) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Approval of the August 19, 2025 Minutes: The minutes were corrected to read that Sandy Bennett was absent at the August meeting. Moved/seconded (Lindholm/Husak) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: It was moved/seconded (Beek/Morrison) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: AV and Interior Renovation Projects Update: Local company, Mechdyne Corporation, has installed new speakers, microphones, projectors, screens, keypad technology and more. This renovation has been funded by the Friends of the Library. A ribbon cutting will be held sometime in October.

FEH (architects) will start choosing finishes for the interior project. They expect to start in January with a completion estimate of early June.

The cost—not to exceed \$1.2 million—will be paid for by the Friends of the Library.

B. Summer Reading Update—Joa:

The summer reading program ran from June 2-September 30.

The summer incentive program included reading time, activity badges, rewards and grand prizes. Joa was able to break down participation by age (7-year-olds had the highest participation), grade level and school.

C. Staff Reports:

Katie:

Upcoming adult programs include:

- a plant swap
- a paper paste collage workshop, led by Julie Bousum,
- a Stop the Bleed Clinic in conjunction with Unity Point
- an author visit with Tim Johnston, the author of this year's All Iowa Reads Book.

This year's Friends of the Library Book Sale made about \$3900.00

Judy Lindholm
10/21/2025

D: Director's Report:

- The library's budget presentation to the City Council will be October 13
- Working on the Annual Survey and State Accreditation
- MOBI is now a Californian—it was shipped to Burbank, CA
- There are some serious issues with book vendor, Baker & Taylor. This will affect our purchasing and perhaps cataloging.

E: Agreement:

An HR agreement has been made between an employee and the city. It was moved/seconded (Bennett/Husak) to approve the agreement as printed. Passed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.