

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 21, 2026**

Members present: Tonya Gaffney, Sandy Bennett, Ashtyn Beek, Erik Hall, Lea Husak, Ronnie Manis, Ruzan Morrison
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille
Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

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

Public Comment: Comments were made by John Worden, Mike Ladehoff and Joleen Ballard

Board Comment: Comments were made by Lea Husak

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

Approval of the March 17, 2026 Minutes: Moved/seconded (Manis/Beek) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Approval of the Bills: Moved/seconded (Hall /Bennett) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: Interior Renovation Update: Most likely the project will complete as scheduled except for furniture and signage. The new RTU, provided by the Lennox Family Foundation, was installed.

B: Meeting Room Policy: The policy was revised to include the new Conference Room, the Lounge and additional study rooms and to "clean up" the details involving existing meeting spaces.

--Community Meeting Rooms, Group Study Rooms and the Lounge may be reserved up to three months in advance

--Time limits for the Group Study Rooms and the Lounge have been extended from 3 to 4 hours

--Food will be allowed in the Community Meeting Rooms, Lounge, Conference Room and Study Room #8

It was moved/seconded (Morrison/Manis) to approved the amended Meeting Room Policy. Passed.

C: Statement of Concern: A Statement of Concern was received which asks for the removal of books authored by Brendan DuBois. Books were available for board members to take home and to bring back at the May Board meeting.

D: Staff Reports:

Joa:

- Battle of the Books: Another huge success with 81 students participating. Thanks to the many teachers, coaches and volunteers involved in this long-standing event!
- April 30: Día de Los Niños/Día de Los Libros: another popular and HUGE event! The Miller Mariachi Band will perform.
- The Storybook Walk continues in cooperation with the Downtown Business District
- New, additional security cameras have been installed

Sarah:

- Staff changes:
 - Logan Jay has been promoted to Public Service Assistant
 - Megan Freese has been hired as a part-time Library Assistant
 - A full-time cataloging and Info Desk position opened due to an unexpected resignation
- National Library Week is April 19-25. Thanks to Mara for collecting photos of staff. 😊

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- Master Gardeners have been cleaning up the flower beds.
- More property tax legislation is upcoming that could affect the city budget
- No new information concerning legislation and public libraries
- RAGBRAI will be in town—and in the library!—on July 22.
- Last week 100 Women Who Care met. Sarah was chosen to make a presentation for improvements to the library's west lawn. It was not chosen as the main recipient of funds, but \$4300 was collected for this project. THANK YOU!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christy Lee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.