

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 16, 2026**

Members Present: Sandy Bennett, Ashtyn Beek, Erik Hall, Lea Husak, Ronnie Manis, Ruzan Morrison

Absent: Tonya Gaffney

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink

Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

Vice President, Sandy Bennett, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: Comments were made by Jon Worden, Mary Stevens, Jeff Hutton and Joleen Ballard.

Board comment: There were no comments.

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

Approval of the May 19, 2026 Minutes: Moved/seconded (Beek/Hall) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Approval of the Bills: The end of the fiscal year is approaching, so some larger purchases were made; Including replacement of two self-check machines, barcode scanners and lots of supplies. Moved/seconded (Morrison/Manis) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: Interior Renovation Update:

- Furniture arrives mid-July with the exception of the reference desk--it will be later
- Mechdyne has been installing the podcasting equipment
- The Grand Opening with ribbon cutting will wait until all the furniture arrives
- Many thanks to the city's facilities manager and team!
- The RTUs and HVAC controls were all donated by the Lenox Family Foundation
- This project is being funded by the Friends of the Library

B: Budget Update:

- The fiscal year is coming to an end and as always, we will come in under budget!
- The city has a new Finance Director – Cole O'Donnell
- Katie Fink will act as Interim Director from November until July '27. Her current position will remain unfilled=huge cost savings.

C. July Board Election: Tonya Gaffney is stepping down as president of the board, but will remain as a board member. A new board president will need to be elected.

D. Staff Reports:

Katie:

- 49 people attended the Book Bingo kick-off for adult summer reading!
- Katie Kennedy will have a book-signing on June 18 at 5:00pm
- Storyteller, Darrin Crow, will present a program, Tales of Colonial America, on June 28.
- Joa and Katie conducted interviews for the new Library Assistant. Welcome, Sindy Guadiana
- Received news that the MPL will continue to receive ILL deliveries twice a week.

Joa:

- Close to 600 kids have already signed up for the summer reading challenge!
- Many new Playaways have been added—very popular!
- There are new Launch Pad tablets that may be checked out. They are in locked cases
- Summer lunch is at the library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunch is served on the west lawn—in the meeting rooms if rainy.
- Healthy Family Fair will at the library on Saturday, June 20, from 10:30-noon.
- Some upgrades have been made to the café cameras.

E. Director's Report:

- Cones have been placed in the east parking lot due to crumbling concrete. Parking is still allowed—be careful.
- The garbage enclosure is going to be replaced and an outdoor storage until is going to be added to store outdoor equipment.
- Book Sales—Funds collected from the ongoing book sale (located down the center aisle) will now be going to the library GIFT FUND, not the Friends of the Library. Donated books of value will be sold on eBay: Thanks to Conny Schutte and Rose Mead who manage those sales.
- A new project is underway in memory of Teresa Hannam. "Miss Teresa's Storytime Garden" will be on the west lawn and will feature three musical flower petal drums and a memorial bench. Gifts and donations have been secured for this project—including Assistance League, 100 Women Who Care, the FOL and several individuals. ~~A shade structure is being considered.~~

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at 5:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.



with amendments