

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025

Present: Jayne Keiser, Lauren Roberts, Colleen Bowers, Christine Luedtke, Jessica Arieux, Deb Kinney, Megan Dial-Lapcewich, and Billie Ruden

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded by Arieux/Kinney to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

Librarian Report - In February the library was open 102 hours with 249 patrons in the library, 35 computer users, 225 physical materials and 159 e-books were checked out. Four new library cards were issued. 54 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 10 coloring pages and 25 scavenger hunt cards distributed in February.

Libby How To Program - Lauren to introduce a new program in March on “how to” use Libby which has been requested by senior library patrons.

Technology Updates - The North Liberty library’s technical person is scheduled to set-up the Oxford library’s 3D printer and work on the computers to enhance the computers speed. Lauren to apply for South Slope grant money to possibly purchase learning pad tablets and a children’s computer.

Seed Library - The Library’s old card catalog has been cleaned out to use for the new seed library. Chris Anderson, a naturalist, will be presenting a seed program on March 22 at the library about seed starting tips and tricks. Lauren to advertise the seed program online and posters in businesses around town. Extra heirloom seeds have been donated and will be available to patrons to take. An application for the seed library has been completed and sent to the State of Iowa.

Summer Reading Program - The kick-off for the Oxford summer reading program will be the Children’s Museum outdoor learning program in the park followed by a movie on the last Saturday in May. Volunteers will be needed for the popcorn table, crafts, set-up and tear down. Suggestions were made for summer reading program prizes. Lauren will ask the Vision Committee for funds and will use the proceeds of the library book sale for the summer reading program.

Spring Book Sale - The Oxford library spring book sale will be April 25 during the Rural Road Trip Saturday. The proceeds of the book sale will go to the summer reading program.

Policy Review - Because of possible Iowa legislation Lauren thought we might need to review our collection policy. Since the legislation is stilling sub-committee it was decided that nothing needed to be done at this time. Lauren to send an email with the addresses to direct comments on possible legislation that would effect the library.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 7, at 6:00 P.M. at the library for Lauren’s review followed by the board meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Motion made and seconded by Keiser/Kinney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.