

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

Present: Jayne Keiser, Billie Ruden, Lauren Roberts, Jessica Arieux, Colleen Bowers, Elizabeth Spratt, and Megan Dial-Lapcewich

Absent: Deb Kinney

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded by Spratt/Ruden to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Librarian Report - In March the library was open 82 hours with 362 patrons in the library, 16 computer users, 227 physical materials and 133 e-books were checked out. Six new library cards were issued. 91 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 10 coloring pages distributed in March.

Library Practicum Student - A library science practicum student will be assisting Lauren at the library during spring semester 2025.

Author Talk at Library - Author Bill Mueller from eastern Iowa will talk about his book "Time to Ship Another Steer" at the library on April 24 at 6:30 pm. This event is in partnership with the Tiffin Library.

New Library Features - A "tree" bookshelf has been purchased for the children's area. The youth books have been rearranged to feature the graphic novels and make the books more user friendly. The new children's books are featured upfront by the new adult books.

Spring Book Sale - The library's spring book sale will occur on April 27 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm which is the date of the Rural Road Trip event in Oxford. A free will donation instead of a set price for the books will be tried this time to see if this brings in more money. Lauren has been weeding books from the library's collection to sell at the book sale along with donated book

Summer Reading Program - Lauren will be getting a "wish list" ready with the summer reading program's needed items. She will be attending the library conference in Ames on April 9 and 10 which will be about this year's summer reading program. The library will be closed April 9 and 10 so she can attend.

Library Hours - Lauren has been approved for a forty hour work week to begin on July 1. It was decided that the Oxford library hours change to a beginning time of 11:00 am on Tuesday - Friday which will increase the library hours to thirty hours per week.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, at 6:00 P.M. at the library. The meeting will begin early for the Library Director evaluation.

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

