

Waukee Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
950 Warrior Lane, Waukee, IA 50263

1. CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Marwedel called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance: Melissa Marwedel, Emily Schultz, David Meyer, and Lela Scott, who joined remotely. Anna Eichhorn joined the meeting remotely at 5:50 p.m.

Not in Attendance: Micki Henderson and Darcy Burnett

Liaisons in Attendance:

- Kristine Larson – Library Director
- Other? _____

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shultz moved to approve the agenda. Meyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a. Meeting 02-11-2025

Meyer moved to approve the minutes. Shultz seconded the motion. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. No public comment

6. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- a. Extra building repairs this month – continuous leak – not active issues, preventative measures
- b. Regular programming costs
- c. Plumbing repair was for the staff bathroom – the issue continues, and they cannot figure out the problem
- d. Playaway audio books – look like an MP3 player – came out 15 years ago, since audiobooks on CDs are going away, these are becoming popular again

Shultz moved to approve invoices. Meyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF LIBRARY CLOSURE APRIL 24TH FOR MECHANICAL WORK

a. Due for 5-year sprinkler inspection – it will be messy, so we cannot have the public in the building when it is happening

i. Would still have staff working

b. Think about what else can be done during this time

Schultz moved to approved invoices. Meyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. REPORTS

a. Budget Report

a. Budget amendment season budget ends June 30th

b. Nothing of note

c. Capital improvement project for next year: building maintenance and minor items – new sinks in the bathroom

b. Library Director's Report

a. Working on summer reading planning, which starts June 1st

b. New technical services librarian starts this Thursday

c. Fully staffed right now – will start hiring for summer positions shortly

d. Build issues going on – mother's room is almost done, but the plumbing issues are continual due to the age of the building and the amount of usage

e. Will attend State of the City Address

c. WPL Friends Foundation Report

a. Brief meeting

b. Still working on Flower Power Fundraiser

c. Working on their biannual report

d. April 1st is next meeting

d. Personnel Committee

a. Did not meet.

e. Ways and Means Committee

a. Did not meet.

f. Legislative Update

a. Did not meet.

b. Below was read by Library Director:

Waukee Public Library – Potential consequences of 2025 proposed legislation

HF880: Enrich Iowa Program Eligibility

Changes library eligibility for funding through the Enrich Iowa Program.

In FY24, the Waukee Public Library received \$23,454 in FY24 from the State of Iowa Enrich Iowa funding.

With this legislation, in order to preserve state library funding, the Waukee Public Library staff would no longer be able to be members of professional organizations and get discounts on professional development trainings crucial to providing excellent library services to the public. Currently the Waukee Library pays for memberships to professional organizations such as ILA and PLA, several staff attend conferences each year.

HF521: Obscenity Exemptions

Repeals current law related to obscenity exemptions.

The books at the Waukee Public Library are already deemed legally appropriate for public libraries by the Miller Test. The Miller Test is the primary legal test for determining whether expression constitutes obscenity based on the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1973 case Miller v. California. HF521 would eliminate obscenity exceptions for libraries. This change could subject public libraries to costly lawsuits over materials that do not meet the state's definition of obscenity. In order to protect the library from costly frivolous lawsuits or criminal penalties, the library could implement the following changes:

- No one under 18 years of age would be allowed in the library without a parent or guardian
- Teens would not be allowed in the library after school without a parent or guardian
- Library cards would only be available to residents 18 years and older
- No one under 18 would be able to work or volunteer at the library which would drastically affect the Summer Reading Program
- The library may have to close for a period of time to move collections, eliminate books, or renovate interior structures.
- Walls may have to be built to physically separate the children's collection from the adult collection.
- The teen collection would have to be integrated into the adult collection and no longer accessible by individuals under 18 years of age

Library Materials and Services that may be eliminated or severely limited:

- Selection of books, e-books, magazines, newspapers, etc. (Books may be limited based on content or genre)
- Online Resources (World Book, Tumble Books, etc.)
- Libby e-book system
- Programming for any and all ages
- Interlibrary Loan Program – Ability to get books from other libraries
- Public Computers
- Meeting Rooms
- Study Rooms

- Hotspots

*The Digital Scholar program has already been affected by SF496, the WPL is no longer able to allow WCS D student access to library online resources due to the passing of SF496 and the concern of criminal and/or legal ramifications.

c. HF880 has progressed but unsure if it will pass

d. Required to have 45 hours every 3 years is what Kristen is required for training and currently gets it through these professional channels

e. HF521

Similar laws have already passed in Idaho – distinguish between being an adult library or a children’s library

Digital scholar program has already been affected by legislation - SF496

Kristine will notify board members if these advance further.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Schultz seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The board adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

****Minutes submitted by Lela Scott, Board Secretary****

WPL Board President

Date

WPL Board Vice President

Date