

Bettendorf Public Library
 Information Center
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 Thursday, January 15, 2026
 5:00 P.M.

Malmros Room, Bettendorf Public Library



Bettendorf
 PUBLIC LIBRARY

Agenda Item	Responsibility	Action	Result
1. Roll Call	Covella		<p>Present: Val Horvat, Lynn Lawler, Darrin Lindquist, Doug Lindstrom, David Pratt, John Rabine, Archana Wagle</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Others present: Jillian Aschliman, David Otten, Heather Gibbs, Andy Miller, Hayleigh Covella</p> <p>Horvat called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.</p>
2. Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Agenda: January 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Minutes: December 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Payment of Library Invoices: December 2025	Horvat	Approve	<p>Motion to approve consent agenda by Lindquist, second by Lindstrom. Motion carried.</p>

<p>3. Public Forum -Limit of 3 minutes per person</p>	<p>Horvat</p>		<p>None</p>
<p>4. Introduction of new Library Manager & Library Trustee</p>	<p>Aschliman</p>		<p>Miller and Lawler introduced themselves to the Board.</p>
<p>5. Correspondences</p>	<p>Aschliman</p>		<p>Aschliman shared correspondence.</p>
<p>6. Staff & Supporting Organization Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Report • Division Reports • Friends of the Library • BPL Foundation 	<p>Aschliman Division Heads Odell Sarver/Pratt</p>	<p>Updates in written report</p>	<p>Director's Report Aschliman reported that December and early January were focused on offboarding retiring employees, onboarding new employees, and filling open positions. Miller's first day as Programming and Public Services Manager was January 25.</p> <p>The HR Director will be at the February meeting to go over the process for the Library Director's Annual Review. She plans to conduct the evaluation in March.</p> <p>The Library will close on February 25 for in-service.</p> <p>Aschliman has started the orientation process with Lawler. Lawler, Horvat, and Rabine have completed IPIB training. Aschliman will look into whether the training is required for reappointments.</p>

			<p>Aschliman reported that the Library is starting to see some of the wear and tear that comes with an aging facility, such as the boiler going out. She noted that facilities requests to the City need to come from the Board.</p> <p>The Police and Fire Departments are updating their generators to ones with more power. The lower power ones will come to the Library and Family Museum, which currently do not have generators.</p> <p>Regarding the Learning Campus landscaping and other outdoor updates, Aschliman met with the Public Works and Family Museum Directors. Public Works will be updating contracts and starting the outdoor cleanup process. The Parks Maintenance team will refresh the corner by 18th Street. The Learning Campus is having its concrete redone and putting down sod and outdoor seating. The sidewalk replacement should begin in the fall.</p> <p>Clinton Public Library has opted to leave the RiverShare Consortium at the end of the fiscal year due to budget constraints.</p>
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			<p>Clinton leaving should not have a huge impact on patrons but may impact the budget. Aschliman has let the City know. The current contract costs about \$35,000/year.</p> <p>Advocacy for this legislative session has started strong. Aschliman will be in Des Moines on February 3 for ILA Capitol Day. There has been some movement on redefining the Obscenity Law and some talk about resubmitting a bill removing funding from libraries participating in ALA or ILA.</p> <p>Monthly kudos goes to James McCauley, the Library's Maintenance Page through Goodwill of the Heartland. He handles the garbage, vacuuming, dusting, and overall making sure the library is clean. He enjoys talking to staff and will be starring in the <i>Frozen 3 Junior</i> play.</p> <p>Customer Service Gibbs reported that the Library purged 864 accounts that had been inactive for three years and expired for one year. That is a lower number than usual, so automatic renewals have been helping</p>
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			<p>keep accounts active. Even with the purge, the Library saw growth in its account holders. Total accounts only decreased by a total of 590 after accounting for new cards.</p> <p>ILL fees for the calendar year saw a 39% increase over the previous year. Fees for new ILL requests have started, and patrons have mostly been understanding.</p> <p>There was a retirement in the Customer Service division, which cascaded into other open positions when it was filled. The Customer Service division is fully staffed.</p> <p>Staff continues to work through training modules regarding working with teenagers.</p> <p>The Library was awarded a grant from the Iowa American Water Company to assist with aquarium maintenance. As part of that, there are new activities, coloring pages, and informational binders on the water cycle and the marine life in the aquarium.</p>
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7. Policies/Contracts		None	None

8. Governance		None	None
9. Trustee Subcommittee Reports	Horvat/Aschliman		None
10. Adjourn Next Meeting – February 12, 2026	Horvat		Motion to adjourn by Wagle, second by Lawler. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.