

Bettendorf Public Library
 Information Center
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 Thursday, April 9, 2026
 5:00 P.M.

Malmros Room, Bettendorf Public Library



Bettendorf
 PUBLIC LIBRARY

Agenda Item	Responsibility	Action	Result
1. Roll Call	Covella		<p>Present: Lynn Lawler, Doug Lindstrom, David Pratt, John Rabine, Archana Wagle (Zoom)</p> <p>Absent: Val Horvat, Darrin Lindquist</p> <p>Others present: Jillian Aschliman, David Otten, Heather Gibbs, Andy Miller, Hayleigh Covella</p> <p>Rabine chaired the meeting in Horvat's and Lindquist's absences. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>
2. Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Agenda: April 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Minutes: March 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Payment of Library Invoices: March 2026	Rabine	Approve	<p>Motion to approve consent agenda by Pratt, second by Lindstrom. Motion carried.</p>

<p>3. Public Forum -Limit of 3 minutes per person</p>	<p>Rabine</p>		<p>A new Bettendorf resident attended the meeting to learn more about the library and how to get involved.</p>
<p>4. Correspondence</p>	<p>Aschliman</p>		<p>Aschliman shared correspondence.</p>
<p>5. 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</p> <p>Aschliman reported that the siding by the drive-thru was replaced on March 18. There is a continued leak in the ceiling near the CDs; the Facilities team is working diligently to identify where it is coming from.</p> <p>Lately, there have been issues with the A/V system in the Bettendorf Single Room. The projector has been shipped out of state for repairs.</p> <p>Aschliman is hoping to get grant money to update the front area of the Library. There is \$70,000 in Capital Improvement funds available, and the Foundation is working to get grant funding.</p> <p>Aschliman has selected the sculpture that the Library will be getting from the QC Arts Sculpture Program. It will be installed in June.</p>

			<p>City budget meetings have continued. They recently reviewed Capital Improvement projects and major budget requests. The Library does not have any major requests. For Capital Improvement, the library has \$70,000 for front area furniture; \$150,000 for meeting room furniture; and possible updates to the Programming Room. Some of those requests are many years out. They were not part of the discussion.</p> <p>City Council requested information from Department Heads on reducing future costs and has asked departments to find ways to use technology to improve efficiency.</p> <p>The City's first FY27 budget hearing was last Tuesday.</p> <p>The RiverShare meeting is next Thursday.</p> <p>The State Library's Southeast District Library Consultant, Becky Heil, is retiring. It is unclear if her position will be filled.</p> <p>None of the previously discussed library bills passed the second legislative funnel,</p>
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			<p>but most of the elements of the Omnibus Bill were added as amendments to a bill about Health Departments.</p> <p>There will be a screening of <i>The Librarians</i> at the Putnam Museum. Aschliman highly recommends the documentary.</p> <p>Aschliman listed her community engagement activities for the month and sessions she attended at the PLA Conference.</p> <p>Collections Services</p> <p>Otten reported that the Collections team has been focused on ordering books for the Outreach Vehicle Collection. They have ordered 2/3 of the opening day collection (over 1,000 items) and have processed over 300 of them. They are placing the final order next week. Otten is creating a budget for the Outreach Vehicle collection for next fiscal year.</p> <p>Otten gave a shout out to Tech Services, which is handling double the volume of materials at this time. Carina has been working on adding the Vehicle as a second branch in the library's software.</p>
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			<p>The Growing Libraries platform was set up at the end of March. Growing Libraries allows the Library to look at the community and cardholders, and shows the number of households with library cards and the demographic breakdown. That software will help with growth campaigns and allow staff to be strategic in marketing library cards and services.</p> <p>Customer Service</p> <p>Gibbs reported that there continues to be an increase in cardholders and strong reregistration numbers.</p> <p>The \$5 ILL fee has begun trickling in, and patrons haven't given much feedback on it. They continue to place ILL requests.</p> <p>A few Customer Service staff members attended the PLA Conference.</p> <p>Programming and Public Service</p> <p>Miller reported that he also attended the PLA Conference with three of his staff.</p> <p>It is grant season for the Foundation. Miller's team has submitted grants for</p>
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			<p>Summer Reading Program, Summer Concert Series, Tumblebooks, and others.</p> <p>Miller has been working on developing some Library branded swag, which will be print-on-demand. He's hoping to have it ready for Library Card Sign Up Month in September.</p> <p>Battle of the Books concluded this week and had a record 14 high school teams. The Greenmore Irish Jig Brown Bag Lunch also had a great turnout. Outreach for the month was typical. The Creation Studio continues to do well. Wooden bookmarks created on the laser engraver will be a Summer Reading Program prize.</p> <p>Rabine asked about Book Club participation. Miller reported that they have good participation, and Mystery Book Club is always full.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Miller reported that the Friends held elections. Everyone kept their positions. They are concerned about some of the legislation that has come up and would likely close the bookstore if it passes due</p>
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			<p>to impacts on how donations would be handled.</p> <p>Foundation Pratt reported that the Foundation is doing well. Aschliman added that Birdies for Charity has started. Brochures are available at all the desks, and a mailer will go out soon. Sarver would appreciate the trustees' consideration of a gift this year. Pratt encouraged the trustees to donate.</p>
6. Policies/Contracts	Aschliman	None	None
7. Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Committees Proposal • Library Trustee Terms 	Rabine/Aschliman	Review Proposal	<p>Library Committees Aschliman noted that a recent evaluation of a directive from the State Library suggests that subcommittees are subject to Open Meetings Act. Aschliman will discuss the directive with the City Attorney. She tabled the Board discussion for the May meeting.</p> <p>Trustee Terms Aschliman included a listing of trustees' terms in their packets.</p>
8. Trustee Subcommittee Reports			None
9. Adjournment Next Meeting – May 14, 2026	Rabine		Motion to adjourn by Lawler, second by Lindquist. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

