

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. — Public Library
April 15, 2025

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting. President John White called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members present were: John White, Julie Mieure, Deanna Ratts Boyd, Janet Faro, Jamie Cox, Betsy Loeb and Joan Brian. Library Director Dianne Brumley was present.
Guest: Steve Anderson

New Member Seated: Betsy Loeb was sworn in as a new Board Trustee. She fills the unexpired term of Cyndi Hayes-Morris.

Approval of Minutes: Joan made a motion to approve the March minutes, Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report: John said the budget is doing well. Dianne reported the interest rate on the larger CD is set at 4 percent.

Claims: Dianne noted the April claims include \$12,450 to Tracey Electric for the Furnace and Air Conditioning units. Dianne reported the fax line was down for a short period of time and the service was missed by patrons. Jamie made a motion to accept the claims, Julie seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

Director's Report: Dianne noted delivery of inter-library loans through Heartland Library Share could be affected by IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) budget cuts. The Effingham Public Library is working to facilitate a meeting with Congressman Mike Bost so area libraries can express their concerns. Dianne reported \$466.18 in replacement taxes were received on April 14. Staff members Jennifer Buchanan, Kathy Highsmith and Melissa Hodges attended the Reaching Forward South Conference in Effingham. They noted the event was beneficial. Estabrook Floor Care will shampoo the library carpet after hours on April 19. Dianne noted patrons are using the Hoopla service with usage exceeding the \$6,000 budgeted. She said per capita funds can be used to cover the additional cost. The Tech Grant Quarterly Report was completed on April 14. Funds have been used to replace computer equipment and to make the library website more ADA compliant. Efforts are also being made to digitize high school yearbooks within the collection. The Friends of the Library will host a Book and Bake Sale on May 10. Weston's Lawn Care will be taking over lawn services for the library. Costs are \$25 per mow, \$150

for landscape maintenance, to be performed twice annually, and \$60 per visit for snow removal.

Youth and Program Director's Report: Summer Reading Program registration will begin in May. Caelyn Kasinger, an art education major at Eastern Illinois University, will teach an origami class for ages 6-12 at 11 a.m. on May 17. Story Time ended on April 30 for summer break. It will resume in September. For National Library Week, patrons are being asked to complete a form detailing their favorite books. The information will be used in a display later this year. The library is currently hosted a Civil War display sponsored by the Lawrence County Historical Society. Sherry Zwilling and Nancy King assembled the display.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business:

Personnel: Dianne noted the library is operating with reduced staffing due to a recent retirement. She suggested waiting until the new budget year to consider hiring additional personnel. In the meantime, two IMRF staff members are willing to work additional hours.

Janet Fero, who will be leaving the board when her term expires next month, took a few moments to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve. She noted it had been a great experience.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd