

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
7 p.m. — Public Library  
April 21, 2026

The 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: John White, Deanna Ratts Boyd, Jamie Cox, Betsy Loeb, Bill Richardson and Joan Brian. Absent: Julie Mieure  
Library Director: Dianne Brumley  
Guest: Jason Wright and Steve Anderson

**Approval of Minutes:** Jamie made a motion to approve the February minutes. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

**Discussion of Building Improvements:** Architecture & Design Group Architect Jason Wright discussed several potential upgrades for the library building including installation of ADA compliant automatic doors for the entrance and new back door, replacement of existing HVAC units in the basement and installation of doors for the Genealogy Room to reduce noise while retaining visibility. It was recommended the projects proceed in phases. Jason will obtain estimates for the automatic entrance doors. Dianne noted the Friends of the Library have offered to pay for that project.

**Financial Report:** The February and March reports were reviewed.

**Claims:** Dianne noted Otis Elevator replaced a door switch on the lift. The cost was \$798.90. Customized magnetic clips were purchased to promote National Library Week. Jamie made a motion to accept the claims, Joan seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

**Director's Report:** Dianne said the remaining Technology Grant funds have been spent with the last quarterly report sent to the State Library. The sump pump in the storage room failed during heavy rains in early March. John White purchased and installed two sump pumps. Dianne said the library will need to reimburse John for the purchase. The water ruined a rug, but it has been replaced.

**Youth and Program Director's Report:** Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin in May. Eighteen children, ages 5-12, attended a painting class on April 18. Storytime has concluded and will resume in September. A new book bin with wheels is being purchased for the children's area.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Policies for Adoption:**

- Programming Policy. Language was removed stating programming was offered for all ages. Bill made a motion to adopt the policy. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.
- Notary Services Policy. Jamie made a motion to adopt the policy. Joan seconded. Motion passed.

**Emergency/Disaster Plan:** Dianne noted the plan must be reviewed annually. No changes were needed since its adoption last March. She noted the fire extinguishers are checked routinely and Jennifer checks the AED device monthly. Bill made a motion to accept the plan. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

**Email Address Recommendations:** Jamie attended an IPLAR webinar where it was recommended library trustees establish a separate email for library business in the event there is a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd