

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

Present: Jayne Keiser, Lauren Roberts, Deb Kinney, Billie Ruden, Colleen Bowers, Michelle Knudsen, and Jessica Arieux

Absent: Christine Luedtke

Librarian Report: In August the library was open 89 hours with 468 patrons in the library, 229 physical materials and 186 e-books were checked out. There were 137 computer users, and 3 volunteer hours. Five new library cards were issued and 121 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 54 scavenger hunt cards and 15 coloring pages distributed in August.

FY26 Annual Report: The annual report was discussed. There was a decrease in physical books checked out, but an increase in e-books through Libby. There were less library programs but more attendees for the programs offered. There were more sponsors and partnerships with the library this past year. Light Up Oxford was the largest program for the year.

Independent Reader Collection Development: The Independent Reader section has been updated to help early readers to know where to look for these books. There is now a separate section for these books, and they are no longer combined with the juvenile books.

Posy Pages Book Club: Posy Bakery and Cakes has closed so a new meeting place in North Liberty is needed. There was discussion on various places to try. The next meeting will be held at Caribou Coffee.

Library Book Supplies: There has been a large price increase in book supplies to cover library books. Lauren to look into the price of a laminating machine.

Library Book Sale: The Library fall book sale will be October 10 during the Classic Car Cruise event from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The books will be sold for a free will donation.

Costume Closet: Used Halloween costumes will be available at the library during the month of October. There were plenty leftover from last year. Michelle volunteered the use of a rack she has to use to hang the costumes.

Wacky Wednesday: There has been an increase in children and some behavior issues at Wacky Wednesday. A list of library rules for the children has been developed and will be reviewed with the children before the program starts. Other suggestions to help alleviate bad behavior were positive reinforcement, enforce warnings, cut off computer usage, and send a message to parents.

Strategic Planning: There will be a Strategic Planning meeting on Tuesday, September 22, to update the Oxford Library's strategic planning goals.

New Library Board Member: The new Oxford Board member is Michelle Knudsen.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 PM at the Oxford library.

Motion made and seconded by Ruden/Kinney to adjourn the meeting.