

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2026

Present: Lauren Roberts, Deb Kinney, Billie Ruden, Colleen Bowers, Christine Luedtke, Michele Knudsen and Jessica Arieux

Absent: Jayne Keiser

Call to Order: Colleen Bowers/Christine Luedtke

Librarian Report: In June the library was open 125 Hours with 388 patrons in the library, 279 physical materials and 200 e-books were checked out. There were 53 computer users and 7.5 volunteer hours. Two new library cards were issued, and 185 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 20 scavenger hunt cards and 5 coloring pages distributed in June.

In July the library was open 133 Hours with 515 patrons in the library, 274 physical materials and 209 e-books were checked out. There were 107 computer users and 0 volunteer hours. There were no new library cards issued, and 263 patrons attended the various programs in the library along with Treetop Tales at Callyx Lavender Farm. There were 42 scavenger hunt cards and 0 coloring pages distributed in June.

Summer Programs: There were lots of good turn out for summer programs. Messy Play will be moving so will not be able to partner with next year. Would like to continue to partner with Mississippi River museum. As summer closes out will investigate other opportunities throughout the next year, possible idea Natural History Museum

Lauren put together a historical display and social media series on Facebook to celebrate the United States 250th. The social media series, including historical places in town was popular with several “likes” on the platform.

Building Maintenance: With the amount of rain Oxford has seen, there were noticeable roof leaks in the back of the building. The Public Works department had people out and got patches fixed on the roof and new tiles inside the building.

Library Assistant: New library assistance position started July 1st. Megan Dial-Lapcewich will now work approximately 10 hours a week, give or take for programming needs. Not to go over allotted yearly hours.

Library Hours: The library will be closed for 2 weeks, Lauren will be taking vacation time, Megan will be doing some deep cleaning. Megan will also participate in a couple of meetings while Lauren is off.

Adult Book Fair: The adult book fair was a hit; Lauren was able to get several books free to add to the library. Would like to partner again with Side Kick Coffee & Books, looking at possibly around Christmas time.

Election of Officers:

Jayne Keisner-Secretary; 6 Yes/0 No

Christine Luedtke-Vice President; 6 Yes/0 No

Billie Ruden-President; 6 Yes/0 No

Strategic Planning: Need to continue next round of strategic planning. Will set up a separate meeting for discussion and planning. This will be on September 22nd at 6pm. Lauren has a planned meeting with district consultant with the state on September 11th to help guide the process.

Next Meeting: September 16th, 2026 @ 6pm

Call to Adjourn: Billie Ruden/Colleen Bowers