

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

Present: Jayne Keiser, Lauren Roberts, Colleen Bowers, Christine Luedtke, Jessica Arieux, Deb Kinney, and Megan Dial-Lapcewich.

Absent: Billie Ruden

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded by Arieux/Kinney to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

Librarian Report - In September the library was open 97 hours with 291 patrons in the library, 31 computer users, 15 volunteer hours, 239 physical materials and 173 e-books were checked out. Five new library cards were issued. 58 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 47 scavenger hunt cards distributed in September.

Iowa Library Association - Lauren attended the Iowa Library Association conference on October 1 - 3 in Sioux City. She is planning to implement some of the "Beat the Blues" activities that were presented at the conference this winter.

Library Book Sale - The library's fall book sale was held on Saturday, October 4 from 10 am to 3 pm. during Oxford's Car Cruise. It was well attended with 126 patrons at the sale and a total of \$732 in sales. In the future books will be half price once they have been included in two book sales without being purchased.

Costume Closet - Costumes were available to check out during the book sale and afterwards in October. Several costumes were checked out at the book sale.

Library Reorganization - Lauren reorganized the adult fiction books by extending the books into the area previously used for DVDs. The craft supplies that were moved to the back room and the DVDs were moved to the former craft supply area. The back room is planned to be reorganized during winter break.

Fall Movie in the Park - The fall movie in Creekside Park will be on October 18 beginning at 5 pm with set up starting at 3:30 pm. It will be a Halloween themed movie. Face and pumpkin painting, games, scavenger hunt, and popcorn will be offered.

Computer Grant Update - Megan applied for three new computers for the Oxford library. The grant paperwork was submitted the first Friday in September. Three of the library's computer are no longer functional so the grant is needed. The award has not been made to date.

Donation Policy - It was decided the donation policy should be more specific as to what is acceptable. Books published within the last ten years will be accepted at the discretion of the librarian. Also an added statement that the donated books will be used for book sales to help raise money for new books. The policy will be updated by Lauren and presented at our next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, November 3 at 6:30 P.M. at the library.

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