

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

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

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

Librarian Report: In March the library was open 106.5 hours with 392 patrons in the library, 218 physical materials and 87 e-books were checked out. There were 107 computer users, and 44 volunteer hours. Three new library cards were issued and 87 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 66 scavenger hunt cards, 14 weekly question sheets, and ten craft bags distributed in March.

Summer Reading Program: Lauren is scheduling various programs to take place during this year's Summer Reading Program. She has contacted Navigation Play, the Mississippi River Museum, Grout Museum, Cultural Iowa workshop, and a board game company from Des Moines to schedule their programs this summer. She will be setting up the Summer Reading calendar of events this month. The prizes will be bought with money in the library's budget.

Oxford Library Book Sale: Megan has finished weeding out old books and DVDs from the library's collection to sell at the Oxford Library Book Sale. The book sale will be held April 25 from 10 am to 3 pm during the Rural Road Trip.

Library Assistant: Applications have closed for the new library assistant position that was approved by the Oxford City Council. Lauren will review the applications this week. The new library assistant will be for ten hours per week.

Library Cards: New library cards are being purchased that will be more durable to replace the current paper library cards. Lauren approved the proof for the new cards that will have bar codes to make checking out books easier.

Corridor Libraries Meeting: Lauren and Megan recently attended the quarterly Corridor Libraries meeting. There will be more educational services in the future that the library can use. They attended sessions on how to attract library volunteers, and businesses to bring into the library as an out-reach.

Summer Story Time at Calyx Lavender Farm: Megan will present summer story times as an Oxford Library outreach at the Calyx Lavender Farm on Tuesdays this summer. It will be held on the deck of the tree house at the farm. A craft will be included with the story. It will serve as a way to encourage participants to join the summer reading program at the Oxford Library.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM at the Oxford library.

Motion made and seconded by Dial-Lapcewich/Keiser.

