Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2026

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

Absent: Christine Luedtke and Michelle Knudsen

Minutes: The September Oxford Library Board minutes approved and seconded by Kinney/Arieux.

Librarian Report: In September the library was open 94 hours with 708 patrons in the library, 239 physical materials and 136 e-books were checked out. There were 176 computer users, and 11 volunteer hours. Four new library cards were issued and 89 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 94 scavenger hunt cards and 6 coloring pages distributed in September.

Library Fall Book Sale: The Library fall book sale was held on October 10 during the Classic Car Cruise event. The books were sold for a free will donation and $750 was raised for the library. A colored sticker method was used to determine which books were not sold after being for sale at several book sales. Those books will be discarded. Books needed for the next sale will be obtained through donations and weeding the library collection.

Costume Closet: Used Halloween costumes are available at the library during the month of October. Costumes have been selected by library patrons and new people have visited the library because of the Costume Closet. There have been additional costume donations as well.

Wacky Wednesday: The children's behavior at Wacky Wednesday has generally been better. The list of library rules for the children have been reviewed before the program starts each week. The children earned back their treats by following the rules.

Light Up Oxford Planning: Lauren has begun planning the Library's activities for this year's Light Up Oxford event. The theme will involve the Grinch. There will be a craft table, an active game, assembly table, a story time in the back and possibly bingo.

Strategic Plan Document Updates: The Strategic Plan surveys that were returned indicated that patrons want the library to have additional learning activities, crafts, local history, game nights, laminating services, and adult kits. The Strategic Plan proposed updates were discussed and a final version of the document was tabled until the next meeting.

Legislature Reception: The annual Johnson County Librarians and Iowa Legislature reception will be at the North Liberty Library on December 14. Lauren and Megan will attend. The members of the Oxford Library Board are welcome to come.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 PM at the Oxford library.

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