

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026

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

Absent: Christine Luedtke and Megan Dial-Lapcewich

Librarian Report: In May the library was open 120 hours with 628 patrons in the library, 200 physical materials and 157 e-books were checked out. There were 152 computer users, and 50.5 volunteer hours. Two new library cards were issued and 180 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 39 scavenger hunt cards, 48 weekly question sheets, and 30 coloring pages distributed in May.

Summer Reading Program: Lauren has scheduled 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 and scheduled their programs this summer. The prizes will be bought with money in the library's budget.

Library Cards: New library cards have been received that are more durable to replace the current paper library cards. The cards can be scanned and fit easily in wallets. Enough cards were purchased so new ones won't be needed for a long time.

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.

Movie In the Park Summer Kick-Off Event: The Library's summer movie kick-off event on May 30 in Creekside Park was not well attended with 36 attendees. Lauren is planning to have a movie in the park this fall and will reassess afterwards if the movies in the park should continue.

Adult Book Fair: An adult book fair will be taking place at the Oxford Library on June 12 in conjunction with Side Kicks Coffee & Books. A Facebook sales event will precede the Oxford Library event. The library will received 20% of the sales in free items for the library.

Oxford Library Board New Meeting Day: A poll was taken and the Oxford Library Board will be meeting the third Wednesday of the month starting at our next meeting on August 13.

Election of Officers: The election of officers for the Oxford Library Board will take place at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 PM at the Oxford library.

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

