

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2025

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

Absent: Deb Kinney

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

Librarian Report - In October the library was open 115 hours with 492 patrons in the library, 49 computer users, 41 volunteer hours, 262 physical materials and 189 e-books were checked out. Six new library cards were issued. 322 patrons attended the various programs in the library. There were 64 scavenger hunt cards and 12 coloring pages distributed in October.

Fall Movie in the Park - The fall Halloween themed movie in Creekside Park was held on October 18. The event went well. There was face and pumpkin painting, games, scavenger hunt, and popcorn offered.

October Library Programming - Wacky Wednesday included a session of cup cake decorating that was fun for the attendees. There were 74 children that came to the library for trick or treat, and approximately 20 people selected costumes from the costume closet. Donations for the costume closet will be taken until November 22 and then the costumes will be stored until next fall.

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 computers are no longer functional so the grant is needed. The award has not been made as of the meeting.

PaperPie Learning Books - PaperPie is a book company with a representative living in Oxford. There will be a link on PaperPie's website for library patrons to purchase books for themselves with a portion of the sales going to supply free books for the Oxford Library. The book sale is scheduled to start the week before Thanksgiving.

New Wholesaler Plan - The current wholesale book seller for libraries is going out of business. Libraries are scrambling to find a new wholesaler with large libraries mainly going to Ingram. Lauren proposed to use Amazon for adult books until a new wholesaler can be found due to Amazon's free shipping. She will be partnering with Sidekick Coffee and Bookstore for purchasing children's books. Lauren will be purchasing large print books from Thorndike Press on a trial basis.

Library Partnerships - The library will be partnering with Sidekick Coffee and Bookstore. Johnson County Public Health will be partnering with the library in November taking a public health survey of patrons. Posey Bakery will be making small cookies for library programming.

Light Up Oxford Fun Night - Light Up Oxford Fun Night will be Friday, December 5 from 4 - 8 PM with story time, crafts, games, and the Elf passport at the library. A sensory station using cotton balls will be added. Volunteers will be needed.

Donation Policy - The Donation Policy was updated by Lauren and the revised version was reviewed by the Library Board. A motion was made and seconded by Dial-Lapcewich/Luedtke to approve the revised Donation Policy. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 1 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom.

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

Special Meeting of the Oxford Library Board on November 19, 2025

A special Oxford Library Board meeting was called on November 19 to vote on using the Library's special funds to pay for two adult and one child computer as the grant submitted was not given to the library.

A motion was made and seconded by Ruden/Keiser that the Library's special funds be used to purchase three computers for the library. Motion passed.