

Spirit Lake Library Board Meeting
February 9, 2026

Present at the meeting: Roger Brockshus, Christa Butler, Carolyn Butterworth, Frank Christenson, Matt Early, Krista Elmquist, Heather Kalkhoff, Rachel Maly, Tanner Metz.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by president Butler. Minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting were read by Butterworth. Kalkhoff moved, seconded by Christenson, that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The board welcomed Rachel Maly, the new Library Director.

Public Comment & Correspondance :

- A letter was received, along with a check for \$10,000, from the Carnegie Corporation. There are no conditions for use of the grant.

Financial Report:

Total Library revenue for December 2025 was \$7,610.90, with expenses of \$28,209.81. Total Friends revenue for December 2025 was \$960.22, with expenses of \$802.69. Total library revenue for January 2026 was \$3,003.35, with expenses of \$28,990.84. Friends revenue for January 2026 was \$2,544.55, with expenses of \$19,319.58. Motion by Metz, seconded by Christenson, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Over the past month, both a high school and a middle school class have visited in order to become familiar with and use the library. They have expressed intention to return on a regular basis.
- The Bridges agreement FY27 was renewed at a cost of \$1,877,31, due in July.
- Hoople usage remains strong, with the daily spending cap frequently reached early in the day, resulting in unmet demand and patron dissatisfaction. It may be necessary to explore an increase in purchasing allocations in the future.
- The events for the summer reading program entertainment shared with Arnolds Park and Milford libraries have been finalized and scheduled for 2026.
- The Wednesday evening AA group will use the community room and has agreed that library programming will take precedence, with at least one week notice provided to the group if the room is needed.

Old Business:

- The issue with the public copier and coin machine has not yet been resolved.
- The purchase of microfilm and digitation services from Advantage Archives will be postponed until next year, with the plan to purchase two years at a time.

New Business:

- Krista will publish an advertisement for two parttime library assistants.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be Monday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m.

Early moved, seconded by Kalkhoff, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Butterworth, Secretary