

Spirit Lake Library Board Meeting

April 13, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by president Butler. Minutes of the March 9, 2026, meeting were read by Butterworth. Metz moved, seconded by Christenson, that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

Total library revenue for March 2026 was \$317.05, with expenses of \$28,734.57. Friends' revenue for March 2026 was \$512.14, with expenses of \$686.16. Motion by Christenson, seconded by Butterworth, to approve the reports. Motion carried. Maly noted that library expenditures are on target for this fiscal YTD.

Director's Report:

- The last day for Krista Elmquist will be May 1, 2026.
- Hoopla spending has been increased by an additional \$50/month, totaling \$600 per month.
- No resolution has been reached with Access Business Systems.
- The contract with Better World Books has been reinstated in order to facilitate the library weeding project. This organization sends books overseas and also sells books, with 20% going to our library.
- Biblionix has been updated to accept changed library card numbers for use with Libby, thus retaining patrons' accounts, history, holds, etc.
- The counter on the door was replaced with a digital model which will facilitate more accurate records and simplify record keeping.
- The furniture for the children's area has arrived.
- Local businesses have been contacted and asked for donations of funds and/or prizes for the Summer Reading Program.
- A \$1,000 donation was received from the Rick family in memory of Sara Rick. They will be recognized as a sponsor for the Summer Reading program, and funds will be used for adult mysteries, juvenile fiction, and programming.
- Summer Reading Program events will be finalized by May 1.
- Eighty 1st grade students will visit the library May 12. They will tour the library, participate in stations, and each student will receive a book.

Old Business:

- Action on staff wages was tabled until a future meeting.

New Business:

- Oscar DeLong has been hired as the Programming Librarian/Assistant Director position. He has a background as a Director in Academic Libraries and begins the position today.

The next regular meeting of the library board will be Monday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Brockshus moved, seconded by Metz, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Butterworth, Secretary