

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
20th March 2025

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Community Room of the Independence Public Library.

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Nancy Dodge, Emily Ownby, Jake Bass, Deb Clark, Quentin Stenger and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Lisa Lorenzen, Associate Clerk, and Bret Weber City Council Liaison.

Meeting was called to order by Robin Bleichner at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jake Bass seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Quentin Stenger and seconded by Jake Bass to approve the March bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Great participation with the Library Events for the month.

New Business

Budget Amendment FY25

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to the amended FY25 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Reference Policy

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Quentin Stenger to approve the policy as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

IPL Budget FY 2026

A motion was made by Emily Ownby and seconded by Quentin Stenger update the difference in amount to make the budget balance. The bottom-line number remains the same.

Miscellaneous

Legislative Update

Went over House Bills that are pending and would be very detrimental to public libraries in Iowa. Discussed how to advocate for libraries in regards to the bills.

BCCF Grant Update

Grant proposal for a seating area/shade and programming area in the front of Oaklee for events outside.

Google to Microsoft

Moving from Google to Microsoft. City email addresses were updated to comply with police standards, and are now first initial last name @independenceia.gov. An example is lblaker@independenceia.gov. The City would like the library to move all work currently on Google over to Microsoft applications. There are some complications that would need to be addressed in order to do that and continue to provide the current level of customer service. Doing so will also require a great deal of time.

Lighting Update

Independence Light and Power updated the switches with no labor costs. Thank you, ILPT.

Board Training

Legislative Update

Board and Staff Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Quentin Stenger to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark

Secretary