

## Oelwein Public Library Minutes – February 11, 2026

The Oelwein Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Oelwein Public Library.

**Present:** Ingersoll, VanDenHul, Franzen, Kerns, Payne, and Macken

**Absent:** Mars

President Ingersoll called the meeting to order at 5:08.

**Agenda Approved:** Kerns made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by VanDenHul. Motion carried.

**Minutes Approved:** Franzen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Kerns. Motion carried.

**Correspondence and communications:** none

**Trustee Training:** Recruit New Trustees - A good partnership between the library board and city government is to work collaboratively on filling board vacancies. In Iowa, mayors appoint library board members, followed by council approval. The mayor's office is happy to take suggestions, and that's where the current board can be a partner.

### **Director's Report:**

- Foundation Meeting – The Library Foundation Board met on January 28. Dennis Pixler's term has expired and people are being considered for the Library Board's approval. The Foundation is sponsoring *A Dinosaur is Loose in the Library* for the Summer Reading Program. The program includes activities such as a fossil digging station and a hatch-your-own-dino egg.
- Fireplace – The fireplace needed a cleaning and parts check as this has not been done since it was installed. Lil' Bit of Country Stoves and Fireplaces from Strawberry Point did an excellent job in getting it back in good working order.
- Fire Sprinkler- The fire sprinkler in the meeting room vestibule was leaking water. Blackhawk Sprinklers replaced it with a new sprinkler.
- Reading Summit- The Summer Reading Program Summit will be held at the Oelwein Library on March 10.
- Tax Assistance – ISU Extension is holding tax preparation assistance at the library on select days in February and March. They have had a good turnout for this program.
- Building Insurance – Vogel Insurance gave updated information on the building and grounds insurance. The deductible is \$25,000. The director will report on how much is the premium and the value and the deductible for the building.
- Programs –
  - Twenty-seven people participated in the activities for the "Bring your Child to the Library" day.
  - Head Start students visited February 11 for Sensory Story Time. LEGO Club will be February 18.
  - The Glass Fusion class is February 28. Twenty-two people have registered; the class is full.

**Friends' Report:**

- The Chocolate Fest February 13, 4:30-7:00.
- Friends are sponsoring the *Founding Mothers* program presented by Laura Keyes on March 5 at 4:30. Posters and program descriptions was sent to the local care facilities. Staff will send this information to Franzen for the school and Ingersoll for Maplecrest.

**Bills Approved:** VanDenHul made a motion to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Kerns. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Policy Review:** Employee Levels and Benefits: Kens made a motion to approve the policy as reviewed. Seconded by VanDenHul. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** VanDenHul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Macken

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00**