

URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
February 24, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ward, Tom Graves, Kerry Vande Kieft, Diana Ripperger, Caleb Cooper

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Janning, Leslie Noble, Staci Stanton, Leah Cummings

CITIZENS PRESENT: Jon Jeffrey

CALL TO ORDER: Greg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Diana read the Character Counts Statement.

APPROVE AGENDA: Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Kerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed to approve the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES: Diana made a motion to approve the January minutes. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None

APPROVE BILL LIST: Kerry made a motion to approve the bill list. Caleb seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed to approve the bill list.

STAFF PRESENTATION: Staci Stanton regarding Programming and Outreach

I.) New Business

A.) Potential donation for a mural in youth area

- The board is open to the idea. Nicholas will move forward with Kading Properties with possible community involvement in the future.

B.) Enrich Iowa funding request: Digital materials budget

- \$15,000 to supplement our digital budget for the rest of the fiscal year. Bridges and Hoopla continue to be very popular and heavily used. This amount will cover the cost of funding our digital collections through June 2025.

Kerry made a motion to approve the Enrich Iowa request for the digital materials budget. Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

C.) Enrich Iowa funding request: Craft and Hobby database

- \$3,000 to renew our yearly subscription to Craft & Hobby. Despite a slow start, we are seeing numbers increase each month. We are also working on programming that utilizes Craft & Hobby, and have recently added knit and crochet kits to the collection. We are interested in expanding our Library of Things with craft and hobby kits that would encourage people to use this database while checking out kits from the library.

Diana made a motion approve the Enrich Iowa request to renew yearly subscription to Craft & Hobby. Kerry seconded the motion. Diana, Kerry, Caleb, and Greg voted in favor. Tom voted against the motion. The motion passed.

D.) Request for Food for Fines for National Library Week 2025: Saturday, April 5th – Sunday, April 13th

Tom made a motion to approve the request for Food for Fines for National Library Week 2025. Kerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II.) Director's Report

A.) State legislation update

- Nicholas gave a brief overview of the library bills that have been introduced in the state legislature.

B.) Tentative date for presentation to city council for approval of OPN: March 4, 2025

- Nicholas will give a short presentation regarding our project and answer questions.
- ILA Capital Day: Tuesday, March 5th, several staff went down to the capital.
- AUR Proclamation: The Mayor announced the book selection for 2025 All Urbandale Reads at the February 4th City Council meeting. (The Light Pirate)
- The library's annual staff in-service was held on February 17th.
- The library was closed on Wednesday, February 12th due to inclement weather.
- The Community Fridge is up and running and volunteers have been assigned to keep the fridge clean and organized.

Kerry moved and Caleb seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Greg Ward
President

Attest: Leah Cummings