

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
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The agenda for this meeting was posted in public in all Scott County Library System Libraries in accordance with Iowa law. President Kristal Koberg Schaefer called to order the August 25, 2025, meeting of the Scott County Library Board of Trustees at noon at the Eldridge branch.

Board of Trustees present: Dan True, Kevin Cahill, Kristal Koberg Schaefer (zoom), Marty O'Boyle, Chuck Brockmann, Niki Wuestenberg (zoom), Linda Tuftee (zoom), Angie Ehlers, and Director Tricia Kane.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by Linda Tuftee; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Kevin Cahill moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Marty O'Boyle. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Receipts: The Accounts Payable Report for the meeting of Scott County Board of Supervisors for 7/19/25 – 8/15/25 were reviewed and discussed. Niki Wuestenberg moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

Review of the Circulation and Budget: July circulation has increased compared to last year and digital circulation is on par. Other digital circulation (World Book) is very high and we saw a great use of that for the first month. Patron count is increasing and program attendance is great. Staff interaction has really increased (patrons asking more questions). We are seeing people using the library as a resource. Budget – donations have already been more than we anticipated!

Director's Report:

- The Scholastic Book Fair was a success, and \$1,400 in Scholastic dollars was raised. These will be used to purchase items for the collections and prize books for reading programs. A huge thank you to Emily Haage, youth services coordinator, for planning the fair, and to the Friends of the Eldridge Library who volunteered to work the event.
- Summer Reading has ended, and a report will be given at an upcoming meeting. Attendance was great - lots of positive comments on the program and the Finale Party held in Eldridge on July 28.
- Kerri Weipert and Tricia were with the Bookmobile at Sheridan Meadows Park for the National Night Out on August 5th. It was a successful event, with over 450 people stopping at the table. We were asked to participate by the Eldridge Police Department, and this is something new for us. The event pulled in law enforcement agencies from the county and attracted families from around the area, and it was an excellent opportunity to increase our visibility in the community.
- Jeraca, Kerri, Emily and Tricia will each staff a table at the Unpack Your Backpack events at the larger elementary schools that the bookmobile visits.
- We have started placing orders and receiving items using the grant funding from RDA for the Learn to Read collection. This is going to be a valuable addition to our collections,

and we will have a portal on our website with information to help people find the materials that they need and will provide links to vetted resources. The portal is anticipated to go live on August 26th.

Old Business:

Director's Annual Evaluation needs to be submitted to Kristal by September 15.

New Business:

Display Policy – Discussion was held on tightening the language under the “Bulletin Board” section. Marty O’Boyle moved to strike the last paragraph and limit postings to non-profit organizations; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion Carried.

Circulation Policy – Dan True moved to approve the addition of the graphing calculator on the list of items in Appendix A of the Circulation Policy; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

Niki Wuestenberg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2025 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Ehlers