

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Library Community Room - 805 1st Street East
Agenda

Meeting Opening

1. Introduction of Guests
2. Approve the Agenda
The agenda may be amended to remove items during this time, but no items may be added to the agenda.
3. Approve Minutes

Financials

4. Approve Bills

Statistics

5. Statistics Report

New Business

6. Election of Officers
7. Infectious Disease Policy
8. November Closure/Staff Development Change

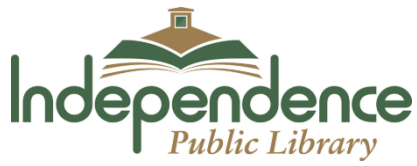
Unfinished Business

Miscellaneous

9. Programming Update
10. Iowa Library Association Conference
11. Library Board Training
12. Board and Staff Reports

Adjournment

This agenda is subject to change.



Library Board

Item Description

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Approve Minutes

Background:

Review minutes.

Recommendation:

Make any needed changes and approve the minutes.

Attachments:

1. IPL Minutes July 26

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
July 16, 2026

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, Robin Bleichner, Quentin Stenger, Deb Clark, Jake Bass, Kay Reidy, Nancy Dodge, and Andy Hudson, Also, Michelle Nejd, Deputy Clerk, Bret Weber, City Liaison. Michael Coonrad guest.

The 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 Deb Clark to approve the May minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Robin Bleichner to approve the June minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Jake Bass to approve the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Social media has been a helpful and timely tool for sharing information about summer activities.

New Business

Prize and Incentives Policy

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Kay Reidy to approve the changes in the Prize and Incentives Policy and update the revised date to July 16, 2026. The motion carries unanimously.

Fine and Fees Policy

A motion was made by Quentin Stenger and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the changes in the policy and update the revised date to July 16, 20126. The motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Update

Laura shared the library's progress towards strategic goals. They accomplished twenty-three goals that were due in FY26.

August Board Meeting

A motion was made by Quentin Stenger and seconded by Kay Reidy to change the August board meeting to Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Miscellaneous

Programming Update

Summer reading program has 1101 participants at this time with 732,000 minutes read as of July 14, 2026.

RAGBRAI will be stopping in Independence. The library will be open till 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026, offering freezer pops and photo opportunity with Oaklee.

Park by the Library

BankIowa has donated \$15,000.00 for the naming rights of the seating area north of the library which includes tables and umbrellas.

Budget Forecast

The City has requested that the budget process begin in September due to changes in state taxes, which are expected to reduce the general fund by at least \$300,000.00.

Little Free Libraries

Eight Little Free Library hosts will be sought among residents, businesses, and organizations. Hosts would be responsible for supplying as well as repairing and maintaining a little library. The goal is to have the little libraries available to the community but not have financial and maintenance/repair fall to the library. Books and stewards could be supplied through the library if hosts desired.

Website Revision

Laura shared the revised website design with the library board and guest.

Board Training

The training focused on the Strategic Plan status update and website revision.

Board and Staff Reports

None

Adjournment

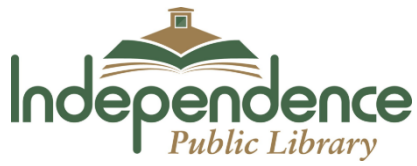
A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Quentin Stenger to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark

Secretary



Library Board

Item Description

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Approve Bills

Background:

Review bills.

Recommendation:

Discuss and approve the bills.

Attachments:

1. 26August Bills
2. FY27 Library Bills through August 2026

Independence Public Library Monthly Bills August 2026

1	003-410-6210 Dues & Memberships		\$389.58
2	Visa Card Services (Des Moines Register, Waterloo/CF Courier)	\$ 118.58	
3	Rotary Club of Independence (quarterly fee)	\$ 157.00	
4	Bulletin Journal (yearly renewal fee)	\$ 114.00	
5	003-410-6310 Contract Repair & Maintenance		\$581.56
6	Precision Plumbing Heating & Air (Inv# i1711 - toilet replacement)	\$ 581.56	
7	003-410-6371 Electricity		\$1,622.59
8	Independence Light & Power	\$ 1,607.34	
9	Mid American Energy	\$ 15.25	
10	003-410-6373 Communications (Phone & Internet)		\$253.02
11	Independence Light & Power	\$ 253.02	
12	003-410-6399 Other Maintenance & Repair		\$263.68
13	Amazon Credit Services (geothermal filters)	\$ 263.68	
14	003-410-6409 Janitorial		\$1,635.00
15	Midwest Janitorial Services (Inv# 262381)	\$ 1,635.00	
16	003-410-6419 Computer Expense		\$5,650.30
17	Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Company (Inv# 106925 - yearly fee)	\$ 600.00	
18	Biblionix (Inv# 12629 - yearly fee)	\$ 3,205.00	
19	T-Mobile (monthly hotspot fees)	\$ 119.70	
20	Visa Card Services (DeepFreeze renewal, Hotspots yearly fee)	\$ 1,725.60	
21	003-410-6502 Books		\$3,010.77
22	Brodart (Acct#140052 - Invoices listed below)	\$ 890.11	
23	Ingram (Acct# 20AZ626, 20C7887 - Invoices listed below)	\$ 1,052.22	
24	Cengage (Inv# 999102919485, 999102930176, 999102949904)	\$ 162.35	
25	Amazon Credit Services (Amazon.com purchases)	\$ 571.07	
26	Library Ideas (Inv# 131813)	\$ 56.66	
27	Coralville Public Library (ILL fee for unreturned item)	\$ 20.00	
28	Center Point Large Print (Inv# 2260634, 2261524, 2262634)	\$ 140.73	
29	Perma-bound (Inv# 2041004-02)	\$ 117.63	
30	003-410-6506 Office Supplies		\$305.22
31	Amazon Credit Services (tape, labels, cardstock, guest book)	\$ 89.89	
32	Demco (Inv# 7828981)	\$ 143.33	
33	ACI (Inv# 6854984 - IPL bookmarks)	\$ 72.00	
34	003-410-6507 Operating Supplies		\$64.30
35	Cole's Ace Hardware (water softener salt & cleanout plug)	\$ 42.55	
36	Amazon Credit Services (lithium batteries)	\$ 16.96	
37	Independence Public Library (reimburse petty cash)	\$ 4.79	
38	003-410-6508 Postage		\$15.20
39	Independence Public Library (reimburse petty cash)	\$ 8.60	
40	Visa Card Services (ILL postage)	\$ 6.60	
41	003-410-6530 Programming		\$140.67
42	Independence Public Library (reimburse petty cash)	\$ 58.01	
43	Amazon Credit Services (1000BBK graduation hats)	\$ 18.99	
44	Elissa Dodge (reimbursement for Books to Blooms supplies)	\$ 63.67	
45	003-410-6531 Video Recordings		\$89.97
46	Amazon Credit Services (Amazon.com purchases)	\$ 89.97	
47	003-410-6532 Audio Recordings		\$116.95
48	Blackstone Publishing (Inv# 2241926)	\$ 116.95	
49	Total General Fund Expenses for Month	\$ 14,138.81	\$14,138.81

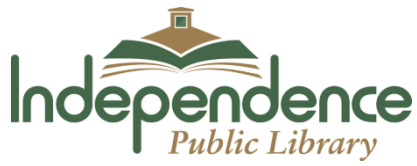
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Independence Public Library FY27 Budget

Line Item	Beginning Balance	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total	Remaining Balance	Percent Expended
Salaries - Full Time	\$ 206,370.00	\$ 15,876.82	\$ -											\$ 15,876.82	\$ 190,493.18	7.69%
Salaries - Part Time	\$ 110,235.00	\$ 8,462.41	\$ -											\$ 8,462.41	\$ 101,772.59	7.68%
Wages - Overtime	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 750.00	0.00%
ICMA RC - City Share	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 157.00	\$ -											\$ 157.00	\$ 2,843.00	5.23%
Dues & Memberships	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 78.60	\$ 389.58											\$ 468.18	\$ 3,131.82	13.01%
Training in House	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Meetings/Conferences/Miles	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Contract Repair & Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 581.56											\$ 581.56	\$ 4,418.44	11.63%
Grounds Operation, Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -											\$ 60.00	\$ 940.00	6.00%
Electricity/Gas Utilities	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 1,371.65	\$ 1,622.59											\$ 2,994.24	\$ 18,605.76	13.86%
Communications (Phone)	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 253.72	\$ 253.02											\$ 506.74	\$ 2,893.26	14.90%
Other Maintenance/Repair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 142.93	\$ 263.68											\$ 406.61	\$ 3,093.39	11.62%
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$ 16,492.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 16,492.00	0.00%
Janitorial	\$ 24,220.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,635.00											\$ 3,270.00	\$ 20,950.00	13.50%
Printing & Publishing	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 750.00	0.00%
Computer Expense	\$ 8,046.00	\$ 808.53	\$ 5,650.30											\$ 6,458.83	\$ 1,587.17	80.27%
Professional Services	\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -											\$ 15.00	\$ 60.00	20.00%
Library Books	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 4,869.66	\$ 3,010.77											\$ 7,880.43	\$ 24,119.57	24.63%
Office Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 189.59	\$ 305.22											\$ 494.81	\$ 3,505.19	12.37%
Operating Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 272.31	\$ 64.30											\$ 336.61	\$ 2,663.39	11.22%
Postage & Shipping	\$ 500.00	\$ 78.28	\$ 15.20											\$ 93.48	\$ 406.52	18.70%
Safety Supplies	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 75.00	0.00%
Programming	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 26.68	\$ 140.67											\$ 167.35	\$ 7,832.65	2.09%
Video Recordings	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 271.36	\$ 89.97											\$ 361.33	\$ 1,888.67	16.06%
Audio Recordings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 197.95	\$ 116.95											\$ 314.90	\$ 2,685.10	10.50%
Ebooks	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,058.56	\$ -											\$ 2,058.56	\$ 2,941.44	41.17%
Audiobooks (Downloadable)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	0.00%
Video Streaming	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -											\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Totals	\$ 479,363.00	\$ 36,826.05	\$ 14,138.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,964.86	\$ 428,398.14	10.63%
Capital Outlay/Equipment	\$ 8,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00	0.00%
Capital Outlay/Building	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	0.00%



Library Board

Item Description

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Statistics Report

Background:

Statistics included for review.

Recommendation:

Discuss the statistics.

Attachments:

1. 26July Stats

Independence Public Library Circulation and Usage Report for July 2026

Materials Usage

City of Independence Circulation	4,094
Unincorporated Buchanan County Circulation	1,765
Incorporated Buchanan County w/Libraries	572
Contracting Cities	170
Outside of Buchanan County Circulation (Open Access)	463
Items Loaned to Other Libraries (Access Plus)	62
Total Materials Circulation for Month	7,126

Patrons

Total Number of Patrons for Month	4,991
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Computer & Wireless Headphone Usage

Desktop Computer Usage for Month	400
In-House Laptop Usage for Month	0
Wireless Computer Usage for Month	523
Early Literacy Station Usage for Month	202
Wireless Headphone Usage for Month	28

Library of Things Usage

Activity Equipment	10
Puzzles	76
Hotspots	24
Cake Pans	0
Memory Kits	0

Web Site Usage

Total Visitors	3,150
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BRIDGES Usage

Total Usage	2,462
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Facebook, Civic Send, Instagram & Google Profile

Facebook Followers	3,335
Facebook Total Reach	73,163
Mass Emails/Constant Contact Opened	3,185
Instagram Likes	94
Instagram Followers	610
Google Profile Interactions	569
Google Profile Views	724

Mobile App Usage

Patron Count	438
Usage	1646

Kanopy Usage

Visits	438
Plays	178

Material Additions

Books	179
DVDs	8
CDs	5
VOX Books	2
Total Additions for Month	194

Material Withdrawals

Total Withdrawals for Month	44
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Additions Breakdown

Adult Biography & NonFiction = B-2, 200-2, 300-4, 500-1, 600-13, 700-11, 900-6
 Adult Fiction = F-47, M-2, SF-1, LPF-14, LPM-1, LPW-2, LP Rotating - 3
 Young Adult NonFiction = 100-2, 3001
 Young Adult Fiction = YAF-5, GR-3
 Juvenile Biography & NonFiction = 300-1, 500-4, 700-1, 900-1
 Juvenile Fiction = JF-13, GR-11, Just Right-2
 Juvenile Easy NonFiction = 500-2
 Juvenile Easy = Easy-25
 CDs = Adult-5
 DVDs = Adult-7, Juvenile-1
 VOX Books - JE-2

Withdrawals Breakdown

ANF-4, AF-7, LP Rotating-21, JF-2, Just Right-2, JE-2, BB-1, DVD-3, JDVD-4, JCD-1, LOT-1

Usage Comparison					
Year	Materials	Patrons	Computer	Web Site	BRIDGES
2026	7126	4991	923	3150	2462
2025	7082	5705	794	3338	2179
2024	7435	5587	907	3351	2020
2023	7490	5052	832	2648	1638
2022	6573	4848	821	2682	1638
2021	6417	3285	419	2548	1426
2020	4900	2397	469	3711	1292

Independence Public Library Circulation and Usage Report for July 2026

Study Rooms - 46 usages

Library Events (Community Room)

Adult Events & General Interest (All Ages) Events

7/6/2026 Prairie Walk @ Cortright - 3 adults 1 child
7/14/2026 DIY Beaded Plant - 15 adults
7/15/2026 Caregiver Support Group - 4 adults
7/16/2026 Dungeons & Dragons for Adults - 4 adults
7/21/2026 Dungeons & Dragons for Adults - 5 adults
7/23/2026 From Iowa to Everest with Jen Loeb - 23 adults 1 teen 1 child
7/27/2026 Book Discussion - 10 adults
7/29/2026 Daytime Book Discussion - 9 adults
7/30/2026 Welcome to Medicare with BCHC - 33 adults

Teen & Tween Events

7/2/2026 Gardent Threads: String Art - 7 teens 1 adult
7/16/2026 Open iTAB meeting - 2 teens 2 adults
7/17/2026 Minecraft - 13 teens 4 children 2 adults
7/19/2026 Dungeons & Dragons for Teens - 15 teens 2 children 2 adults
7/29/2026 Spud Stamps & Wild Art - 2 teens 1 adult

Children's Events

7/1/2026 Creature Feature - 15 children 11 adults
7/7/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (3 to 5 year olds) - 25 children 11 adults
7/7/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (6 to 8 year olds) - 18 children 4 adults
7/13/2026 Legos @ the Library - 14 children 1 teen 7 adults
7/14/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (3 to 5 year olds) - 27 children 11 adults
7/14/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (6 to 8 year olds) - 14 children 3 adults
7/15/2026 Robison Reptiles - 58 children 2 teens 26 adults
7/20/2026 Read It, Plant It, Eat It - 9 children 6 adults
7/21/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (3 to 5 year olds) - 37 children 17 adults
7/21/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (6 to 8 year olds) - 14 children 5 adults
7/22/2026 Incredible Bats - 30 children 13 adults
7/26/2026 Mega Foam Blaster - 29 children 31 adults
7/28/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (3 to 5 year olds) - 20 children 9 adults
7/28/2026 Tuneful Tuesdays (6 to 8 year olds) - 17 children 4 adults

Outreach Programs/Events

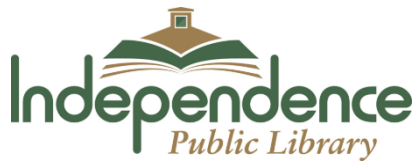
7/2/2026 Outdoor Story Time Around the Town - 16 children 10 adults
7/9/2026 Outdoor Story Time Around the Town - 22 children 11 adults
7/14/2026 Reader's Circle @ Lexington Estate - 9 adults
7/16/2026 Outdoor Story Time Around the Town - 27 children 12 adults
7/23/2026 Outdoor Story Time Around the Town - 16 children 9 adults
7/30/2026 Outdoor Story Time Around the Town - 18 children 12 adults

Passive Programs

7/5-7/10/2026 Name the Salamander - 80 children 5 adults

NonLibrary Events (Community Room)

7/13/2026 Juvenile Court Services meeting - 22 people



Library Board

Item Description

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Item Title: Election of Officers

Background:

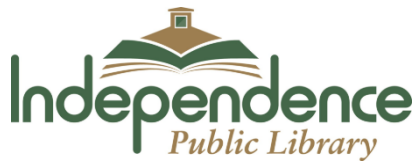
It is time to elect officers again. Current officers are Robin Bleichner, President; Jake Bass, Vice-President; and Deb Clark, Secretary. Deb will be resigning from the library board, so won't be able to continue in that role.

Recommendation:

Nominate and elect officers for Fiscal Year 2027.

Attachments:

None



Library Board

Item Description

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Infectious Disease Policy

Background:

It is time for the three-year review of the Infectious Disease Policy. Go over the policy and approve with any needed changes.

Recommendation:

Discuss the infectious disease policy and approve with changes.

Attachments:

1. Infectious Disease Policy5

INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Purpose:

Infectious Disease Outbreak Policy: An infectious disease outbreak policy differs from a general emergency preparedness policy or procedure. With an emergency preparedness policy, there is an assumption that staff will return to the building or begin rebuilding almost immediately after the event or crisis. Recovery from an infectious disease outbreak may be slow and limited staff, services, and hours may be necessary for an extended period of time.

To establish the protocol for the Independence Public Library (hereafter referred to as "Library" for purposes of this document) that will be used in the event of a pandemic or infectious disease outbreak. This is an addendum to the policies set forth by the City of Independence (hereafter referred to as "City" for the purposes of this document). The intent is not to supersede the City's policies but to clarify the management and protocols of the Library with governance and decision-making as authorized by the Independence City Ordinance. If there is a serious outbreak, the Library must plan for staff being unable to report to work. In addition, during an infectious disease outbreak, businesses, social organizations and/or schools may be required to take unique measures to help slow the spread of the illness, including closing down. Other public health measures may include limiting or canceling social and public gatherings, requiring quarantines, limiting the number of people allowed in the Library, and/or other social distancing measures. Recovery from a pandemic may be slow, as compared to a natural disaster or some other physical crisis. It is important to ensure that core business activities of the Library can be maintained for several weeks or more within the unique situation of an infectious disease outbreak.

Library Closure/Reopening:

The Independence Public Library will close due to an infectious disease outbreak or pandemic in the event that a mandate order or recommendation for closure is issued by public health or government officials on the local, county, state, or federal level.

At the discretion of the Library Board or the Library Director/Designee in conjunction with the Library Board President/two Library Board Members, the Library may close, reduce its operating hours, or limit services temporarily due to conditions caused by the infectious disease outbreak. These could be, but are not limited to: a staff shortage

INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

due to illness, quarantine, or other protected leave, Independence Community School District closure, following recommendations of the State Library of Iowa, or being unable to meet social distancing or other recommendations from public health or government officials.

Reopening will follow the same protocols in how those decisions are made and who is authorized to make them.

In the event of closure or reopening, reduction in operating hours, or reduction in services, the Library Director or designee will communicate with staff, the Library Board of Trustees, and the City Manager. The public will be informed of changes in services and hours through normal channels like the Library website, social media, and email newsletters.

Staffing:

Minimum staffing levels for a temporary period of time is defined as two employees available to be present at the Library during all open hours with a maximum eight-hour workday and 40-hour work week per employee. An inability to maintain this temporary, minimal level or a necessity to maintain the temporary, minimal level for more than three days will result in reduced hours or closing the Library.

The level of absence of Library staff due to illness or absence due to orders by public health or government officials will be a factor in the ability to carry out services and maintain open hours. Phases may include:

- Cancellation or modification to virtual offerings from in-person programs and special events
- Cancellation of meeting room reservations.
- Cancellation or modification to virtual offerings from in-person outreach activities including preschool and other site visits.
- Offer curbside services, appointments, limit numbers of people or amount of time spent in the library.
- Staff Library at minimum staffing level for a temporary period of time. Employees may be reallocated and have shifts modified to provide coverage.
- Reduce open hours as needed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

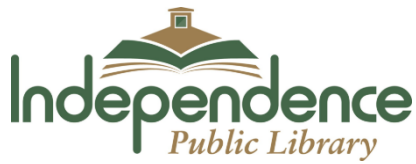
- Close the Library as determined by the process stated under the Library Closure/Reopening segment of this policy.

If the Library is open or in the event of closure, partial closure, or quarantines, work schedules may be modified for scaled-down services, work-from-home schedules, or no work schedule. Work from Home Agreements are required for staff who work from home.

Employees are expected to report to work on time as scheduled, excluding any absences excused by the Library Director or designee.

If the library closes or modifies its hours and employees are sent home with regular work-from-home hours, reduced work-from-home schedules or no work hours, they will be compensated for their regularly scheduled hours.

Other requirements placed on staff will encourage following ~~CDC guidelines~~ **official recommendations from recognized public health agencies** for prevention and may require disclosure as to whereabouts, illness, exposure to the disease, etc. Staff will follow City policies regarding travel, PPE, and personnel issues as a City Department. Policies set by the City will follow the Library's chain of command for permissions; however, the rules set by the City will be upheld.



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Item Title: November Closure/Staff Development Change

Background:

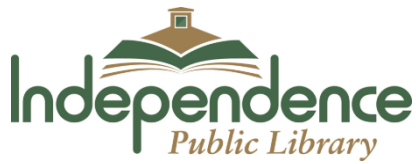
The library will be closed on Veteran's Day, which is Wed, Nov. 11 as well as the second Wednesday of the month. That is our standing time for staff development, but won't work in this instance. I would like to move staff development to Wed, Nov 4, which will involve closing the library early on that day.

Recommendation:

Approve a schedule change to allow for a staff development time in November.

Attachments:

None



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Item Title: Programming Update

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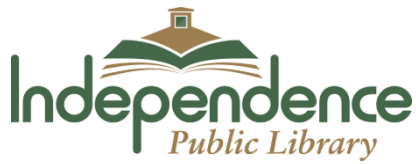
The Summer Reading Program is complete. We had 1106 participants with last year's total being 1011. The community read 1,098,095 minutes this year, and last year's total was 758,922. Events went very well. There is currently a survey out asking for feedback about the program. We had a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation on Aug. 8, and Movies Under the Moon was canceled due to the tornado.

Recommendation:

Stay knowledgeable of the programming and events at the library.

Attachments:

None



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Item Title: Iowa Library Association Conference

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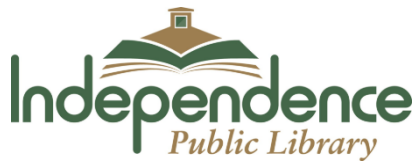
The annual Iowa Library Association Conference is in Cedar Rapids from Oct. 8-9 this fall. Trustees are welcome to attend. Prices are discounted for trustees, and early bird pricing for both days is \$275, Thursday only is \$210, and Friday only is \$125. You can see the breakout sessions here: <https://2026ilaconference.sched.com/list/simple>
Money available depends on how many staff members go and whether the city car is available.

Recommendation:

Discuss the conference and whether any library trustees might be interested in attending.

Attachments:

None



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Item Title: Library Board Training

Background:

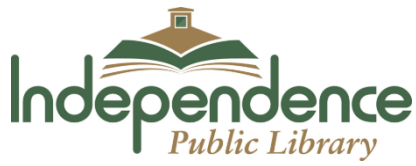
An important part of being a library trustee is taking part in a variety of board development training. It is also a requirement for accreditation with the State Library of Iowa.

Recommendation:

The board will take part in training applicable to their roles and responsibilities.

Attachments:

None



Library Board

Item Description

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Board and Staff Reports

Background:

Provide any relevant information you would like to share.

Recommendation:

Be knowledgeable of information that will help you in your role as a board member.

Attachments:

None