



City of Independence

Library Board
Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
Independence Public Library

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 04/27/2026
4. **Director Report**
5. **Committee Reports**
 - 5.1. Friends of the Library
 - 5.2. Advocacy and Promotions
6. **Board Business**
 - 6.1. Hotspot Policy Update
 - 6.2. Board Training
7. **Unfinished Business**
8. **New Business**
9. **Adjournment**

Meeting Attendance Information:

The Library Board will hold this meeting in-person in the Library meeting room, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone.

- To attend in person, the Library at 175 Monmouth St.
- For Zoom login visit:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81399658445?pwd=jkp4BiljJXsLVX9VZpfPXIxG7oCMKf.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone, dial US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 813 9965 8445** and **Passcode: 373376**

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Independence Public Library Board Meeting
April 27, 2026 – 5:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes

Board Members Present: Diana Lindskog, Kevin Hamlin, Tristin Thomas, Bradley Karkanen, Vickie McCubbin, Nathan Christensen, Margie Johnson, Bill Boisvert (City Council Liaison), Patrick Bodily (Library Director).

Minutes from the March 23, 2026 Library Board meeting were read and approved. Motion by Bradley Karkanen, second by Vicki McCubbin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick provided an update on the repair of the Automatic Door Opener.
- The museum display has been installed at the front entrance of the library.
- The library has been weeding heavily through the Nonfiction section. Will be working through the fiction section next.
- Patrick highlighted programs and attendance over the past month, as well as library visits and computer use.
- A group of the kids from the Coding Club were announced as the winners for the Fiero Spring Coding Competition.
- Patrick went over the circulation statistics with the board.
- He briefly discussed potential future partnerships with the Indy Idea Hub to run a Coding Workshop for adults.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library

- Bradley gave an update on the amount raised at the Friends of the Library Booksale at the first of the month. This was the first month they were able to take card payments, and they saw an increase in the amount they raised.

Committee Report – Advocacy and Promotion Committee

- Nathan discussed discussions the Committee members had about inviting people to provide public comments at the City's Budget Committee meetings. The committee has decided not to meet in person until after the budget has passed.

Board Business

- Internet Hotspot Policy Review. The Board discussed the current Internet Hotspot and Internet Use policies, with the determination that Patrick would bring both to the city attorney for review to see what was recommended regarding combining, sunseting, or keeping both policies separate. He will report what he finds at the May meeting and the board will vote then. However, if there is still work to be done on the policy, the Board will discuss a quick training topic.

New Business

- The Board voted to meet on Monday, May 18, since the 4th Monday falls on Memorial Day in May. Motion by Nathan Christensen, second by Bradley Karkanen. Motion passed by all Board members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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Twelve Golden Rules for Library Board Members

The following tips are excerpted from *The Public Library Start-Up Guide* by Christine Lind Hage (chapter 3, page 21), available at www.ala-store.ala.org.

1. A Trustee must have an interest in the library. Does she or he believe enough in the educational, informational, and recreational role of the library to fight for the library as the church member fights for her or his church, the school person for her or his educational program, the doctor for her or his patient? It is a duty of the Trustee to do so.
2. A Trustee must have time to give to the library. Continuity of policy is almost impossible if a board member is absent two out of three meetings. No citizen should accept appointment as a library Trustee if she or he does not intend to come regularly to meetings. Likewise, a Trustee who finds new interests interfering with attendance should resign.
3. A Trustee must consider the position not a matter of prestige but an opportunity for courageous and forward-looking efforts to push the library ahead. An ideal trustee is a good businessperson, is interested in education, has few prejudices, and has good judgment, sound character, common sense, and public spirit. A Trustee should be chosen with these personal qualities in mind and not because of the church she or he attends, the section of town in which she or he lives, her or his political party affiliations, and so on.
4. A Trustee must know the law under which the library is organized.
5. A Trustee serves without compensation.
6. A Trustee carries a full share of responsibility as a board member, assuring that a few members do not have to do all the work or take all the blame or praise.
7. A Trustee does not voice her or his opposition or criticism, either publicly or privately, after a policy or rule is adopted by a majority vote of the board.
8. A Trustee is careful to keep confidential information confidential and does not give out information regarding future board actions or plans.
9. A Trustee treats the staff members and the librarian in a completely impersonal fashion. Under no circumstances does a Trustee listen to grievances of staff members or treat individual problems on her or his own. The librarian is in charge of the staff and has administrative control until a grievance is presented to the library board as a whole.
10. A Trustee should know the funding sources of the library and be familiar with the library budget.

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Twelve Golden Rules for Library Board Members, continued

11. A Trustee must know the needs of the library and community and be aware of trends and new procedures in the library field. The best and perhaps only way to do this is to read professional library publications, meet with Trustees of other libraries, visit other libraries, and attend the annual conferences and meetings of Trustees and librarians.
12. A Trustee knows that all powers are always vested in the library board and none at all in the individual board member. The individual has no power to act for the library in any way, unless authorized by the board itself; it is always the board as a unit that holds the responsibility and the powers.