



# City of Independence

## Agenda

Library Board Meeting  
Monday, April 28, 2025 @ 5:00 PM  
Independence Public Library

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### **MEETING ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

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

- The public may attend the meeting by coming to the Library at 175 Monmouth St.
- **For Zoom login** visit:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85956403093?pwd=tbb0XtH8giLYzbpKebrg46baEDoJCa.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone, dial US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 859 5640 3093** and **Passcode: 411895**.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212 / TTY: 800-735-2900.



**Independence Public Library Board Meeting**  
**March 24, 2025 – 5:00 pm**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

Present: Nathan Christensen, Rose Hernandez, Bradley Karkanen, Kevin Hamlin, Diana Lindskog, Vickie McCubbin, Leslie Howerton, Bill Boisvert (City Council Liaison), Patrick Bodily (Library Director).

Minutes from the February 24, 2024 Library Board meeting were read and approved as written. Motion by Vickie McCubbin, second by Kevin Hamlin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick passed around a new Board Roster with contact information.
- Patrick gave an update on the purchase of the Book Bike and the purchasing of items from the Polk Marion Early Learning Hub grant.
- The Youth Coding League playoffs are underway. The season ends April 25.
- He also gave an update on different issues with the facility.
- Patrick updated the board on library programs, attendance, computer use, and circulation.
- The library will be giving away books for Children’s Book Day next month.
- There was a brief discussion about the library’s proposed budget for next year and the prospect of bringing the museum staff into the library when the city sells the Museum Building.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library

- The Friends of the Library will hold their quarterly book sale on Saturday, April 5.
- The Friends will next meet on April 28 at 4pm.

Committee Report – Advocacy Committee

- Nathan passed around documents relating to the Advocacy and Promotion Committee and explained their purpose and potential work to the new City council Liaison, as well as potential meeting times for that committee.
- Nathan and Leslie will start off being the representative of the library on the committee.

Unfinished Business – Ethics Statement

- Nathan provided copies of sample Ethics Statements. The board voted to adopt the United for Libraries Ethics Statement into their bylaws, editing the word “Trustees” with “Board Members”. Motion made by Bradley Karkanen, with a second by Leslie Howerton. Motion passed by all Board Members present.

Board Business

- Short Takes For Trustees. The board voted to postpone watching the scheduled Short Takes for Trustees video at this meeting watch it at their next. The topic of

the video will be Intellectual Freedom. Motion made by Vickie McCubbin, second by Diana Lindskog.

#### New Business

- Patrick provided a brief overview of what changes would happen at the library if the Institute of Museum and Library Services were dissolved at the federal level. Most changes would happen at the State Library level and would trickle down to the local level.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

## **INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT OF ETHICS**

Library Advisory Board Members are accountable for the resources of the library as well as seeing that the library provides the best possible service to its community.

Every Advisory Board Member makes a personal commitment to contribute the time and energy to faithfully carry out his/her duties and responsibilities effectively and with absolute truth, honor, and integrity.

- Board Members shall respect the opinions of their colleagues and not be critical or disrespectful when they disagree or oppose a viewpoint different than their own.
- Board Members shall comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations that apply to them and to the library.
- Board Members, in fulfilling their responsibilities, shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public pressure, or fear of criticism.
- Board Members shall not engage in discrimination of any kind and shall uphold library patrons' rights to privacy in the use of library resources.
- Board Members must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the library, acknowledging and supporting the formal position of the Board even if they disagree.
- Board Members must respect the confidential nature of library business and not disclose such information to anyone. Board Members must also be aware of and in compliance with Freedom of Information laws.
- Board Members must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained as a result of their position or access to privileged library information, or either themselves or others.
- A Board Member shall immediately disqualify him/herself whenever the appearance of or a conflict of interest exists.

- Board Members shall not use their position to gain unwarranted privileges or advantages for themselves or others from the library or from those who do business with the library.
- Board Members shall not interfere with the management responsibilities of the director or the supervision of library staff.
- Board Members shall support the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_