

Independence Public Library Board Meeting
September 22, 2025 – 5:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes

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

Minutes from the June 23, 2025 Library Board meeting were read and approved with edits to remove duplication of Board Members Present. Motion by Bradley Karkanen, second by Vickie McCubbin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick gave a brief report on his attending the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Albuquerque.
- Patrick provided statistics for Summer Reading participation including total participants, program attendance, books and minutes read, and prizes given away.
- The library had the Book Bike in the Independence Day Parade.
- Patrick reported that the carpets at the library had just been cleaned over the weekend, and that we passed the last inspection conducted by the city's Safety Committee.
- Patrick gave the board attendance, computer use, and circulation statistics for over the summer.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library

- Bradley reported the amount of money the Friends of the Library raised at the 4th of July Booksale and through their sales on eBay.
- Diana also discussed preparations for the October Booksale.

Committee Report – Advocacy Committee

- Vickie will be working on an outline for people based on the principles discussed in the “Before the Ballot” and “Winning Elections” books recently purchased for Board and Staff use.
- Nathan discussed the mayor's intent to create a task for when the city gets closer to putting the levy on the ballot. He also reported on a discussion he had surrounding establishing a fiscal sponsorship fund with MICF.

Board Business

- The library board voted for Nathan Christensen to continue in his role as Chair for the next year. Motion was made by Bradley Karkanen with a second by Kevin Hamlin. Motion passed by all Board Members present.

Unfinished Business

- The Board briefly discussed advertising for the Youth Coding league and filling the vacant board positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.