

**Independence Public Library Board Meeting**  
**January 26, 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 December 29, 2025 Library Board meeting were read and approved. Motion by Nathan Christensen, second by Vickie McCubbin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

**Library Director Report:**

- Patrick passed out a new contact roster for the library board and briefly discussed when the next terms would expire.
- Patrick gave an update on his participation with the University of Montana CARE grant.
- The Polk/Marion Early Learning Hub dropped off a gift box for Dolly Parton's birthday since we are partners with them for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- The library was given a 3D printer from the Community Services Consortium.
- Coding club will begin next month.
- Patrick gave an update on facilities issues and other statistics including programming, circulation, computer usage, and library visits.

**Committee Report – Friends of the Library**

- Bradley gave an updated amount of Friends fundraising.
- The Friends of the Library will be meeting directly after the Library Board meeting.

**Committee Report – Advocacy and Promotion Committee**

- The joint committees will be meeting at the end of January. They will discuss what they can do next after the recommendation the Community Services and Parks Sustainability Committee will make to the City Council at the meeting tomorrow evening to maintain current service levels at the library.

**Board Business**

- Nathan and Patrick presented a draft of a Board Training and Policy Review schedule. After brief discussion, it was decided that topics of training and policies reviewed should remain flexible. Motion made by Nathan Christensen, seconded by Bradly Karkanen. Motion passed by all members present.

**New Business**

- Due to other city meetings scheduled at the date of the February meeting, the library board meeting will need to be under one hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.