

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00 pm
601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

1.The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by president, Kristin Vaughn. Notice of this meeting was posted in advance in the Fairbury Journal News. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as required by law.

2. In addition to the president, Kristin Vaughn, members present were, Sarah Moorman and Stan Smith. LeAnn Krause and Warner Krumme were absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The October 1st minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes, and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report

Building:

-Lori Sweetser has decided not to bid on the Carnegie paint job. She works alone and feels it would be too much. Spoke with Lynne Bohling a couple of weeks ago. She is still interested but has not yet been over to take measurements/get us a bid. She is finishing up some outside work this fall and will hopefully be back in touch soon.

Technology:

-All good

City Business:

-Attended Department Head meeting November 5

Library events and programming:

-Halloween party had 47 attendees.

-Trish and her husband represented the library for "Trunk or treat" and gave away books in addition to candy. See pics below!

-*Mush, with Sophia, the sled dog!* program coming up 4pm Monday, November 10, at the Bonham.

-November 4th Jody Lamp, the second of three Humanities Nebraska speakers focusing on agriculture presented "*Stories from Nebraska's Agricultural History.*"

-The third program will be December 2: Ranae Hunt, "*Footprints and handprints: Days on the farm in the early 19th century.*"

-December 8-12 we will have a week of drop-in family crafts

-December 20th is the Jeffs Gone Mad Christmas party

Director activities and other happenings:

-Made about \$280 during Trail of Treasures

-Attended the Nebraska Library Association Conference in York Oct 22-23

-One of the major book distributors for libraries, Baker & Taylor, is going out of business. I have been working on figuring out new avenues of purchasing while trying to make the best economical decisions. In addition to materials, B&T administered the software libraries use for their annual report, which takes place between Nov 3 and Feb 20. The Nebraska Library Commission is looking at options for us to still complete this required report.

-To celebrate the 250th signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Carnegie Foundation is gifting \$10,000 to all Carnegie libraries.

6. Bills in the amount of \$3,478.30 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes, and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business

-The members of the board reviewed the *Public Library Registration Policy*. A modification regarding temporary cards was proposed that would eliminate the \$10 deposit, require a local reference, and limit the number of items to be checked out to 3. A motion was made by Stan that the policy be approved as amended. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: Kristin, yes; Stan, yes, and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

There was no further discussion. The next regular meeting will be December 3, 2025.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Aden

