

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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 LeAnn Krause, Sarah Moorman, and Stan Smith. Warner Krumme was present via phone. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The January 7th minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Warner seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes, and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report

Building:

- Painting completed on the interior walls of the Carnegie! Looks fantastic! Cost even came in under estimate.
- A chunk of concrete has broken off one of the stairs on the south side (Carnegie side). There are obvious cracks running across multiple steps.

Technology:

- No report

City Business:

- Thank you to the maintenance crew for doing such a great, and appreciated, job removing snow during this last storm and cold spell. Also, a thank you for unloading the new children's furniture and bringing it into the building.

Library events and programming:

- Jeffs Gone Mad Easter party planned for March 13

Director activities and other happenings:

- Door count about average for this time of the year; however, material circulation is up significantly, especially considering we experienced several days in the deep freeze this month. Large number of materials added and weeded during the month as I have begun weeding the adult side fiction and we are getting caught up on new materials through new vendors after the closure of Baker and Taylor.
- From ALA on January 22nd: "This week, the House of Representatives released a budget proposal that actually increases funding for libraries through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and preserves funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program for school libraries." I have not yet heard anything from the Library Commission regarding our content credit earnings, but hope this means they will be restored to previous levels.
- The Library Foundation received the \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Foundation. A portion of it was used for the new children's department furniture. Discussions are being had among library staff for other potential uses, focusing on giving a new, updated look, to the sitting/computer area on the adult (north) side.
- Director finished and turned in the annual report to the state

6. Bills in the amount of \$8,785.91 were reviewed. A motion was made by LeAnn that the bills be approved and paid as written. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Stan, yes; Warner, yes, and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business

- Debbie presented the Board with the library's annual report. Other than a couple of typos, it is a very nice-looking report.
- The Board needs to work on getting their continuing education credits so that the library can continue to be an accredited institution. Debbie will be sending out a link that we can follow to find prerecorded programs.
- Debbie has CASTL in Wilber on February 26th.

8. Announcements or Other Discussion

Next regular meeting will be March 4, 2026

9. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause