

# **Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda**

February 27, 2025 2nd Floor – Boardroom Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

Tom Rocklin - President	Bonnie Boothroy	Robin Paetzold
DJ Johnk – Vice President	Joseph Massa	John Raeburn
Hannah Shultz-Secretary	Claire Matthews	Dan Stevenson

### 1. Call Meeting to Order.

## 2. Approval of February 27, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.

#### 3. Public Discussion.

#### 4. Items to be Discussed.

- A. Director Evaluation Process Proposal.

  Comment: New performance evaluation process for the Library Director. Board action required.
- B. Set Calendar for Next Fiscal Year.

  Comment: This is a regularly scheduled agenda item. Board action required.

## 5. Staff Reports.

- A. Director's Report.
- B. Departmental Reports: Collection Services, Children's Services, IT.
- C. Development Report.

## 6. President's Report.

A. Appoint a Nominating Committee.

### 7. Announcements from Members.

## 8. Committee Reports.

- A. Advocacy Committee.
- B. Finance Committee.



C. Foundation Members.

### 9. Communications.

A. News Articles.

## 10. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approve Minutes of Library Board of Trustees January 23, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approve Disbursements for January, 2025.

## 11. Set Agenda Order for March Meeting.

## 12. Adjournment.



# **Iowa City Public Library- Board of Trustee Meetings Agenda Items and Order Schedule**

February 27, 2025	March 27, 2025	April 24, 2025
Appoint Nominating Committee	Director Evaluation	President Appoints to Foundation Board
Set Calendar for Next Fiscal Year	6 Month Strategic Plan Update	Election of Officers
Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	Review 2nd Quarter Financials & Statistics	Board Recognition Discussion
	Policy Review: 809 Library Use Policy (AS)	Policy Review: 801 Circulation and Library Card Policy (CAS)
	Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Review 3rd Quarter Financials & Statistics
		Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT
May 22, 2025	June 26, 2025	July 24, 2025
Policy Review: 806 Meeting Room and Lobby Use (CAS)	ICPL Trustees Corporate Meeting as Friends Foundation	Strategic Planning Update
Dept Reports: AS, CAS	Adopt NOBU Budget	Library Board of Trustees Annual Report
	Dept Reports: CH, CLS, IT	MOA-ICPLFF/ICPL
		Departmental Reports: AS, CAS
August 28, 2025	September 25, 2025	October 23, 2025
4th Quarter Annual Financials &	Budget Discussion	Budget Discussion
Policy Review: 101 Bylaws (Board	Policy Review: 401 Finance (Admin)	Review 1st Quarter Financials & Statistics
of Trustees)  Departmental Reports: CH, CLS, IT	Departmental Reports: AS, CAS	Departmental Reports: CH, CLS, IT
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### Background

For some time, the library director's evaluation process has included a closed session meeting of the Board of Trustees. In the opinion of the Iowa City City Attorney, the decision of the Iowa Court of Appeals in <u>Teig v. Loeffler</u>, No. 24-009 (Ct. App. 1-9-2025) dictates that the Board of Trustees use a closed session as part of the evaluation *only* if the Board specifically finds that the evaluation would cause needless and irreparable injury to the Director's reputation.

### Proposed evaluation process

- 1. The board president solicits 3 volunteer trustees to gather information on which to base the evaluation.
- 2. The 3 volunteers collect information relevant to the evaluation by questionnaire from the (a) trustees, (b) members of the library leadership team, and (c) director.
- 3. The 3 volunteers summarize and synthesize the information they receive in a document which they transmit to the board president.
- 4. The [**option a**: board president, vice president, and secretary] [**option b**: the board president and the three volunteers] meet with the director to review the document. After this meeting, the president finalizes the document.
- 5. The president provides the final evaluation document to the director, has a copy placed in the director's personnel file, and, on a confidential basis, provides a copy to each trustee.



## **FY26 Holiday Calendar**

**History:** Each February the Library Board of Trustees votes to set the holiday building calendar for the next fiscal year. The calendar must be set in accordance with the AFSCME contract and Policy 812: Hours of Service. Precedent of previous calendars is also taken into consideration.

Policy 812.4 states the library is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. It also notes reduced hours for Thanksgiving Eve, New Year's Eve, Christmas Eve, Martin Luther King Day, Juneteenth, Veteran's Day, and designated holidays.

The <u>AFSCME</u> contract determines that when a city holiday occurs on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed. When a city holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed. It also notes that permanent staff will be granted a designated holiday on the day before or after Christmas or the day before or after New Year's Day as an additional holiday.

#### **Recommendations of Note:**

City Holiday	The City of Iowa City recognizes November 28 <sup>th</sup> as a City Holiday in FY26. Policy 812.44 determines the Library closes at 6 pm on designated City holidays.
Inservice Day	Historically Inservice Day has been held on the second Friday in December. It is a full day of continuing education training for staff.
Designated Holiday	Policy 812.45 and the AFSCME contract state a designated holiday shall be chosen near Christmas or New Year's Day. The proposed December 24 <sup>th</sup> designation is in accordance with the City of Iowa City's choice of floating holiday.

**Action Steps:** The Leadership Team reviewed the FY25 Building Calendar and recommend adopting it as proposed.

Prepared by: Jen Royer, Administrative Coordinator



## **FY26 Downtown Building Calendar**

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

#### **DRAFT**

2025

Day	Date	Description	Hours	Staffing
Friday	July 4	Independence Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Monday	September 1	Labor Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Tuesday	November 11	Veterans Day	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Wednesday	November 26	Thanksgiving Eve	Open 10-5	Regular Staffing
Thursday	November 27	Thanksgiving	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Friday	November 28	City Holiday	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Friday	December 12	Inservice Day	Closed	All Staff Attend
Wednesday	December 24	Designated Holiday	Open 10-4	Holiday Staffing
Thursday	December 25	Christmas Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Wednesday	December 31	New Year's Eve	Open 10-5	Regular Staffing
2026				
Thursday	January 1	New Year's Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Monday	January 19	MLK Day	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day	Closed	Remote Drop Only
Friday	June 19	Juneteenth	Open 10-6	Holiday Staffing

The Bookmobile calendar is posted at least three times a year and roughly coincides with the school year: summer, fall semester, and spring semester.

Staffing Lev	vels Defined:
All Staff Attend	This is typically only used at Inservice Day, which is a day for staff continuing education. The Library is closed to the public on this day. Permanent staff attendance is required, and hourly staff attendance is encouraged.
Holiday Staffing	In building staffing is limited to those assigned to a public service shift and Facilities Services staff. The Business Office is closed. The AFSCME contract states, "Permanent employees who are assigned to work on holidays when City operations to which they are assigned are operating or open to the public will receive holiday credit equal to one and one-half (1½) times the hours actually worked. This credit may be used after the holiday occurs but must be taken before the next succeeding July 1. Employees may request pay in lieu of holiday credit. The employer's decision to grant or deny the pay shall not be arbitrary or capricious.".
Regular Staffing	There are no changes to staffing levels or pay on these days.
Remote Drop Only	The building is closed these days and one staff person in Facilities Services collects returned library materials in the community. The remote bins are located at the 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Hy-Vee and at Green State Credit Union on Mormon Trek.



## **Director's Report**

Prepared for the February 27, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Elsworth Carman, Library Director

For my report this month, I am highlighting 11 bills, related to libraries or library services, that are active in the current funnel (which ends on March 7<sup>th</sup>). We are watching this legislation and participating in public meetings as appropriate and practical.

Note: All quotes are from the "explanation" section of the bills, as documented in the Bill Book, but may not be the entire explanation. I encourage trustees to read the full text of each bill (linked below). I will share updates on these bills at the February meeting.

The most recent ILA talking points for HF 284, SF 235, and SF 238 are included in this packet, as is an update to Anne Mangano's February 2024 Collection Services Department Report, which speaks to the obscenity exemption for public libraries currently included in Iowa Code.

## SF 347: Obscene Library Materials (Salmon, Pike, Westrich, Alons, Campbell, and Guth)

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF347

"This bill prohibits materials with descriptions or visual depictions of a sex act as defined in Code section 702.17 from being accessible to minors in county or city public libraries. Under the bill, a city, a city library board, a library district, or a city librarian or library district librarian is prohibited from selecting or making purchases of any materials with descriptions or visual depictions of a sex act as defined in Code section 702.17 for the public library.

The bill provides that a public librarian for a city or a library district shall not knowingly provide obscene material or hard-core pornography to a minor in a public library. A parent or guardian of a minor alleging that a librarian has knowingly provided either of those materials to a minor may file a complaint with the appropriate library board or library district. If 30 days have passed and the public librarian continues to violate the bill, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the applicable city council or board of supervisors.

After filing complaints with the library board or library district and the city council or board of supervisors and after 30 days have passed, if the public librarian continues to violate the bill, the parent or guardian may bring a civil action for damages and injunctive relief against the city or any combination of cities and counties of a library district that employs the librarian.



The bill provides that if a parent or guardian is the prevailing party in the civil action, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees and assess a civil penalty against the municipal entity responsible for employing the librarian of not less than \$5,000 plus an additional \$500 per day for each day a violation occurs during the pendency of the civil action. If the obscene material is removed from the library during the pendency of the civil action, the additional \$500 per day is not assessed. The bill requires moneys collected from the assessment of the civil penalty to be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the general fund of the state. The bill provides that if the librarian's violation relates to obscene material, the court is required to order the municipal entity responsible for employing the librarian to pay not less than \$10,000 in damages to the parent or guardian. The bill also provides that if the librarian's violation relates to hard-core pornography, the court is required to order the municipal entity responsible for employing the librarian to pay not less than \$20,000 in damages to the parent or quardian.

The bill provides that if a parent or guardian is the prevailing party in the civil action, the clerk of court shall send a copy of the court's order and a copy of the bill's provision by certified mail to the attorney general and the county attorney of the applicable county of the municipal entity responsible for employing the librarian who violated the bill's provisions.

The bill provides that a parent or guardian who was the prevailing party in the civil action may bring a civil action for damages against the municipal entity that employs the librarian if the librarian continues to violate the injunction. The bill also provides that if the parent or guardian is the prevailing party in the proceedings, the court shall award the parent or guardian actual damages for injuries resulting from the librarian's initial violation of knowingly providing obscene material or hard-core pornography to a minor in a public library and for violating the injunction and a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 plus an additional \$1,000 per day for each day the librarian's violation of the injunction continues.

Code section 728.6 authorizes a county attorney to institute a civil proceeding to enjoin the dissemination or exhibition of obscene material to minors when the county attorney has reasonable cause to believe that any person is engaged or plans to engage in the dissemination or exhibition of obscene material within the county attorney's county to minors. The bill authorizes the attorney general to also institute such civil proceedings. A county attorney's or the attorney general's receipt of a copy of a court's injunctive order provided by the clerk of court along with subsequent information that a violation is continuing to occur shall constitute probable cause that a violation of knowingly providing obscene material or hard-core pornography to a minor in a public library has occurred."



## **HF 51: Obscenity, Including the Exposure of a Minor (Fett)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF51

"This bill relates to obscenity, including the exposure of a minor to an obscene performance and admittance of a minor to a premises with obscene performances, and establishes a private civil cause of action.

The bill defines 'obscene performance' as a visual performance by a person, whether compensated or uncompensated, that exposes the person's genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast, including prosthetics and artificial sexual organs or substitutes therefor, or involves the person engaging in a sex act, masturbation, excretory function, or sadomasochistic abuse, which the average person, viewing the performance as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable to be viewed by minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive, and the performance taken as a whole lacks serious artistic, literary, political, or scientific value.

The bill provides that the office of attorney general or the county attorney of the county in which a violation occurs shall enforce the provisions of Code chapter 728 (obscenity).

The bill provides that any person who knowingly exposes a minor to an "obscene performance" is guilty of a public offense and shall upon conviction be guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

The bill provides that a person who knowingly sells, gives, delivers, or provides a minor who is not a child a pass or admits the minor to premises where an obscene performance is performed is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A person who knowingly sells, gives, delivers, or provides a child a pass or admits the minor to premises where an obscene performance is performed is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. A minor is a person under 18 years of age, and a child is a person under 14 years of age.

The bill establishes a private civil cause of action for a parent or guardian of a minor, or a minor upon reaching 18 years of age, to whom obscene material has been knowingly disseminated or exhibited, or who was exposed to an obscene performance. A cause of action may be brought against any person that has knowingly disseminated or exhibited obscene material to the minor or who engaged in or caused or allowed a person to knowingly engage in an obscene performance in the presence of the minor for any of the following remedies: a declaratory judgment; injunctive relief; actual, incidental, and consequential damages; punitive damages, if appropriate; and any other equitable relief that the court deems appropriate. The minimum award of damages shall be \$10,000. An action may be commenced by a parent or guardian within two years of a violation. An action for a violation brought by a person who was a minor



at the time of a violation shall be found within 10 years after the person upon whom the offense is committed attains 18 years of age.

The bill provides that no public institution, public facility, public equipment, or other physical asset that is owned, leased, or controlled by this state or a political subdivision of this state shall be used for a show, exhibition, or performance that includes obscene material or obscene performances. No public institution or facility shall lease, sell, or permit the subleasing of its facilities or property for the purpose of shows, exhibitions, or performances that include obscene material or obscene performances. No public funds made available by the state or a political subdivision of this state that are distributed by an institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or an employee of the state or political subdivision shall be used for the purpose of shows, exhibitions, or performances that include obscene material or obscene performances. The bill does not apply to obscene materials that are sent or received as part of a law enforcement investigation or are authorized by law to be sent or received.

The bill provides that any public officer or employee, or any person acting under color of such office or employment, who knowingly allows a public institution or funds to be used for the purpose of shows, exhibitions, or performances that include obscene material or obscene performances commits a serious misdemeanor.

The bill repeals Code section 728.7 (exemptions for public libraries and educational institutions), which provides that nothing in Code chapter 728 prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, or any public library, or in any educational program in which the minor is participating and nothing in Code chapter 728 7 prohibits the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library."

## **SF 207: Obscene Material Distribution (Alons)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF207

"This bill creates civil liability for certain commercial entities who publish or distribute certain material on the internet.

The bill defines 'covered platform', 'identifying information', 'information content provider, 'interactive computer service', 'obscene material', 'provider', and 'reasonable age verification'.

The bill makes a covered platform liable if the covered platform fails to perform reasonable age verification of individuals attempting to access obscene material published or distributed by the covered platform and the failure allows access by a minor to the obscene material. Reasonable age verification includes the use of government-issued identification, financial documents or other documents that are reliable proxies for age, or any other commercially



reasonable and reliable method. Reasonable age verification may be conducted by a third party, and the bill permits the use of cryptographic techniques to preserve anonymity and protect privacy. A covered platform or third party that performs required reasonable age verification is prohibited from retaining an individual's identifying information after completing the individual's reasonable age verification, and from distributing, selling, or disseminating an individual's identifying information obtained through the performance of reasonable age verification. A covered platform or third party is subject to punitive and actual damages resulting from a minor's access to obscene material, from the distribution, sale, or other dissemination of an individual's identifying information obtained through the performance of reasonable age verification, or from the retention of identifying information, plus reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Punitive damages for a violation of the bill's provisions cannot exceed triple the aggregate amount of a plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees and costs.

The bill's provisions are not to be construed as to impose civil liability on a user of an interactive computer service on the internet.

The bill's provisions are not to be construed as to impose liability on a provider solely for providing access or connection to a covered platform, or to obscene material on an internet site or in a facility, system, or network not under the provider's control to the extent the provider is not responsible for the creation of the obscene material.

The bill may be enforced exclusively through private civil actions, and the state and political subdivisions are prohibited from enforcing the provisions of the bill."

## SF 235: Obscenity Exemptions (Salmon)

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF235

## There is a subcommittee meeting on SF 235 on Tuesday, February 25 at 10.00am.

"This bill repeals Code section 728.7, which relates to obscenity exemptions for public libraries and educational institutions.

Code section 728.7 currently provides that nothing in Code chapter 728 (obscenity) prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, any public library, or in any educational program in which a minor is participating. Code section 728.7 further provides that Code chapter 728 does not prohibit the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library.

Code section 728.1 defines "obscene material", which includes material the average person, taking the material as a whole and applying contemporary community standards with respect



to what is suitable material for minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive; and the material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, scientific, political, or artistic value."

### **SF 238: Enrich Iowa Program Eligibility (Salmon)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF238

## **HF 284: Enrich Iowa Program Eligibility (Hayes)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF284

SF 238 and HF 284 are companion bills related to Enrich Iowa program eligibility.

#### There is a subcommittee meeting on HF 284 on Monday, February 24 at 12.30pm.

"This bill modifies provisions related to public libraries that are eligible to receive state assistance under the enrich lowa program. The enrich lowa program, established in the department of administrative services (DAS), is designed to provide direct state assistance to eligible public libraries, to support the open access and access plus programs, to provide eligible public libraries with an incentive to improve library services that are in compliance with performance measures, and to reduce inequities among communities in the delivery of library services. Current law defines an "eligible public library" as a public library, established by city ordinance or a library district, that submits to DAS certain required information and documents and participates in the library resource and information sharing programs established by the state library. The bill modifies the definition of "eligible public library" for purposes of the enrich lowa program to provide that such library must also not be a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates nationwide, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal and state level, or a dues-paying member of a nonprofit organization that operates primarily within this state, promotes federal and state legislation related to libraries within this state, and engages in advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local level."

## **HSB 158: Minors at Drag Shows (Wheeler)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB158

HSB 158 "provides that no minor shall be present at or view a drag show, defined in the bill, at a place of business. A person over years of age who knowingly brings a minor to a drag show at a place of business shall be guilty of a class "D" felony, punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245. A place of business that allows a minor to be present at or view a drag show hosted by the place of business shall be fined \$10,000 per minor for each violation of the bill. An owner, manager, or



person who exercises direct control over a place of business who knowingly allows a minor to be present at or view a drag show hosted by the place of business shall be guilty of a class "D" felony. The bill provides that no state agency or public entity that receives state funds shall use such funds to host a drag show. A state agency or public entity committing a violation shall be fined \$10,000 per minor for each violation. The bill provides that a parent or legal guardian of a minor may institute a civil action for damages in the amount of not less than \$10,000 and up to \$50,000 for each violation of the bill, and shall be awarded court costs and reasonable attorney fees if the parent or legal guardian is the prevailing party. For purposes of Code chapter 728 (obscenity), "place of business" is defined as the premises of a business required to obtain a sales or use tax permit pursuant to Code chapter 423, the premises of a nonprofit or not-for-profit organization, and the premises of an establishment which is open to the public at large or where entrance is limited by a cover charge or membership requirement; and "minor" is defined as any person under the age of 18."

### **HF 196: Library Tax Levy (Jacoby)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF196

### **HF 294: Public Library Levies (Rinker)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF294

HF 196 and HF 294 are companion bills related to reinstating tax levies for public libraries.

HF 196 "reestablishes the tax levy for a public library eliminated by HF 718 in an amount not to exceed 27 cents per \$1,000. The tax imposed under the bill is subject to the same voter approval and notice requirements that existed prior to the enactment of HF 718."

HF 294 "allows cities to impose a tax for the support of a public library in an amount not to exceed the amount levied by the city in FY2022-2023 for the same purpose. The bill requires, prior to imposing a tax for the support of a public library, for a city council to submit the question to voters at a regular city election of whether to impose the tax, and a majority of voters approve the levy. The bill limits the validity of a tax in support of a public library to a period of 10 years from the date the tax is approved by voters at a regular city election. The tax may be extended for additional 10-year periods if reauthorized by the voters at election. A city council may discontinue the tax by a majority vote of the city council."

## **SF 213: DAS Library Services (Committee on State Government)**

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF213

"This bill relates to library services provided by the department of administrative services (DAS). The bill eliminates the requirement that the state librarian submit a biennial report to the



governor on the activities of DAS relating to library services. As the eliminated provision contains the only biennial report in the Code for the state librarian, the bill also strikes a corresponding provision applying general biennial reporting requirements to the state librarian. Under Code section 8E.210, DAS is still obligated to prepare reports of its progress in meeting goals from its agency strategic plan and operational plan.

The bill strikes the requirement that DAS develop and approve a biennial unified plan of service and service delivery for DAS as part of DAS's library services. The bill strikes DAS's obligation to establish and administer standards for state agency libraries. The bill eliminates a reference to "access plus programs" of public libraries for purposes of DAS's duty to support such programs under the enrich lowa program, and substitutes the term "interlibrary loan programs" for such purposes."

## SF 181: Digital Materials Access for Students Grades K-12 (Alons) <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF181">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF181</a>

SF 181 "establishes that sexual exploitation by an employee of an educational receiver occurs when a court finds that the employee offered an electronic resource to a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 when the educational receiver had not entered into a written agreement with a provider related to the electronic resource that that satisfies the requirement established in the bill. The bill provides that such an employee commits an aggravated misdemeanor."



## Collection Services Department Report

Prepared for the February 22, 2024 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Anne Mangano, Collection Services Coordinator

## **Obscenity Exemptions for Public Libraries**

In <u>lowa Code Chapter 728</u>, state laws on obscenity are addressed. It provides penalties for disseminating or exhibiting obscene materials to minors, puts limitations on the types of pornography that can be sold or rented, and defines indecent exposure.<sup>1</sup> It also explains the term "obscene materials," using language from the current legal definition from the United States Supreme Court (Miller v. California). To be considered obscene, a work must meet all of the following criteria:

- whether the "average person, applying contemporary community standards" would find the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest
- whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by applicable state law
- whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value<sup>2</sup>

Because obscenity is not legally protected by the First Amendment, context is important when determining if something is obscene. Emily J. M. Know argues in "Foundations of Intellectual Freedom" that having this "Miller" test for obscenity can be burdensome:

Although this is a legal test, it is highly subjective. Deciding if something has value or only appeals to prurient interest is often in the eye of the beholder. As with many legal standards, this determination can only be made by a court after an injured party brings a suit. Although the test refers to community standards and the value of a work, something is only legally obscene if a judge determines it so.<sup>3</sup>

To shield institutions that are vulnerable to questions about obscenity, most states include exemptions for academic institutions, museums, and libraries. Otherwise, these agencies could be viewed as legally liable and would be pulled into court book by book, painting by painting, anatomy lesson by anatomy lesson for a judge to determine if something is obscene or not. lowa's Code states under the section "Exemptions for Public Libraries and Educational Institutions (728.7):"

Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, or any public library, or in any educational program in which the minor is participating. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the attendance of minors at an exhibition or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Obscenity. Iowa Code. 728.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Miller v. California 1972

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Knox, Emily J. M. Foundations of Intellectual Freedom. Chicago: ALA Neal Shulman, 2023., p. 38.



display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library.<sup>4</sup>

This situation could change. Two bills introduced this session removed this obscenity exemption for public libraries. House File 2040 specifically addresses the exemption, striking 728.7 from the Code. In the Senate, SF2176, a bill that mostly addresses obscene performances and minors, redlines the exemption clause. While these bills will probably not move forward this session, they are part of a national trend in statehouses to remove the exemption.

We do not have pornography or obscene materials in the library's collection. Some titles have explicit sexual passages or explicit sexual scenes, such as romance books and European films. Some medical and health titles include biological and sex instruction information. And our collection contains erotica, which has literary and artistic value. There is also a national argument about whether certain books with LBGTQ themes or characters are obscene. While any of these titles will stand up in court, the potential suits are the issue. These proposed changes to obscenity laws could lead to a significant amount of staff time at the library and the City Attorney's Office, an increase in tort liability for the City, and fear in selecting and maintaining certain titles in the library.

Like the reasons for Board governance of libraries or the role of an independent State Library Commission, an explanation for obscenity exemptions for schools and libraries can seem elusive. It is a perfectly reasonable argument that obscene materials do not belong in these settings, but opinions on what is obscene varies from person to person. This report is only meant to share the reasoning behind these exemptions and what the ramifications are for removing them. Like the reasons for Board governance of libraries or the role of an independent State Library Commission, an explanation for obscenity exemptions for schools and libraries can seem elusive. It is a perfectly reasonable argument that obscene materials do not belong in these settings, but opinions on what is obscene varies from person to person. This report is only meant to share the reasoning behind these exemptions and what the ramifications are for removing them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Obscenity Exemptions. Iowa Code. 728.7.



## 2025 Update

The lowa Legislature continues to focus on obscenity and public libraries in this year's session. Senate File 235 repeals the exemption outright, removing protection from civil suits as discussed in last year's board report. Senate File 347 takes it a few steps further. The bill amends lowa Code chapter 336, the law that addresses public libraries. The proposed amendment specifically targets what a library can and cannot purchase or provide access to. The legislation:

- Prohibits library materials with written or visual depictions of <u>sexual activity</u> being accessible to minors
- Prohibits public libraries from purchasing materials with written or visual depictions of sexual activity
- Establishes a complaint process for a parent/guardian if a minor accesses obscene materials or hard-core pornography at the library
- Establishes monetary penalties for city/county governments if obscene materials or hard-core pornography is made accessible to minors

While the bill focuses on minors, the bill explicitly states, "However, the librarian shall not select or make purchases of any materials with descriptions or visual depictions of a sex act as defined in section 702.17 for the library district." These restrictions would be for everyone. Under this proposed amendment, we would not be able to purchase the number one bestselling book in the United States: Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros. Iowa Citians clearly want to read this book. A month after its release, we have 70 holds on the book, 235 holds on the eBook, and 52 holds on the audiobook. We would no longer purchase materials by Emily Henry, Colleen Hoover, or Sarah J. Maas. These are just current popular materials, but a great deal of adult fiction contains sexually explicit depictions. Nonfiction books about sexuality and sexual health fall under this category. This bill drastically changes library collections, reducing access to most of American culture and information to lowa Citians.



## Collection Services Department Report

Prepared for the February 27, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Anne Mangano, Collection Services Coordinator

### **Bibliographic Record Updates**

At the end of December, we updated every catalog record in our database. The purpose of this project was to fully adopt Resource Description & Access (RDA). RDA is the current library cataloging language standard and many of our older records did not comply. We also added Linked Data elements to all records, making our records more discoverable on the web. The end result of the project is to make our records more accessible outside of the catalog and to set us up for success when cataloging standards change. Another major part of the project was our update of author, subjects, and series information in our records. The project makes all of our records more consistent and uses updated terminology. We worked with a vendor called Backstage to complete the upgrade.

#### What changed?

1. Linked Data elements were added to all bibliographic records. If you looked at a catalog record in our backend system, you would see links everywhere. In author fields, publication information, subjects, etc. These links essentially go to outside library vocabulary databases at the Library of Congress and OCLC. These are essentially control links--a way of authorizing the data included in the record. Eventually, these links should help in future catalog development by making relationships between materials, authors, and subjects more explicit (think better options for "you might also like" or bringing different formats of the same title together in the catalog). They should also make our records more discoverable outside of our catalog (say in a Google search). They are functional links for the system, but hidden from view in the public-facing catalog.

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**2. Lexile and Accelerated Reader information added to records.** When available, the vendor we worked with added Lexile and Accelerated Reader information to the catalog record. These systems rate books based on reading level criteria, considering book length, vocabulary, and average sentence length to determine scores. For patrons this information is available through NoveList, but there is potential for us to use this information in facets, building searches in the catalog, or creating lists for our website.





**3. We updated Indigenous headings.** With this project, we moved away from Library of Congress (LoC) approved headings to ones developed by our vendor Backstage. We normally use LoC Authority Headings for our catalog, which is the professional standard, but it takes a great deal of time and vetting to have subject headings changed through the LoC. Right now, the LoC term for most Native American tribes uses the term "Indian." We will now use the tribal name or "Indigenous." We asked the vendor to keep local tribal names consistent with a project from lowa State University; the university surveyed local tribal leaders and asked for their preferred terminology. As an example, top heading (image below) is our locally derived one from lowa State preserved by Backstage. The second heading is the updated term from Backstage, which originally read "Indians of North America." Backstage updated 2,396 of these headings in our database.

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If a tribal nation works with Library of Congress to modify their heading, we can move to the new Library of Congress term, which is our vendor's policy. The LoC announced their intention to update their headings in 2023.

**4. We added Homosaurus headings.** Homosaurus is a <u>LGBTQ+ cataloging vocabulary</u> that serves as a companion to Library of Congress terminology. We had Backstage insert Homosaurus headings to records where identifying information existed. These subject headings are meant to help search for and discover materials about and by the LGBTQ+ community. Backstage inserted 26,522 headings into our database. The "homoit" in this example indicates that this heading came from the Homosaurus vocab; it is their cataloging stamp.



Diana Morris and Todd Brown completed an incredible amount of work on this project. Thank you to the both of them for learning how to write load tables, actually writing them, testing record overlays, modifying templates, and working through some very detailed, not always coherent coding in Sierra. This project now moves into an ongoing, maintenance phase. We will work with this vendor to update any changes to author, subject, and series information and process newly added records to our database.



## **Children's Services Department Report**

Prepared for the February 27, 2024 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Angie Pilkington, Children's Services Coordinator

### **Programming:**

The Winter Reading Program, "Pounce on a Good Book," wrapped up a few weeks ago. This year we registered 592 kids, ages 3-12, with 412 finishing the program to earn a prize. 430 Teens and Adults signed up with 265 finishers. With Winter Reading coming to an end, we are now turning our attention to the Summer Reading Program. The theme for the summer is "Color Your World" and will begin May 27.

We had many well attended programs the last couple of months, including daily Winter Break activities and our annual Family Night program, Share the Love, where families made valentines for residents at Featherstone, a senior living center. Several storytimes welcomed guests too! We celebrated the Lunar New Year with a traditional lion dance, we welcomed a service dog to enjoy Storytime with us and several birds of prey from Raptology joined us for another educational learning opportunity. Tweens had a successful wizard crafting night and learned to make a beeswax candle that was in honor of Susie Clark, a 13 year old Black student from Muscatine, lowa, who in 1868 lead the way for lowa to become the first state in the nation to legally desegregate its public schools.

## **Partnerships:**

One Book Two Book, the UNESCO City of Literature's annual event honoring children and writing was this past weekend at FilmScene. The Children's department provided a storytime and ran a craft booth, along with the Coralville and North Liberty Libraries, and celebrated the work of local author, Raquel MacKay.

We took part in the City's Parks and Recreation Department's annual Freeze Fest earlier in February at the Terry Trueblood Center. Even with the early morning snowfall, it was a wonderful day with over 300 in attendance.

#### **ALA LLX Conference**

I was excited to attend my first ALA Confrence to learn from other library professionals. I was able to attend 13 sessions and talk with many vendors about library products. Overall, it was an exciting conference. I was able to see Sam Helmick carry out their duties as ALA Vice President at three different board meetings and meet with other members of their Presidential Advisory Committee.



My top sessions I attended were Changing the Conversation: Using Children's Literature to Demonstrate We're More Alike Than We Are Different by award winning author and publisher, Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins. In her session, she spoke about the idea that children's literature offers a powerful and imaginative way to start meaningful conversations. We explored how to use children's stories to reframe perspectives, build connections, and spark lifelong conversations that emphasize our shared humanity.

At Embedding Anti-Racism Practices into Program Innovations by Loren Landrum and Edwin Harris we looked at paths public libraries should explore to embed anti-racism practices into program design and daily decision-making processes. I enjoyed and connected to the part about creating conditions for communities to flourish because there were easy to enact (or things we are already doing well) ideas.

The last session I want to mention was The Rhythm of Connection: Infusing Music, Movement, and Culture into Youth Storytimes. This was another good reminder of things we do well here at ICPL. I was able to share a few new songs for our storytime presenters to add to our large collection of favorite storytime music songs, but overall, her message is the same that we do at our weekly storytimes here. Creating dynamic and interactive learning sessions for kids and their caregivers to actively participate in will create and ignite a lifelong love of learning.

## All Abilities Club (contributed by Children's Librarian Anne Wilmoth)

All Abilities Club began in June 2024, and occurred weekly between June 12-July 31. The program was held every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 PM in Meeting Room A. The summer program was aimed at an all-ages audience, and drew mostly patrons from elementary-age through adults (both community members/families and organized adult dayhab program participants).

June attendance: 99 (2 weeks) July attendance: 181 (5 weeks)

Average weekly attendance in summer 2024: 40

In fall, All Abilities Club continued as a partnership between Adult Services and Children's Services and was presented jointly by an adult librarian and a children's librarian. The program is offered twice monthly (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 2 PM and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 AM of each month) and geared toward adults. Two dayhab groups attend monthly, from The Village Community and the ARC of Southeast Iowa. The twice-monthly format at different times of day allows The Village to bring both their AM and PM dayhab groups. The ARC has a full-day program, and they attend once a month. We have also had dayhab groups attend off and on from Reach For Your Potential, UI Reach, and Successful Living, as well as community members not affiliated with a dayhab program.

September attendance: 38



October attendance: 71 November attendance: 62 December attendance: 73

January attendance so far (only one session has been held so far this month): 26

The audience for All Abilities Club is individuals who are neurodivergent or experience intellectual or developmental disabilities. The goal of inclusive library programming is to create a welcoming and accessible environment that fosters a sense of belonging and empowers everyone to utilize the library as a valuable community resource. Actively engaging with this often-underserved population helps them feel supported as full participants in useful and valuable programs that align with their interests, ensuring that everyone has equal access to information and resources. This program aligns with both our mission and values, as well as our strategic plan.

During summer, especially, when the library is very busy, we see a need for programming for children with sensory-friendly adaptations like lower lighting, quieter environments, and smaller crowds. During the school year, with the more adult-focused programs, dayhab groups have shared they are always looking for community-based activities that are regularly scheduled and reliable, as they are consistently in need of more organized, high-interest programming for their clients, so we are fulfilling a need there. Dayhab groups also often browse and check out materials before or after the organized program, so it helps individuals continue to navigate and grow comfortable using library resources.

Some accessibility features of All Abilities Club include ASL interpretation, lower lighting, a quieter environment, more space to move around (for wheelchair users, those with vision impairment, those who often move around as a facet of their disability, etc.), multiple differentiated arts and crafts options allowing for a wide range of physical and intellectual ability, and a more intentional pace that allows for supported success in activities.

Both patrons with disabilities and the support staff who attend with them have provided positive feedback on the program. "I love this" and "this is so fun" are commonly heard during activities at this program. We have played trivia, bingo, met a therapy dog, played large-scale adaptive games, met snakes brought by a wildlife educator, made many different types of crafts, did hands-on science experiments, learned a dance, and more. We plan to continue through the rest of the school year and bring it back in summer 2025!



## **Information Technology Department Report**

Prepared for the February 27, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees By Anne Mangano and Brent Palmer

### **Integrated Library System Request for Proposal**

This month, we released a request for proposals for a new integrated library system, or ILS. The ILS is an essential piece of technology for our work at ICPL. It serves as our patron database and the back end of our catalog. It provides a record for every item in our collection. From tracking orders for books to checking in materials to renewing a library card to pulling monthly statistical reports, the ILS is involved in almost everything we do.

The lowa City Public Library has used a version of the same ILS for over twenty-five years. In 1999, we adopted Innovative Interfaces' Millennium and then moved to its new iteration, Sierra, in 2014. We have not completed a comprehensive review of ILS systems since that first adoption. While Sierra is a complex and powerful system, there are a number of new products on the market (both commercial and open source) that provide new options, more user-friendly interfaces, and significant cost savings. We thought it was an opportune time to review what is out there and see if another ILS meets our needs.

We hope that a new ILS might:

- Reduce yearly costs
- Reduce staff time on workflows and maintenance
- Improve our customer support experience
- Improve patron access
- Offer more features and functionality
- Improve data security

To evaluate ILS options, we convened a staff committee of individuals representing different library departments that work directly with the software. The committee completed a needs assessment, identifying what features, functions, and workflows are essential to our operations and what areas need improvement and automation for more accurate and efficient workflows. From our needs assessment, we worked with the Purchasing Department at the City to develop a request for proposal (RFP) for ILS companies to review our specifications and bid for a contract. The RFP closes on March 4, 2025.

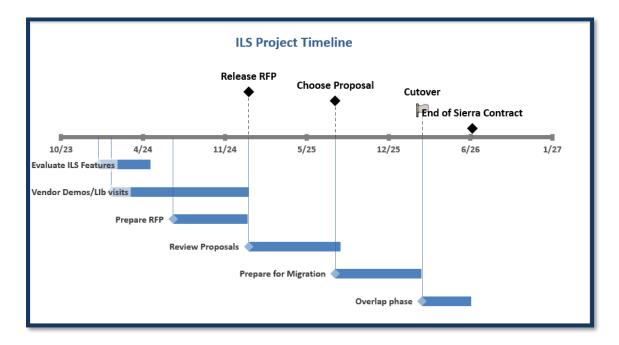
After receiving submitted bids, the committee will spend the spring reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals using an established scoring system that considers:

- an ILS's adherence to our required and preferred specifications
- answers to important specific questions about their ILS
- pricing models
- implementation plans



company information and policies

From the companies that meet our specified criteria, we'll request in-depth presentations from each ILS, review references from user libraries, and conduct functionality testing of specific tasks to see which ILS best fits.



We hope to have an ILS chosen by the end of this fiscal year (June 2025). We expect the implementation and migration phase will occur during the fall of 2025, cutting over entirely to the new ILS at the beginning of 2026.

Changing an ILS is a long-term, consequential decision. It will involve significant training and requesting feedback from staff who work with the ILS through all phases of the process to make sure the new system is working as intended. We want to ensure that the ILS works for this library and improves both staff and patron experiences.



## **Development Department Report**

Prepared for February 27, 2025 Meeting of the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Katie Roche, Development Director



### **Bright Future Update**

The Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation is organizing "Bright Future: Celebrating the Iowa City Public Library," an after-hours fundraising event scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2025, from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the Iowa City Public Library. This event aims to foster appreciation and support for the Library.

**Event Web Address:** <u>https://supporticpl.org/bright-future</u>

#### **Event Details**

- **Registration and Silent Auction**: The evening will commence in Meeting Room A, where attendees can register while enjoying live piano music. Guests with drinks in hand can bid on various packages in a silent auction. Auction items are starting to accumulate with generous support from area businesses.
- **Main Event**: Just prior to the Library's closure at 8:00 PM, there will be a welcome address and acknowledgment of sponsors. Attendees can then explore the Library, experiencing it in a new light. The event will feature food and drink stations throughout the premises, along with pop-up performances, live music, readings, and other engaging activities. This setup encourages mingling and offers insights into the Library's resources and services.

#### **Sponsorship and Support**

The event is presented by the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation and is sponsored by The James Investment Group, LLC. Efforts are ongoing to expand the list of sponsors to enhance the event's success.

In recognition of sponsorship commitment, we will offer complimentary tickets commiserate with level of support, prominent branding opportunities, networking, and significant visibility throughout the sponsorship period. Sponsorship will also create complimentary community tickets to be distributed to members of our community who might experience barriers to participation, further demonstrating that the Library is for everyone!

For sponsorship information, please visit: bit.ly/BrightFutureSponsor

### **Alcohol in the Library**

ICPLFF is working with a caterer for the event who will be able to provide a license to serve alcohol. A variety of drinks will be available at the event, including libations. A past report indicated that the



process was to request permission from the board in compliance with the ICPL Alcohol in the Library Policy. The process is for the ICPLFF to request permission from the ICPL Director.

#### **Staffing and Volunteer Support**

The Development Department is working with ICPL Leadership to ensure that staff is stationed throughout the ICPL during the event, as departmental experts, lobby greeters, and more. Volunteer support will also be provided, helping with checking in attendees, supervising the silent auction, and more.

#### **Fundraising Goal**

"Bright Future: Celebrating the Iowa City Public Library" represents a significant opportunity to engage the community, showcase the Library's offerings, and secure essential funding for future initiatives. At approximately two months from the event, we are about halfway to our fundraising goal.

### **ICPLFF** support of Winter Reading Program

The Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation was happy to support the ICPL Winter Reading Program by supplying vouchers for a free book in The Book End as one of the prize options. This is the second year that we have supported this important literacy program with vouchers. Not only do the vouchers help to create attractive incentives, but many Library users are introduced to the store via the vouchers and store sales see an increase during prize retrieval.

#### **Upcoming ICPLFF Events**

- 3/1/2025 **Big Book Sale Meeting Rooms A, B, and C-** Shop an assortment of fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, young adult, juvenile fiction, children's books, DVDs and audiobooks. All sales support the Library and its programs, collections, and facilities.
- 3/17 -3/21 **Give Back Days: Towncrest Apothecary-** A portion of in-store and online sales at Towncrest Wellness Apothecary will be donated to the Iowa City Public Library. These items include essential oils, soaps, bath bombs, nutritional supplements and more!
- 3/27/2025 **Eat out to Read at Micky's in support of ICPL!** Micky's Irish Pub is offering Eat Out to Read from 3-9pm at 11 South Dubuque Street in downtown Iowa City. Dine in, carry out, or Chomp delivery. A generous percentage of all sales will be donated to the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation.



## The Daily Iowan

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## The Stanley Museum of Art's new exhibit 'it's a fine thing' explores underexposed community

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https://dailyiowan.com/2025/02/18/the-stanley-museum-of-arts-new-exhibit-its-a-fine-thing-explores-underexposed-community/

The new exhibit, curated by Katherine Simóne Reynolds, explores the landscapes and narratives of the Black Midwest. A community-wide reading of Toni Morrison's "Beloved" will be held in conjunction.



Clara Jarecke

A guest observes a painting during the exhibition opening of "it's a fine thing" at the Stanley Museum of Art on Feb. 13, 2025. The exhibit runs from Feb. 13 to July 20, 2025.

lowa City has long been known as a city of the arts. This year, however, it's hosting an unprecedented exhibition spanning multiple mediums at one of the city's centers for art, the Stanley Museum of Art.



Over the years, the Stanley Museum has acted as a reflection and celebration of the abundant art scene in Iowa City. In spring 2025, the Stanley Museum partnered with the National Endowment of the Arts, or NEA, Big Read program.

The initiative, which includes a community-wide reading of the novel "Beloved" by Toni Morrison, will take place at the same time as the Stanley's latest exhibit, "it's a fine thing."

"it's a fine thing" is curated by Katherine Simóne Reynolds and supported by a cohort of advisors. Through it, Reynolds seeks to explore the landscapes and narratives of the often-overlooked Black Midwest. She also views the exhibit as a way to examine the residues erased from the pages of history.

This history of erasure is present both locally and in the story of Buxton, Iowa. Buxton was founded in 1900 and defied the racial norms of the era it inhabited. A coal mining town, many of the Black residents from Buxton held positions of power and influence. However, once the coal mines closed, the town faded into memory — erased from Iowa's history.

"The opportunity to share that was important to me," Reynolds said. "And so was trying to understand what that landscape is — to not just be from it, but to gaze upon it."

The exhibit opened on Feb. 13 to a crowd of a few dozen people who enjoyed a banquet of food and an opening reception that introduced the show and its themes.

Visitors to the Stanley were invited to enter a section of the museum dimly lit and painted in hues of purple. "it's a fine thing" adorns itself with different pieces from the Stanley and UI Special Collections and Archives. Each piece is meant to celebrate the resilience and creativity of Black Midwestern artists. One piece, for example, comes from the scrapbook of Patrobas Cassius Robinson, a student who attended the UI from 1923-27. The photo acts as a time capsule into the early 20th century and into what life for Black students may have looked like at the time. Robinson's photo is included on the front of the light violet brochures available at the Stanley front desk, which act as a short guide to the exhibit.

While planning the exhibit, Reynolds drew upon the experiences and ideas of her curatorial cohort. Members of this cohort include Kemi Adeyemi, Angel Bat Dawid, Ashley Howard, Mpho Matsipa, and Terrion L. Williamson.

"I was thinking of their eclectic backgrounds. There were some musicians, writers, thinkers, scholars, architects — all Black women and historians," Reynolds said. "Working with them through the collection the Stanley has was a little difficult, if only because the Stanley doesn't necessarily have a lot of specific Black Midwestern artists."

Reynolds said her work with the cohort helped her to think more expansively about things, allowing her to include the Rust Belt in the area she was examining— an area that may not always be



associated with the Midwest.

"When it comes to geography, we had to think of expansiveness, like in the migration of Black people into other spaces, whether it be the Rust Belt or other post-industrial landscapes," Reynolds said.

One of Reynolds' favorite aspects of the exhibit is its color palette, inspired by photos from her grandmother's house. She said she has also enjoyed meeting the lowa City community and viewing all the Stanley offers through special collections.

"It's been really cool to be able to work with certain legends of Black art, work, and creativity," Reynolds said. "These are the things I've been able to uncover. There are all these levels and layers of uncovering residue, which I've always loved with the process of curatorial work."

At the same time "it's a fine thing" makes its debut, the Stanley Museum will also be participating in the 2024-25 NEA's Big Read event, which features a list of 29 books. Through the event, participating cities are rewarded with a grant and tasked with bringing together their communities through reading.

Derek Nnuro, the Stanley's curator of special projects, believes Toni Morrison's "Beloved" provides a great historical anchor for the topics explored in "it's a fine thing."

"I don't think any other book is as perfect as this book for this show and for what we are seeking to do, which is to expand the exhibition's narrative into a discussion about the historical origins of the Black Midwest," Nnuro said.

Written in 1987, "Beloved" examines the legacy of slavery and racial history in America. It's a challenging but important read based on the true life of an enslaved woman. Students and community members living in lowa City could pick up a free copy of the novel from either the Stanley Museum or 12 other participating locations.

The program launched on Jan. 20 during Martin Luther King Jr. Day and concluded on Feb. 12 just before the opening of "it's a fine thing."

Throughout the spring, Nnuro will host four separate discussions, each offering a conversation about parts of the novel and a few of the works from the "it's a fine thing show." The first discussion was hosted on Feb.15, and the others will be held on March 8, April 5, and May 10.

By May, Nnuro hopes to examine every piece within the show and connect it to the novel.

"I want people to come to all of them, but I think that's a tall order. So, I love that the objects allow me to continue the conversation from each session to the next," Nnuro said. "Anyone can drop in because each discussion is going to be very much individualized."

The Stanley's approach and care put into the "it's a fine thing" exhibit and "Beloved" reading is in keeping with the museum's desire to entwine art and expression within the broader lowa City



community.

"This is the perfect time for this show to be happening in this city and this state," Nnuro said.

Several lowa City businesses participated in sharing free copies of "Beloved." Jason Paulios, the adult service coordinator at the Iowa City Public Library, spoke about his experience as their "contact person," communicating with the Stanley staff to distribute copies of the book.

"These big community read events are a nice focal point for the community, for gathering, social interaction, engagement with either people," Paulios said. "But it could also be a chance to meet new people and step outside your comfort zone with literature. Maybe ["Beloved" is] a title you wouldn't normally choose to read, but this way your eyes are open to a new work."

Paulios emphasized that the Big Read offers a unique opportunity for community members to engage with the arts, explaining how someone might be moved by a book passage and then feel compelled to attend one of the Stanley discussions, eventually making their way to the exhibit.

"It's a good excuse to get together and learn a lot more about your world," he said.

Paulios also noted Iowa City's strong literature background and why it was chosen as one of the 62 worldwide locations to host the Big Read.

"We have a really strong library system in this region and historically strong libraries in Iowa as well," Paulios said, also noting Iowa City's UNESCO City of Literature designation. "[Iowa City] would have been an easy one for NEA to choose, I would think."

Paulios is familiar with Toni Morrison's work but hasn't read "Beloved" in many years. He's looking forward to reading it again in conjunction with the city's various events.

"I remember being impressed with it when I read it, of course, and it's been long enough that I need to revisit [it]," he said, emphasizing Morrison's influence both as a writer and a cultural icon. "I think she was an intellectual American looked up to."

Reynolds is excited to share her own work with Iowa City and celebrate the fruits of four years worth of hard work and planning.

"It's pretty incredible and poignant at this time to really discuss the complexities of erasure but also the complexities of joy and desire," Reynolds said. "Being able to do so at this exhibition, particularly as a Black woman and thinking of the ambitions of other Black women — I'm just trying to manifest that as much as possible within any space I go to."



## The Gazette

## E. lowa nursing home sued after intruder is found undressed in bed with a resident

Two days before the 2023 incident, the intruder was charged with indecent exposure after an incident at the Iowa City Public Library

#### By Clark Kauffman -lowa Capital Dispatch | February 3, 2025 9:23 AM

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An lowa nursing home is being sued over an incident in which an intruder was able to enter the home, undress and climb into bed with a resident.

The family of the late Ruth Bartow is suing Crestview Specialty Care of West Branch and the home's owners, Care Initiatives of West Des Moines, in Cedar County District Court.

The lawsuit alleges that Bartow was admitted to Crestview in February 2023 with severe cognitive impairments, and that three months later, at 2:50 p.m. on April 5, the staff found an unauthorized male "visitor" in her room, 54-year-old Michael Beaver of West Branch.

Beaver was laying with Bartow in her bed "without any clothes on," the lawsuit alleges.

The Crestview staff escorted Beaver out of Bartow's room to the front lobby and notified the police. Bartow was later found in her room crying, according to the lawsuit.

<u>State inspectors later concluded</u> Beaver had been seen walking around in the facility as early as 10:30 a.m. that day. At 11:10 a.m., and at 1 p.m., staffers noticed Beaver pushing Bartow in her wheelchair throughout the building but failed to intervene.

The lawsuit accuses Crestview and Care Initiatives of gross negligence and recklessness in the form of inadequate staffing, false advertising, and "inappropriately allocating excessive funds to itself, thereby draining the facility of the resources necessary to maintain sufficient and appropriately trained staff to supervise residents and prevent avoidable injuries."

The lawsuit also seeks unspecified actual damages and punitive damages for breach of contract and dependent adult abuse.

Crestview and Care Initiatives have yet to file a response to the lawsuit.

According to West Branch police, Beaver wasn't criminally charged for his role in the incident as there



was already an order to pick him up in connection with a civil commitment proceeding. **Police said** there was "no direct evidence" Bartow was sexually assaulted.

Court records show that two days before the incident at Crestview, Beaver was arrested and charged with indecent exposure at the Iowa City Public Library. According to the arrest report, video evidence showed Beaver entering the library, going to the computers on the second floor, taking off his sweatshirt and pants, placing a jacket over his genitals, and then spending four hours watching pornographic videos while reaching under his jacket and stimulating himself.

The day after he was arrested, he was released from jail on his own recognizance. District Associate Judge Jason A. Burns released Beaver on the condition that he not return to the library.

On May 24, 2023, the library staff called police to report Beaver was sitting on a bench outside of the library watching pornographic material on a mobile phone and masturbating in clear view of library patrons.

Beaver ultimately pleaded guilty to two counts indecent exposure and three remaining counts were dismissed. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

This article first appeared in the **lowa Capital Dispatch.** 



## The Gazette

## Suspect quickly arrested after Iowa City bank robbery

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A man who had told police he wanted to go to prison was arrested Friday on charges he flashed a gun to a teller at an Iowa City bank and told the teller "he would not go home tonight" if he didn't hand over cash, authorities said.

A man identified in records as Nickoles Julio Deherrera, 39, from Boulder, Colorado, was being held in the Johnson County Jail on a first-degree robbery charge.



lowa City police responded at 2:19 p.m. Friday to a robbery at Wells Fargo Bank, 103 E. College St. According to a criminal complaint, the robber handed a note to a teller demanding cash and threatening the teller -- pulling up his shirt to reveal "the wooden handle of a replica black power military style revolver." The teller handed the robber about \$1,000 in cash.

Police said the suspect was captured before and after the robbery on surveillance cameras, and they quickly arrested Deherrera at the Iowa City Public Library.

Court records show that, just a day before the bank robbery, Deherrera was released Thursday by a judge on his own recognizance after Iowa City police say they caught him stealing a tent and a bicycle from a Walmart on Wednesday.

"The defendant told an ICPD uniformed officer in the days prior to the robbery, he wanted to commit a bank robbery so he could go to prison," according to the criminal complaint for the bank robbery.



## **Iowa City Press-Citizen**

## Garden Walks with Judy: Project GREEN's 2nd garden forum is Sunday

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You just have to love February.

Winter is almost half over, it is the shortest month of the year, seed catalogs are well thumbed and perhaps some seeds have arrived. Underneath the ground, the daffodil bulbs are starting to send a shoot upward that should pop through in early March.

And then add Valentine's to sweeten the days.

Project GREEN has something this month, too, with their Second Sunday Gardening Forum from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday. Kari Pohl will present "Creating a Pollinator MicroPrairie In Your Landscape" at the lowa City Public Library.

Pohl taught science in the Cedar Rapids Community School District before joining Integrated DNA Technologies where she is a developmental scientist. She is also a Master Gardener and attends classes and workshops to increase her expertise.

Since starting seedlings in small containers, then on to raised bed gardening and now to the acre of land Pohl is developing, she has become passionate about sustaining agriculture and encouraging pollinators.

She says that "93 percent of lowa's land is dedicated to monocrops, making the state the mostaltered landscapes on earth."

Mooncroping sent me to Google right away.

The definition is simply growing one crop on the same land year after year. Its purpose appears to be an increase in production and profit, plus a reduction in machinery needed for other crops, which meant fewer workers to bring in the harvest.

It also encouraged "factory farms" and the buying up of smaller farms to add to their production ability. The result is, and was, that some crops are no longer grown in enough quantity to supplement the diets of humans and animals.

This is a rather complex subject. Is it good for the economy, but detrimental to humans as well as animals and the environment? Does it increase the food needed by the world or reduce the ability to have certain foods needed by the world?



Pohl's interest in this and her advanced study should answer our questions. This is an important look at lowa agriculture and I am eager to hear it.

These Second Sunday forums are always at the Iowa City Library, open to the public and starting at 2 p.m. Questions are encouraged and often there are door prizes plus a hot drink to ward off the sometimes fickle February weather.

Judy Terry is a freelance garden writer who hopes to lead you through many fantastic gardens.



#### **lowa City Police respond to bank robbery**

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 01/17/2025

Contact: policemediarequests@iowa-city.org

Phone: 319-356-5275

#### Iowa City Police respond to bank robbery

At 2:19 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, the lowa City Police Department responded to a bank robbery involving an armed subject at Wells Fargo Bank, 103 E. College St.

A subject was identified and taken into custody at the Iowa City Public Library.

The Iowa City Police Department is continuing to seek information and witnesses to the robbery.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Cade Burma at cburma@iowa-city.org.

No further information is available at this time.

#### How you can help:

This incident is being actively investigated by the Iowa City Police Department and we are asking the public for assistance. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Iowa City Police Department at 319-356-5275. In addition, anyone in that area with security cameras is asked to review their recordings and contact the Iowa City Police Department with any potential footage or information about this incident.

Iowa City Area Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information about this incident that leads to an arrest. Crime Stoppers tips can be submitted via the P3 Tips app, online at iccrimestoppers.org, or by phone at 319-358-TIPS (8477). All tips and calls are held in strict confidence and anonymity is guaranteed. Individuals providing information are not required to reveal their identity to collect a reward.





# **New Bills in Iowa Threaten to Tighten Obscenity Provisions for Libraries**

Publisher's Weekly | Nathalie op de Beeck | February 20, 2025

https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/97125-new-bills-in-iowa-threaten-to-tighten-obscenity-provisions-for-libraries.html

HF 274 and SF 347 take aim at public libraries and educational institutions, seeking to repeal protections and proposing steep fines for violations

Two pieces of state legislation recently introduced in lowa challenge the state's obscenity code related to libraries and schools and threaten libraries with civil action related to allegedly obscene materials. House File 274 would repeal a section of the lowa Code that addresses obscenity exemptions for public libraries and educational institutions, while Senate File 347 aims to control the selection and purchase of books and materials with alleged sexual content and proposes steep fines for sharing such work with minors.

HF 274, which was introduced February 10, proposes eliminating section 728.7 of the lowa Code's <u>chapter 728</u>, <u>on obscenity</u>. Currently, the section states that nothing in chapter 728 "prohibits the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any accredited school, any public library, or in any educational program in which a minor is participating." Further, the chapter does not prohibit "the attendance of minors at an exhibition or display of art works or the use of any materials in any public library."



On February 17, a three-member education subcommittee of the lowa house of representatives voted 2–1 to advance HF 274, and on February 18, the house education committee promptly voted 14–8 in favor of moving the bill to the full house for consideration. Concurrently, six Republican state senators cosponsored SF 347, which was quickly referred to a committee on local government. The lowa state senate described SF 347 as a bill that would prohibit certain materials in public libraries in counties and cities, while also "authorizing civil actions, and providing civil penalties."

SF 347 "aims to prohibit the selection and purchase of materials containing descriptions or visual depictions of sex acts in public libraries," per its language, and "mandates that librarians must not knowingly provide obscene material or hard-core pornography to minors." The bill, if passed, would enable parents or guardians of minors to file complaints and initiate civil actions against any librarian they believe has supplied material that are sexual in nature.

The bill also gives the attorney general and county attorneys the power to use civil action for



"establishing a framework for accountability in public libraries regarding the protection of minors from inappropriate materials." The penalty for a violation would be "at least \$5,000," with damages set at "a minimum of \$10,000 for violations related to obscene material and \$20,000 for hard-core pornography."

Sam Helmick, <u>community and access coordinator</u> at the lowa City Public Library and <u>president-elect</u> of the American Library Association, called HF 274 and SF 347 "pernicious." Despite community protests in support of trusted institutions, "we've seen a dozen library-averse bills in lowa," Helmick said, "and these two are a parfait of awful." SF 347 in particular, Helmick said, "takes away local control, dismantles minors' rights, insinuates that library workers are peddling pornography, and circumvents a library's board of trustees."

"Library workers have two jobs" in today's America, Helmick said: serving their communities and, uncompensated, monitoring legislation around the clock. "We're watching to see when [a bill] will be posted, so we can alert our library committees who have been profoundly worried." Helmick urged concerned members of the public to comment as soon as possible, noting that the lowa house and senate are hurrying controversial legislation to the floor and "not honoring the 24-hour rule for committee meeting"—meaning constituents have little time to make their case against the bills. Helmick, a past president of the lowa Library Association and former member of the ALA executive board and Intellectual Freedom Round Table, said that the threat of legal action could have a chilling effect on librarians, pose a financial risk in the event of a penalty, and undermine the public library mission to serve everyone in a community. They added that the young readers visiting libraries independently "usually come with a Chromebook or device giving them access to the World Wide Web"—implying that readers of any age still have access to allegedly obscene materials regardless of whether they are removed from library shelves. HF 274 and SF 347 name obscenity as their target, Helmick said, but "this isn't about books or materials so much as it is about dismantling publicly funded institutions."

The two pieces of legislation are just the latest in Iowa to target books in public and school libraries. The state has been taken to court in recent years by publishers and other book business organizations over legislation including SF 496, a law now in effect which, among other provisions, bans books and materials with depictions of sex from school libraries. In its most recent report on school book bans, released in September, free expression nonprofit PEN America counted more than 10,000 cases of book censorship nationwide in public schools during the 2023-2024 school year, nearly 8,000 of which were recorded in Florida and Iowa alone

A version of this article appeared in the 02/24/2025 issue of Publishers Weekly under the headline





### **Action Needed for Library Subcommittees**

From Iowa Library Association <admin@iowalibraryassociation.org>
Date Thu 2/20/2025 6:11 PM

To Jen Royer < jennifer-royer@icpl.org>



Hello, ILA Members,

Three bills have been scheduled for subcommittee hearings next week – ILA has registered as opposed to all of them. Below are the details of each bill, information about the subcommittee, a link for submitting public comments, and talking points for each bill. As the subcommittee stage is the only time for the public to submit comments, we encourage you to look over the information for each bill and submit a comment at the links included. Should these pass subcommittee and be taken up in full committee meetings and later for floor debate, GAC will launch direct email campaigns as we did for HF 274 earlier this week.

If you are planning to attend any of the three subcommittee hearings in person, **ILA members can meet at the entrance of the Law Library 30 minutes before the subcommittee begins.** 

**HF 284** 

Committee: Education (House)



**Bill Title:** A bill for an act modifying provisions related to public libraries that are eligible to receive state assistance under the enrich lowa program.

HF 284 and SF 238 are companion bills in the House and Senate that are focused on taking away Enrich lowa funding for libraries that pay dues to organizations that engage in advocacy work — i.e. the lowa Library Association.

### **Submit Comments**

Members: Hayes-CH, Kniff McCulla, Matson

Date: Monday, Feb. 24 at 12:30 PM

Location: RM 102

### Virtual Meeting

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Call in number: 14084189388

Access code: 24916906399

Note: Public cannot testify via Zoom in House subcommittees, only in person

### **Talking Points**

- Legislating against a membership organization based on viewpoint is unconstitutional and unacceptable. It violates the principle of free association, a cherished and protected right in our democracy.
- This legislation would impact the ability of libraries across the state to benefit from professional organizations such as the lowa Library Association, Association of Small and Rural Libraries, Medical Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries,



Chief Operating Officers of State Library Associations, American Theological Library Association, and American Library Association.

- These professional associations help bring millions of dollars in library aid to lowa from the federal government.
- These associations offer grant opportunities and professional development
  to libraries and library workers and improve services provided to the public.
  Penalizing individuals or institutions for joining or participating in the
  activities of a professional organization goes against the values of free
  thought, inquiry, and the collective improvement of our society.

### **SF 235**

Committee: Education (Senate)

Bill Title: A bill for an act relating to obscenity exemptions for public libraries and educational institutions.

SF 235 is companion bill to HF 274 which has been renumbered to HF 521.

### **Submit Comments**

Members: Salmon-CH, Pike, Quirmbach

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 10:00 AM

Location: Senate Lounge

Join via

**Zoom:** <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83631914318?pwd=KwAjw45jlZU8zw9sqr8cIICW">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83631914318?pwd=KwAjw45jlZU8zw9sqr8cIICW</a> eX7b3U.1



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# **Talking Points**

- The public library exemption in the obscenity code protects libraries from frivolous lawsuits. If the exemption were removed, anyone could sue the library repeatedly over materials they objected to, regardless of the merit.
- The legal fees from multiple lawsuits could paralyze a library and its city, consuming the budget and potentially forcing cities to decide they can no longer support having a library due to the liability.
- This bill is unnecessary, because obscenity has already been defined by Law with the "Miller Test" and the "Serious Value Test."
- This bill restricts free speech and access to information, and allows the state to ban books and other materials from libraries and schools that have educational and cultural value.
- This bill strips citizens of their right to a library free of censorship.
- The exemption in current law is not a blanket exemption. It only covers
  educational purposes, meaning that the only time a library could claim the
  exemption is for educational purposes. If a library was distributing
  pornographic material, it would not be exempt.

### **SF 238**

Committee: State Government (Senate)

Bill Title: A bill for an act modifying provisions related to public libraries that are eligible to receive state assistance under the enrich lowa program.



HF 284 and SF 238 are companion bills in the House and Senate that are focused on taking away Enrich Iowa funding for libraries that pay dues to organizations that engage in advocacy work — i.e. the Iowa Library Association.

### **Submit Comments**

Members: Salmon-CH, Campbell, Celsi

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 10:00 AM

Location: Room 217 Conference Room

Join via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771986884?pwd=S5a0usBWQ2kwyHDZWYXUmaqN Naoffu.1

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Passcode: 771822

### **Talking Points**

See companion bill HF 284 above.

ILA is also actively tracking <u>HF 466</u>, a bill regarding ebook pricing and terms, which has been introduced but not yet scheduled for subcommittee. We will provide an update on the status of this bill next week.

Please stay tuned for more updates and calls to action as there are more developments at the Capitol. You can also <u>track the full list of bills that ILA is</u>



### watching.

Thank you for your efforts, and for supporting Iowa libraries!

Government Affairs Committee

For a helpful review about engaging in advocacy, check out the <u>FAQ: Library</u> advocacy do's and dont's.

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# **Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

January 23, 2025 2nd Floor – Boardroom Regular Meeting - 5:00 PM

### DRAFT

Tom Rocklin - PresidentBonnie BoothroyRobin PaetzoldDJ Johnk - Vice PresidentJoseph MassaJohn RaeburnHannah Shultz-SecretaryClaire MatthewsDan Stevenson

**Members Present:** Joseph Massa, Claire Matthews, Robin Paetzold, John Raeburn, Tom Rocklin, Dan Stevenson.

Members Absent: Bonnie Boothroy, DJ Johnk, Hannah Shultz.

Staff Present: Elsworth Carman, Anne Mangano, Brent Palmer, Jason Paulios.

**Guests Present:** Kristy Hartsgrove Mooers joined after public comment period.

**Call Meeting to Order.** Rocklin called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. A quorum was present.

**Approval of January 23, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.** Raeburn made a motion to approve the January 23, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda. Massa seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

Public Discussion. None.

Items to be Discussed.

**Six Month Strategic Plan Update.** 

Rocklin liked the format. Carman reminded the group this was not a holistic overview of all Library business but rather highlights the specific four strategic goals. Raeburn made a comment about future strategic plan updates using active instead of passive voice for benefits to readers. Carman responded to explain we chose to remove specific staff names this time and there was general Board consensus that it was ok to include these in the future and also possible to leave them out but remain in active voice. Rocklin asked about clarification related to vocabulary language of "passive" (ex. "passive crafts") and also noted library jargon that might not be useful for the public. Carman agreed they should be defined for future updates. Rocklin was appreciative of the new All Abilities Club and asked about attendance figures, Carman explained Angie Pilkington could help answer that next month when she returns. Matthews expressed interest and appreciation for the new world language collections and especially pointed out



how difficult it has been for her to find Arabic language materials for students. Rocklin asked for more information related to digital collections budget with respect to the update regarding repurchasing policies/guidelines for eMaterials. Mangano responded with some early positive numbers related to the change, specifically that we're now hitting the budgeted weekly numbers and there has been staff time savings as well. Mangano noted a more robust report would be forthcoming at the end of the quarter. Rocklin asked about the effectiveness of the program surveys for adults during the Summer Reading Program. Paulios explained about the Summer Reading Program event surveys collected in 2024 and how they helped event programmers better understand diverse marketing effort effectiveness and future event topic interest.

### **Review 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials and Statistics.**

Stevenson mentioned the new overview appendix "chart of accounts" was particularly useful for the Finance Committee. Carman said expenditures are tracking as expected, and noted that he modified the memo this quarter to try to show tracking over time with comparisons to past years to explain specific instances of early year spending. Carman said the appendix was created out of a Finance Committee conversation and influenced by comments at previous Board. He noted that Jen Royer was instrumental in creating the appendix. Rocklin asked about the object codes and wondered if it was still functional. Carman explained a few specific examples of issues that can be difficult year-to-year but that the divisions are useful overall and not currently problematic. Mangano gave an example of a larger overhaul of the collection lines happening a few years ago in order to allow for easier reports to the state. Carman explained there is an opportunity to include comments in the budget software for future explanation of alterations and that he and Jen have made notes in almost all budget lines .

# Staff Reports.

# Director's Report.

Carman added an update on the budget report to explain the upcoming CIP project related to carpet replacement. Earlier this week Carman had presented to Council on the long history of this CIP request. The current request is being funded at \$805,000 including \$55,000 coming from Board controlled funds (NOBU) in FY26. There is concern that the allocation won't cover the full scope of the project. Part of the project will require a specialized vendor to do the shelf moving, it won't make financial sense to split the project up if the money doesn't cover both floors as they aren't local. Carman will bring information back to the Board if we find bids come in over the budget. He also added information related to the Polco community survey the City completed, there was only one specific library-related question, we received a 96% satisfaction to the question. HVAC replacement was completed and successful, this will allow for easier remote monitoring of the system. Rocklin asked if the other units are all the same age. Carman explained they are different but that we have a replacement schedule in place. Carman explained a future replacement unit may need to be brought by helicopter if City Engineering determines the Ped Mall surface can't handle the weight of the crane that will be needed. Rocklin asked about the meeting with Parks & Recreation and wondered about what an expansion of collaboration might look like. Carman explained we are looking for joint expectation setting about behavior and how it might be appropriate to share across departments with regards to respecting privacy. He's interested in connecting staff for peer support and to learn more from one another, also the potential for shared



staff training. Wider-range conversation will be taking place soon. Rocklin explained how it will benefit citizens to see how City Department expectations are all aligned and consistent .

# **Departmental Reports: Adult Services.**

Paulios added that early attendance reports for Wintering Together series have been positive and by packaging the events as a series in a handout we've seen attendees show up at multiple events. Rocklin expressed interest in the Book Club Matchmaking event as a community building opportunity that is core to library services. Paulios reported on the most recent event's success.

# **Community & Access Services.**

No questions from the Board. Rocklin appreciated the data visuals and the collaboration with CommUnity.

### **Development Report.**

Roche is in planning mode for the Bright Future fundraising event, the department has not yet advertised widely as they are still lining things up. Fundraising has hit \$100,000 of the \$88,000 goal for the annual giving and she's very appreciative of our community donors.

# President's Report.

Rocklin brought up that there will be three members going off the Board this summer and encouraged members to recruit others in the community to apply. Stevenson asked about the past gender designation requirement and it was explained this was no longer active. Rocklin handed out an excerpt of Iowa Code Title 1 regarding the process of going into executive session for the review of the Director. Rocklin explained, due to litigation involving closed-session evaluations, the City Attorney will no longer advise they go into closed session for the evaluation as it exposes Board members to potential litigation and potential fines. This means there will be a new evaluation process. The City Attorney has a recommendation which Rocklin would like to talk through at this meeting, bring back for formal adoption at the next meeting, and then have a slightly delayed evaluation after Board approval in February. The procedure will involve a work group gathering information as before from staff, Board members, and Carman. They compile and synthesize the information, instead of taking this into closed session it would go to the Board President who would perform the evaluation and either approve or amend. This procedure is how the City Attorney is also advising the City Council to proceed with their evaluations. Cedar Rapids will be appealing their case to the Supreme Court but not in time for our evaluation process. Paetzold asked how the Board will know what the evaluation would be if it was reduced to a one-on-one evaluation session. Rocklin explained the report could be distributed confidentially to Board members as it was a personnel document. This would allow members to know what would be in the discussion, but, unless they were included in the work group, they would not have the ability to amend. Paetzold asked if the employee could add their own information to the document and expressed concerns about the Chair having a lot of authority of the evaluation and even possibly going above the work group's recommendations. Rocklin will ask Attorney Goers about whether Board members and the employee would be allowed to add a statement to the final document. Rocklin believes that a Board member could ask to add a statement and will advise Goers to add to the procedure. Massa asked about impact to the Board bylaws, Rocklin believes it won't be impacted as they



are written very broadly. Paetzold asked about other impacted positions in the City and Rocklin explained the Airport Commission would be the same. Paetzold brought up the recent Johnson County executive employee dismissal and there was discussion about the ways to incorporate performance concerns into this new process. Paetzold expressed concern that this method could be abused if the Board President went against the working group's recommendations, not necessarily with this Board but in a more divisive future Board. Rocklin will bring the final procedure proposal back to the Board at the next meeting for a vote. Paetzold asked if a recommendation to alter salary was made at the delayed evaluation if that would be retroactive to the originally scheduled evaluation date.

### **Announcements from Members.**

Matthews reports that last fall a parent addressed the School District regarding a perceived lack of Palestinian-American and Arab-American stories in the school libraries. In the course of researching bibliographies related to the topic, her Coordinator reported that the lowa City Public Library had many titles she sought for review and praised the collection development department's work.

# **Committee Reports.**

### **Advocacy Committee.**

Waiting for ILA Government Affairs committee update to the Trustee Board committee.

### **Finance Committee.**

Friends Foundation Finance Committee has requested a joint meeting with Library Board Finance Committee. Rocklin is in favor and they will work on finding a date in coordination with Roche.

### **Foundation Members.**

### Communications.

### **News Articles.**

Paetzold brought up the emergency issue with police last Friday and wondered about any follow up. Carman explained that an armed bank robbery occurred nearby and the suspect fled into Library. Police were able to apprehend the unarmed suspect on the second floor and it led to uncertainty about the location of the firearm. The first floor had been evacuated due to uncertainty of the location of the potentially armed suspect. Second floor was less impacted as they quickly arrested the individual as they reached that floor. There was some discussion about closing the library while they brought in a dog to try to locate the firearm, as staff were planning for that ICPD received information about the discovery of the weapon offsite. No new recommendations are forthcoming regarding practices for dealing with the emergency. Carman praised the ICPD response and their calm demeanor and positive, responsive communication during the event.

# **Consent Agenda.**

Massa made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Matthews seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

# **Set Agenda Order for February Meeting.**

Rocklin mentioned the Director Evaluation will be moved to March 2025 meeting. They will appoint a

# Agenda Item 10A-5



nominating committee, set the calendar for the next Fiscal Year, and Department Report updates.

Adjournment. Rocklin adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason Paulios** 



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			ACCOUNT T	OTAL	488.90			
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		ACCOUNT TOTAL	319.50	
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		ACCOUNT TOTAL	105.00	
		ORG 10550320 TOTAL	424.50	
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		ACCOUNT TOTAL	955.85	
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		ACCOUNT TOTAL	-5.04	
		ORG 10550420 TOTAL	950.81	
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		ORG 10550510	TOTAL	57.00	
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		ACCOUNT 1	TOTAL	5,202.02	
10550520 477110 011068 OVERDRIVE INC	01370DA25026059	Audio (Digit 0 2025 7	tal) INV P	83.99 020725	309751 LIBRARY MATERIALS
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		ORG 10550520	TOTAL	5,319.74	
FUND 1001 Lib	rary Gifts	٦	TOTAL:	6,831.97	



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		ORG 10550800 T	OTAL	3,215.07	
FUND 1006 Library	Replacement Reserves	s TOTAL:		3,215.07	