

Sept 15th, 2026 - Library Board Meeting

Call to Order - Kelsey

Present - Chelsea, Deb, Pam, Bev, Allison, Kelsey & Zoe

Minutes - June minutes read by Chelsea, approved by Pam, second by Deb.

Treasurer Report:

Aug. 2026 beginning balance - \$21,615.38

Aug. 2026 ending balance - \$16,214.69

Kinney-Lindstrom grant update - shed is built and shelving inside is constructed. Just need to paint and move items from inside to shed. Whatever \$ is left will go toward purchasing totes so everything can be better organized in indoor closet.

Summer reading - Went very well. Had 43 kids at kickoff program, then 23, 30 and 21. Life-sized Candyland was very fun, had about 75 people come through. Only \$5 in donation jar from this.

Sensory storytime series - Got \$1500 grant to do this series and give each family a free book. The first 2 weeks we had 2 families. After that had 17-26 kids each time. It went well and the Globe Gazette even wrote a nice article about it. We might try this again in the Winter without the free book.

Author fair - partnered with a few towns and was held at Mason City Fairgrounds during the fair. Not a great turnout.

Back to school pizza party - 11 kids attended. Esmerelda Mendez talked to kids about the plants used in our library garden that can be used for pizza.

After school program - has about 15 kids routinely. Going well but could use more after school snacks or juice boxes from library board if willing to donate. Currently have enough for a few more weeks.

Pam Gobeli - sending flowers from library board to her house likely.

ARSL conference - in Alabama. Chelsea leaves tonight.

Beth E. Reinhart grant - applied for this. To re-do kitchen space possibly and purchase new fridge/freezer.

Spooky book bingo - Planned for Friday Oct. 2nd at 7:00.

Halloween party/Robison Reptile event - Thursday October 29th at 6:00.

Open house event - Saturday Nov 7th at 10:00. To show off new sensory space, shed, seating area etc.

Sam - baby due in Nov. How can we try to have library open a bit during Sam's normal hours (10 per week) and will post on facebook page about open hours during this time. Discussion on paying Sam for maternity leave for hours worked. Motion to pay Sam for 8 weeks of leave by Bev, Second by Pam. Will also get her a gift card from library board for her baby shower.

Next Summer reading program - planning a "Catch the reading wave" for water theme. Hoping to get the traveling shark tank to come. Talk on cost for this and if available during Meservey fireworks weekend. Also if fire department would consider water games etc. Will be discussed more at later date.

Motion to adjourn by Allison. Second by Pam.