

Weldon Library Board Minutes
February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Jered Shofner at 7:00pm, in the board meeting room of the Weldon Public Library.

The roll call was conducted by Chris Senkpiel. In attendance were Jered Shofner, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton, and Cherie Brittin. Susan Westray and Dave Meyer were absent. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present.

Minutes were presented from January 20, 2026 board meeting. Minutes were adopted as presented.

There was no public forum.

TREASURER'S REPORT for January was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for January 1 was \$13,337.47. Receipts for January were \$6,185.64. The distributions for January were \$9,125.21 and fund disbursements were \$960.00 resulting in an ending balance on January 31, 2026 of \$9,437.90.

There was a motion by Cherie Brittin to accept the January treasurer's report, seconded by Carla Burton. The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

January Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated Jan. 1 – Jan. 31:

- Owned Content: 28,014 (14,954 e-books; 13,060 audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,294

January funds deposited

January - Fine, copy, fax: \$16.40 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$26.50 - Donation \$750.00

Total \$792.90

Paid Out January - \$24.00

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

2-4-26 ~ Olympic Themed A-25, C-42

As a part of the programs for this day, Grace got a wonderful video on Olympic Skeleton racing with a personal message for our Library that was a hit with everyone.

3-4-26 ~ Recycling Fun: will include building of box forts and decorating with UV pens, glo-sticks, and collages

Wednesday Explorers

1-21-26 ~ A-8, C-12
1-28-26 ~ A-16, C-25
2-11-26 ~ A-21, C-26
2-18-26 ~ A-, C-
2-25-26 ~ A-, C-

Lego Friday

1-23-26 ~ A-2, C-4 (no school due to cold)
1-30-26 ~ A-11, C-21
2-6-26 ~ A-10, C-18
2-13-26 - No School
2-20-26 ~ A-, C-
2-27-26 ~ A-, C-

Pre-K Visits

2-6-26 ~ Valentine/Love A – 3 C- 20
3-6-26 ~

MS Book Club

2-11-26 ~ “Be Not Far From Me” Mindy McGinnis – A – 2 C - 11
3-11-26 ~ “Falling Over Sideways’ by Jordan Sonnenblick

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

1-23-26 ~ A-7
1-30-26 ~ A-6
2-6-26 ~ A- 8
2-13-26 ~ A-10
2-20-26 ~ A
2-27-26 ~ A

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

March 13th at 10:30 am – Balancing Blood Sugars/Diabetes A – C – (no Lori)
April 10th at 10:30 am – Breakfast/overnight oats
May 8th at 10:30 am – Grilling and Rubs

Village Meeting (held at Library, Narcan Training)

2-5-26 ~ A-18

Barn Quilt Class

Scheduled for March 28th, 10:00AM – 2:00PM, Spring designs

Summer Reading theme 2026 – “Plant a Seed, Read!” Schedule is planned!

Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th. Candy donations needed!

OLD BUSINESS

- Statement of Economic Interest filed at County Clerk - with receipts
- Open Meeting Act & FOIA online training - to be completed by individuals
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – certificates to be filed at the Library
- Review Bylaws - NO NEED TO TAKE ACTION
- Microsoft Update – our tax exempt status has been confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Policies (26,27,28, 29, 30 & 31)

- Policy 28 – need to add new outdoor furniture
- Policy 29 – FOIA – Jered motioned for a change to add email addresses for (trustee titles in lieu of NAMES). Motion was seconded by Chris, and approved unanimously. There was further discussion about a deeper review of the document to prevent constant updating. We can address the potential for overhaul of whole document later. Secretary will review other library policies around FOIA to see if we must update this document annually with all the current details, or if a simpler revision is needed.

Review Disaster Plan - updated

Line Item Budget – a committee was appointed by Jered to explore budget reporting for greater analysis of our spending. Committee to be Christi, Chris, and Dave.

Trustee Education - Dave will begin making a monthly presentation on our new Microsoft platforms for the Board to improve our understanding of and use of these tools.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Deep dive Bi-Monthly for a YoY trend analysis? Talk to Dana? (CLS to follow up)
Upcoming changes to the Board regarding Susan's role will be addressed in March.

There was a motion to adjourn meeting by Cherie Brittin, seconded by Carla Burton. Adjourned at 8:24PM.

Minutes submitted by Chris Senkpiel, Secretary
February 20, 2026