

**Weldon Library Board Minutes
October 21, 2025**

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 Susan Westray, Dave Meyer, and Cherie Brittin. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present.

Minutes were presented from September 16, 2025, board meeting. There was a motion to approve minutes by Susan Westray, seconded by Carla Burton. The vote was 7-0.

There were two people present for the public forum. Madi & Lisa Tabor, independent consultants with the direct sales company Scentsy, explained that they want to host an independent Scentsy Fundraiser to benefit the WPL. They made a presentation and shared promotional materials. There is no direct association with the library or its board members, other than the library would receive a financial benefit from any sales collected for a specific sales event that will run until December 1st.

There were no closed session items.

TREASURER'S REPORT for September was reviewed by trustees. The beginning balance at First National for September was \$12,172.70. Receipts for September were \$38,163.27. The distributions for September were \$8,916.11 and fund disbursements were \$14,686.63 resulting in an ending balance on September 31, 2025, of \$26,733.23. There was a motion by Susan Westray, seconded by Cherie Brittin, to accept the treasurer's reports. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

September Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated Sept.1 – Sept. 30:

Owned Content: 26,047 (14,008 e-books; 12,039 audiobooks)

Pay-per-use Audio: 1,556

September funds deposited

September - Fine, copy, fax: \$14.75 Candy, soda, coffee: \$50.05

Regan Deering Donation – \$200.00 C. Brittin - \$10.00 Sell Back Books - \$11.82 Total \$286.62

Paid Out September - \$57.64

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

10-1-25 ~ Heartland Mini Hoofs A- 28 C – 46

11-5-25 ~ Clay Project Leaf Wind chime A – C –
12-3-25 ~ Sally the Clown as the Christmas Elf A – C -

Wednesday Explorers

9-17-25 ~ A – 11 C – 18
9-24-25 ~ A – 15 C – 31
10-8-25 ~ A - 16 C – 24
10-15-25 ~ A - C -

Lego Friday

9-19-25 ~ A - 9 C – 17
9-26-25 ~ A – 14 C – 18
10-3-25 ~ A – 15 C – 22
10-10-24 ~ NO SCHOOL – NO LEGO
10-17-25 ~ A – C -

Pre-K Visits

9-5-24 Back to School Themed books A – 3 C – 20 [Graham crackers/with icing & Fall sprinkles]
10-3-25 Halloween Witch, Pumpkin books A – 3 C – 20 [Oreo/Hershey kiss Witch hat]

MS Book Club

9-24/25 – A – 2 C - 12 The Twin by Natasha Preston
10-29-25 – A – C - Rules for Vanishing by Kate Alice Marshall

Library Crawl (October 1st – 31st) As of October 21st, A~44, C~2

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

9-19-25 ~ A – 7
9-26-25 ~ A – 9
10-3-25 ~ A – 9
10-10-25 ~ A – 5
10-17-25 ~ A - 5

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

October 10th at 10:30 am – Herbs & Spices: Drying and storing/preserving herbs A – 11
November 14th at 10:30am – Holiday Dips and Sips
Lori to meet with U of I Extension on 11/30 to discuss future program opportunities.

Senior Health Insurance Program Counselor: Diane Cusey, CCSI LLC

10-23-25 ~ A -

11-6-25, 2:00-4:00PM

12-4-25, 2:00-4:00PM

COMING SOON:

Barn Quilt Class November 8th 10:00 – 2:00 (8 signed up)

Family Reading Night – November 14th 6-7pm Pizza Themed

Holiday decorating at the Library – November 26th, noon

Santa at the Library December 6th

Book Fair Dec. 8-12

2026 Summer Reading Theme – “Plant a Seed, Read”

OLD BUSINESS

Review Mission Statement – tabled until November meeting

Review proposed changes to Policy 6: Carla Burton motioned to approve the revised Policy 6, seconded by Dave Meyer, approved unanimously, 7-0.

Microsoft Office updates – Dave reported out. A credit card number is needed to secure the appropriate Microsoft account, which needs to be investigated. There was a motion by Chris Senkpiel to apply for a bank credit card, seconded by Cherie Britin, approved 7-0. Christi to talk to our bank to seek options.

Comptrollers Annual Financial Report filed with County Clerk - official

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Funds received

Appoint committee to review Closed Session Minutes (July – December) – none to review. Dave Meyer and Susan Westray to serve as review committee.

Policies 7,8,9,10,11,12,13 were reviewed – NO CHANGES needed.

Political Candidates at the Library – there was discussion about a request from Kari Harris to come to the library. The library will not participate in political campaigns, but if she (or someone from her office) wants to represent the County Clerks office with current programs that benefit local residents, that would be allowed.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

MediaComm bundles – are there better programs to reduce costs for phone/internet offered by any companies that service Weldon?

There was a motion to adjourn meeting by Susan Westray, seconded by Christi Baker.
Adjourned at 8:29PM.