

**Weldon Library Board Minutes
January 20, 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, Dave Meyer and Cherie Brittin. Susan Westray was absent. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present.

Minutes were presented from November 18, 2025, board meeting. Minutes were adopted as presented.

Minutes were presented from the special board meeting held on December 16th, 2025. Minutes were adopted as presented.

There was no public forum.

TREASURER'S REPORT for November and December were reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for November 1 was \$21,246.51. Receipts for November were \$10,550.68. The distributions for November were \$7,830.66. Fund disbursements were \$1,248.73 resulting in an ending balance on November 30, 2025, of \$21,717.80.

The beginning balance at First National for December 1 was \$21,717.80. Receipts for December were \$4,609.91. The distributions for December were \$11,735.69 and fund disbursements were \$1,254.55 resulting in an ending balance on December 31, 2025 of \$13,337.47.

There was a motion by Cherie Brittin to accept the November and December treasurer's reports seconded by Carla Burton. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

Nov. Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated Nov. 1 – Nov 3:

Owned Content: 24,644 (13,075 e-books; 11,569 audiobooks)

Pay-per-use Audio: 2,323

Dec. Cloud Library Stats

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

Owned Content: 24,862 (13,119 e-books; 11,743 audiobooks)

Pay-per-use Audio: 2,325

Nov. funds deposited

November- Fine, copy, fax: \$24.80 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$2.85 - Donation \$20.00 Christi Baker, Book replacement \$30.00, \$30.00, \$30.00 – Sell Back Books \$3.90

Total \$141.55

Paid Out November - \$0.00

December- Fine, copy, fax: \$4.90 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$22.65 - Donation \$250.00 R&P Schlieper, \$150.00, R&C Senkpiel, \$100.00 Angie West – Weldon Fire Reimbursement \$210.00 (water treatment contract)

Total \$737.55

Paid Out November - \$0.00

Early Dismissal Days Schedule

12-3-25 ~ Sally the Clown as the Christmas Elf A – 20, C - 41

Wednesday Explorers

11-19-25 ~ A –11 C – 19

12-10-25 ~ A 7 C – 17

12-17-25 ~ A 10 C – 17

1-7-26 ~ A – 7 C – 13

1-14-26 ~ A – 10 C - 17

Lego Friday

11-21-25 ~ A-11, C-20

12-5-25 ~ A-9, C-17

12-12-25 ~ A-10, C-17

12-19-25 ~ A-7, C-17

1-9-26 ~ A-10, C-19

1-16-26 ~ A - 7 C -13

Pre-K Visits

12-5-24 Christmas A – 3 C- 20

1-10-25 Winter A – 3 C – 20

MS Book Club

12-17-24 ~ “The Rules for Vanishing” –A – 2 C – 11

1-7-25 ~ “The Boy Called Christmas” –A – 2 C – 10

1 - 11 -26 ~ “Be Not Far From Me” Mindy McGinnis

Adult Programs with DeWitt-Piatt Health Dept – Hannah Batchelder

Adult Chair Exercise

11-21-25 ~ A – 8

1-9-26 ~ A – 8
1-16-26 ~ A - 8

U of I Adult Extension Programs at the Library

March 13th at 10:30 am – Balancing Blood Sugars/Diabetes A – C –
April 10th at 10:30 am – Breakfast/overnight oats
May 8th at 10:30 am – Grilling and Rubs

Barn Quilt Class

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

Book Fair Dec. 8 – 11 See separate file summary

Annual Library Certification – Complete

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

OLD BUSINESS

Generac Generator regular service performed

Phone Service Provider coming on Thursday, Jan 22nd

Microsoft Update - Dave has successfully set up accounts for all board members. CLS to set up a share folder for meetings to have all reports uploaded.

Per Capita Summary for 2026: No action items, to be completed throughout the year. We have filed with the State.

NEW BUSINESS

Statements of Economic Interest - forms distributed, signed and given to Lori to submit to County Clerk

Tax Levy “Summary” received for review. No changes noted.

Lawn service agreement - \$595 for contract purposes, has been paid / April thru November

Open Meeting Act & FOIA online training - Lori to email links

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – Lori to provide information.

Review Bylaws – members to review and we are moving this to New Business for February

Review Policies: Policies 20 – 25 reviewed. No changes were recommended.

Bi-Monthly Report presented, separate document.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

By Law reviews

Deep dive Bi-Monthly for a YoY trend analysis? Talk to Dana?

Line item budget reporting structure?

There was a motion to adjourn meeting by Dave, seconded by Christi. Adjourned at 8:17PM.

Minutes submitted by Chris Senkpiel, Secretary
February 4, 2026