

Merrill Public Library  
AGENDA for Trustee Meeting  
Thursday April 9, 2026  
6:30 P.M.  
Main Room

Call to Order  
Minutes Approval  
Bills Approval  
Public Comment

Updates

- Hinton – checkouts, deliveries
- Brunsville
- Plymouth County Librarians' Meeting
- Book Club April 7

New Business

- Marcy's Absence
- Book Sale
- Pride Group request

Director's Report

- Summer reading plans
- Merrill Community Foundation Grant
- Iowa legislation

Back Burner

- Plymouth County Grant (August 1 deadline)
- Digitizing the microfilm of the Merrill Record (next fiscal year)
- Library Director Endorsement Course
- Weeding & upload to SILO

## Financial Review

### **March Bills**

|              |            |                                                   |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Walmart      | \$ 53.12   | (receipt missed from February, Valentines for EO) |
| Amazon       | \$ 95.98   | (printer cartridge and bulletin board kits)       |
| Thrift Books | \$ 15.69   | (3 paperback book requests)                       |
| Walmart      | \$ 42.30   | (EO treats & prizes for 3/11)                     |
| Walmart      | \$ 45.67   | (coffee, desk candy, EO treats)                   |
| Wages        | \$ 1798.91 |                                                   |

### **Library Usage Report – March**

| Checkouts via Patron |             |                  |              |             |                   |     |       |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| Resident Books       | Rural Books | Brunsville Books | Hinton Books | Craig Books | Open Access Books | ILL | TOTAL |
| 55                   | 19          | 11               | 34           | 0           | 2                 | 7   | 126   |

| Children | YR | YA | Adult | Mag | DVD | Audio Book | Overdrive | TOTAL |
|----------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|------------|-----------|-------|
| 36       | 13 | 0  | 78    | 1   | 0   | 0          | 284       | 412   |

| Patron Usage |           |         |          |             |                       |            |                      |
|--------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Door Count   | Reference | PC Uses | Programs | New Patrons | WiFi Usage (sessions) | Volunteers | TOTAL (w/o wireless) |
| 167          | 52        | 27      | 73       | 1 Rural     | 127                   | 0          | 320                  |

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Copies     | \$ 4.80  |
| Donations  | \$ 5.95  |
| Fines      | \$ 2.45  |
| Book Sales | \$ .50   |
| Total:     | \$ 13.70 |

# Merrill Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Present- Julie, Alicia, Maria, Barb, Charlene, Kelsey.

Minutes were motioned and approved by Charlene and Alicia.

Bills were motioned by Maria and Alicia.

No public comment

Updates-

Hinton-

Brunsville came here and let us know that they are changing to LeMars Library.

Plymouth County Library Meeting was on Monday went very well.

Book Club- 5 ladies and no one liked the book besides Barb; it will be a Mystery Book next month.

New Business-

Marcy is having surgery on Tuesday and will be gone 2-8 weeks depending?

Book Sale on April 19<sup>th</sup>

Pride Group Request they have a client that is a Sex Offender and if the police officer says it's safe then we all voted Yes as long as they called when outside and make sure no kids are outside. Motioned by Charlene and Kelsey. Pending the Police and trial basis.

Director's Report-

Finalized the Summer Reading Plans-

Merrill Community Foundation Grant- Going to Apply and thinking of a Mural.

Iowa Legislation- all of it is done. federal law is coming out.

Back Burner-

Plymouth County Grant- August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline

Digitizing the microfilm of the Merrill Record

Barb is still doing the Director Endorsement Course

Weeding and upload to SILO.

Ended the meeting at 7:25pm adjourned by Charlene and Alicia.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.