

Missouri Valley Public Library Board of Trustees  
Missouri Valley, Iowa  
December 12, 2023 Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. in the MVPL Board Room
  
2. Agenda Approval
  - Ashley motions
  - Jan seconds
  
3. Minutes Approval: November 14, 2023
  - No objections, stand approved as read
  
5. Old Business
  - a. Director's Evaluation-tabled to wait for Keith's input
  - b. Phyllis asked if the Board felt it was appropriate to contribute some of the Library's store of City bricks to a person requesting them. The Board agreed.
  
6. Budget Review
  - a. Bruce expressed concern about the City Clerk's decision to cut the budget for the present fiscal year of 2024 by \$14,608. With the upcoming FY25 Budget Proposal to the City Council, there is a possibility the Clerk may do something similar.
  - b. Ashley offered input concerning the Clerk's reasoning as to why she made the cut which was "she read somewhere that the Library receives 20% of the City's tax levy." Ashley pointed out that there was no code, law, and Misty Gray from the State agreed, that stated this directive. Ashley said that the Clerk had examined past budget allowances and that in the past four years the proposal by the Library had coincidentally added up to approximately 20%.
  
7. Public Communications/Correspondence
  - a. No public attended.
  - b. No City Council presentation for this month
  
9. Librarian's Report
  - a. Library Statistics
    - Digital checkouts remain strong and the library continues to be utilized as a meeting place for a variety of reasons.
  - b. Program Reports

Programs continue to be a strength of what the Library offers to the public.

10. New Business

a. The Library Board approved the FY2025 Budget Proposal Bruce prepared.

b. Bruce informed the Board that he removed a young adult from the Library for an indefinite time for displaying vulgarity on his phone to other young adults in the vicinity. He had also labeled another young adult's photo on his phone with derogatory comments and sent it to various contacts.

c. The youth's mother came to the Library to confront the perpetrator and Bruce contacted the police who sent an officer who watched as the photo was deleted from the offender's phone.

d. The Board examined the present Patron Conduct Policy, focusing on the requirements for cell phone usage, but did not see a reason to change what is already stated.

11. Adjournment at 5:30.

a. Next meeting is January 9, 2024