



**CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF
Lied Scottsbluff Public Library
LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting
February 18, 2026
4:30 PM**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **For public information, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review**
3. **Notice of changes in the agenda.** (Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 3 of this agenda.)
4. **Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda** (As required by state law, no matter may be considered under this item unless council determines that the matter requires emergency action.)
5. **Minutes**
 - a) Approval of minutes from January 2026 meeting.
6. **Petitions, communications, public input, and correspondence**
7. **Old Business**
 - a) **Social Media Policy** – review policy
8. **New Business**
9. **Regular reports, recommendations from the Library Director and committee reports:**
 - a) Monthly Library Report
 - b) Library statistics and activities, January 2026 and corrected December 2025
 - c) Board recertification credits according to NLC (Need 20 total): have 11.5, need 8.5 more for a total of 20 by 5/31/2027
10. **Adjournment**



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Board
Regular Meeting – 4:30pm
January 21, 2026
Minutes

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Present were Vicky Quezada, Anne Radford, Beth Merrigan, and Jacqueline de Peyer as well as guests Elaine Bleisch and Liz Perez. Absent was Justin McMillen.
- 2) **Minutes** Beth moved and Vicky seconded to approve the minutes from the November 2025 meeting. All voted yes.
- 3) **Petitions, communications, public input, and correspondence**
There were no board member reports.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) **Social Media Policy** – the board read through social media policies from the Omaha Public Libraries and Beatrice to see what other communities are including in their policies. This raised questions about whether social media is a public forum and free speech. Based on these examples and the discussion, Elaine will write a policy to review at the next meeting.
- 5) **New Business** – there was no new business.
- 6) **Regular reports, recommendations from the Library Director and committee reports:**
Elaine and Liz presented the monthly Library Reports for December 2025 and January 2026, including statistics for November and December, 2025
- 7) **Adjournment:** Beth moved to adjourn at 5:33 pm. Vicky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – DRAFT

This policy covers social media and social networking activities, both currently existing and any that may be developed in the future, for the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library.

The Library's social media sites are intended to be a limited forum for discussion of Library-related information. The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library welcomes dialogue with the public and we ask that posters remember to be respectful of others. The Library is committed to respecting freedom of speech and difference of opinion while protecting staff and users from offensive, abusive, racist, or otherwise inappropriate speech.

Library social media sites are not official City of Scottsbluff sites. Any comments posted by a member of the public on a library social media site is the opinion of the commentator or poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or agreement by, the Library, nor do such comments necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Library or the City of Scottsbluff. Links posted to any other websites do not constitute or imply an endorsement of those sites, their content, or the products and services associated with those sites. By commenting, you agree to LSPL's social media policy.

Any posts on the LSPL social media page are public. Visitors should be careful about posting any private or personally identifiable information and should limit such information to the minimum necessary to communicate their message. If patrons need to include private information in communications with the library, please contact the library directly at (308)630-6250

Please be aware your comments are subject to public disclosure laws. Comments containing any of the following inappropriate forms of content shall not be permitted on the City's social media sites and are subject to removal.

- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Profane, obscene, violent, or pornographic content and/or language
- Hateful or mean-spirited comments
- Plagiarized material, or material that violates intellectual property rights
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Commercial promotions or spam
- Comments not related to the original topic of the post
- Content that promotes discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, or national origin
- Conduct in violation of any federal, state, or local law
- Comments in support of or in opposition to any political campaign or ballot measure

If you have any questions about our comments policies, please don't hesitate to ask. Comments will be screened periodically during standard business days.

The Library reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of the library's or City's social media policy or any applicable law.



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Report to the Library Board

February 18, 2026

Director's Report

The library has had a great start to the new year. We have received a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation, due to starting out as a Carnegie Library in the early 1920's. They are distributing funds to the original Carnegie libraries in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Andrew Carnegie believed strongly in the importance of free public libraries, and we are grateful that the Carnegie Corporation continues his legacy and generosity today. A fun fact: this library was the 2nd to the last Carnegie library in Nebraska, and received the 5th largest grant! The original building was added on to in 1936 and is now the Western Nebraska Arts Center. We now have the fun task of deciding how to spend the money! We have a long list of ideas, of course, so the difficult part will be paring it down!

In November, we switched to a new Integrated Library System (ILS) - this is what we use to catalog and keep track of materials, as well as check materials in and out. It is the software behind the online catalog and a patron database. The transition went fairly smoothly and the staff has done a great job adjusting to the new system. It is more user-friendly, and it will now be easier to maintain the collection, run reports, and track usage.

The broken window in the women's restroom was replaced in January and we had an entirely new camera system installed that is much clearer and easier to use than the old one. We also had our new tech resign due to a summer schedule conflict, so we are once again looking for a new part-time library tech. - Elaine Bleisch, Library Director

Adult Services

Adult programming added two new regular monthly programs in January - Scrabble and Monday Makers. Both were attended with enthusiastic patrons and we look forward to growing these programs. Jay and Amanda Anderson presented Folk Mandolin Talk in January and we had a good turnout. This program will also be held as a sing-along for all ages on February 18. The Seed Library opens February 20. We will be kicking off the fifth year of this successful program with our "30 Quick Pick" bags (available while supplies last), and vegetable and herbs stocked on the seed board. We will add flower packets the first of May. Beth Everett from Meadowlark Hearth Organic Farm will be presenting two organic gardening classes for added Seed Library programming in March and April. We are seeing increased numbers in both our book clubs and all other adult programs are running smoothly and well attended.

-Jill Winchell, Public Services Librarian





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Youth Services

All of our regular youth programming resumed in January with building paper rollercoasters in STEAMPunks, letters M, N, O, and P Storytime themes, two after-school LEGO Clubs and Art Attack. We also held a Family LEGO Day on Saturday, January 10 for our monthly family event. My favorite program in January was our building challenge day on Friday, January 23. Children kindergarten-8th grade were invited to come to the library and design and build a cardboard zoo. We had 8 children and 1 teen volunteer attend and they made an amazing zoo! We built a ticket booth and handed out tickets to parents and library staff to come visit.

This month, beginning on February 17, Ashlyn and I will begin visiting Scottsbluff kindergarten classes for Kinder-Carding. I have made a few changes to prizes for this program that I am very excited about! The Star-Herald and Perkins will still be sponsors, and in addition to goodies and coupons from them, every child who comes to sign up for their first card will get a Star Reader book bag and a copy of an Elephant & Piggie book.

- Liz Perez, Youth Services Librarian





Lied Scotsbluff Public Library

Monthly Statistical Summary

December 2025

	Dec 2025	Yr to Date 2026	Dec 2024	Yr to Date 2025
Circulation				
Adult Fiction	1171	3528	1024	2333
Adult Nonfiction	349	902	274	609
Audio Books (Adult)	75	145	23	51
Videos (Adult)	206	446	48	110
Total Adult Circulation	3826	5021		
YA Fiction	183	272	N/A	N/A
YA Nonfiction	27	333	N/A	N/A
Total YA Circulation	210	605		
Children's Fiction	1441	4394	1603	3476
Children's Non-Fiction	212	754	284	567
Audio Books (children)	49	126	238	519
Videos (children)	73	119	70	175
Total Juvenile Circulation	1775	5393		
Mags, ILL, GovtDocs, etc.	110	374	128	281
Puzzles/Games	0	17	19	37
Backpacks	48	89		
Total Circulation	5969	11499		
Overdrive Circulation	3114	9674	3524	6899
Chiltons searches	27	72	25	49
Mango uses	10	37	18	41
Microfilm uses	15	60	0	2
Self-check Transactions	354	895	446	863
Non Self-check Transactions	2664	9014	3354	7421
Patron Visits	4941	15943	2144	8716
Reference Questions Answered	1148	4275	665	2252
Notary count	45	148	0	62
Cash Receipts	\$657.24	\$2,206.30	865.62	1554.64
Internet: # of hours	558	1769	472	1106
Internet: # of sessions	860	2623	738	1729
Interlibrary Loans (OCLC)				
Borrows	37	112	36	88
Loans	17	59	7	33
Total	54	171	43	121
Room Uses				
Meeting room	3	7	0	1
Meeting room attend	53	124	0	15
Study/Heritage uses	9	118	12	88

	Dec 2025	Yr to Date 2026	Dec 2024	Yr to Date 2025
New Cards Issued	50	83	N/A	N/A
# of Items Cataloged	236	751	N/A	N/A

Borrower Cardholders (Current count)				
Adult	29,815		27,275	
Young Adult	1,571		4,444	
Children	1,119		1,529	
Total # Registered Borrowers	32,505		33,248	

MakerHub				
Certification	8	21	2	3
Training Hours	13	30.5	4	6
Appointments	64	145	32	75
Usage hours	116	320	77.5	161.5



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December 2026

	Dec 2025	Yr to Date 2026	Dec 2024	Yr to Date 2025
Children's Programs (0-5)				
In Person Sessions	6	30	10	22
Attendance	191	1,100	220	548
Offsite Sessions	0	6	2	5
Attendance	0	54	14	46
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Children's Programs (6-11)				
In Person Sessions	4	12	5	11
Attendance	67	242	58	135
Offsite Sessions	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Young Adult Programs (12-18)				
In Person Sessions	2	7	2	5
Attendance	49	100	31	65
Offsite Sessions	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Adult Programs (19+)				
In Person Sessions	7	20	5	13
Attendance	86	311	52	163
Offsite Sessions	0	0	0	1
Attendance	0	0	0	7
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
General Interest (family)				
In Person Sessions	2	12	5	13
Attendance	20	150	89	262
Offsite Sessions	0	1	0	12
Attendance	0	132	0	571
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Recorded Programs				
	0	0	0	0
One-to-one Programs				
	1	3	1	2
Self-Directed Programs				
	6	16	5	10
# of participants	190	321	85	197

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Monthly Statistical Summary

January 2026



Circulation

	January 2026	Yr to Date 2026	January 2025	Yr to Date 2025
Adult Fiction	1224	4752	1024	2333
Adult Nonfiction	420	1322	274	609
Audio Books (Adult)	57	202	23	51
Videos (Adult)	281	727	48	110
Total Adult Circulation	1982	7003	1369	
YA Fiction	299	571	N/A	N/A
YA Nonfiction	42	375	N/A	N/A
Total YA Circulation	341	946		
Children's Fiction	2627	7021	1603	3476
Children's Non-Fiction	524	1278	284	567
Audio Books (children)	72	198	238	519
Videos (children)	111	230	70	175
Total Juvenile Circulation	3334	8727	2195	
Mags, ILL, GovtDocs, etc.	56	430	128	281
Puzzles/Games	19	36	19	37
Total Circulation	5732	17142	3711	

Overdrive Circulation	3,463	10,023	3524	6899
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Chiltons searches	13	85	25	49
Mango uses	8	45	18	41

Microfilm uses	26	86	0	2
Self-check Transactions	536	1431	446	863
Non Self-check Transactions	3333	12347	3354	7421

Patron Visits	4891	20834	2144	8716
Reference Questions Answered	1252	5527	665	2252
Notary count	59	207	0	62
Cash Receipts	\$879.86	3086.16	\$865.62	\$1,554.64
Internet: # of hours	587	2356	472	1106
Internet: # of sessions	832	3455	738	1729

Interlibrary Loans (OCLC)				
Borrows	41	153	36	88
Loans	22	81	7	33
Total	63	234	43	121

Room Uses				
Meeting room	3	10	0	1
Meeting room attend	32	156	0	15
Study/Heritage uses	73	191	12	88

	January 2026	Yr to Date 2026	January 2025	Yr to Date 2025
New Cards Issued	91	174	N/A	N/A
# of Items Cataloged	308	1059	N/A	N/A

New Cards Issued

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Borrower Cardholders (Current count)

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Adult	29,879		27275	
Young Adult	1,557		4444	
Children	1,122		1529	
Total # Registered Borrowers	32,558		33248	

MakerHub

	January 2026	Yr to Date 2026	January 2025	Yr to Date 2025
Certification	3	24	2	3
Training Hours	8	38.5	4	6
Appointments	39	184	32	75
Usage hours	115.5	435.5	77.5	161.5



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Children's Programs (0-5)				
In Person Sessions	11	41	10	22
Attendance	224	1,324	220	548
Offsite Sessions	4	10	2	5
Attendance	22	76	14	46
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Children's Programs (6-11)				
In Person Sessions	5	17	5	11
Attendance	80	322	58	135
Offsite Sessions	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Outreach	0	0	0	0
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Recorded Programs				
One-to-one Programs	2	5	1	2
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# of participants	118	439	85	197