



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

**Regular Meeting
March 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) Approve minutes from January 2026 meeting
6. **Petitions, communications, public input, and correspondence**
7. **Old Business**
 - a) Social media policy - review and approve
8. **New Business**
 - a) Possible Changes to Policy regarding photography in the library and posting photos to social media sites.
9. **Regular reports, recommendations from the Library Director and committee reports:**
 - a)
 1. Monthly Library Report
 2. Library statistics and activities, February 2026
 3. 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 Library's social media sites; 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:

- 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.



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Report to the Library Board March 18, 2026

Director's Report

February flew by, with a lot of programming, both active and passive. Over the last nine months, the staff has been working to create dynamic and interactive book displays. This month, we have a short story display called "Short and Sweet," which include QR codes to Libby to connect patrons with audiobooks and ebooks, as well as physical copies. We also have a "Book vs. Movie" where patrons can vote - this has spilled over to social media, where we are posting polls twice a week on specific book/movie pairs. And our center display is showing off the Monday Maker project for April - book vases!

My major project in February/March was completed when I submitted the Public Library Survey on March 9. All Nebraska libraries must complete this survey as part of their accreditation; some of the data is also required by the federal government. It creates a pretty thorough picture of the library, gathering statistics on material usage, patron counts, programs, and of course finances. We also inventoried the adult nonfiction section of the library and are preparing to move large print to make more room for the adult fiction section.

- Elaine Bleisch, Library Director

Adult Services

On February 18, Jay and Amanda Anderson expanded their mandolin presentation and led a "Folk Mandolin Sing-A-Long". The LSPL Seed Library opened on Friday the 20 and the 30 "Quick Pick" bags were gone by Monday morning. Two hundred five seed packets were taken off the seed board in the first two weeks of this program! This remains a popular program and our goal for next year is to have more volunteer involvement in putting it together. Beth Everett from Meadowlark

Hearth Farms LLC presented "Planning Your Spring and Fall Gardens" on March 9. This is the first of two gardening classes with Beth. Looking forward into April, we will be visiting with the

Foster Grandparent program about our library programming for adults, host the second gardening class with Beth Everett, and we will be working on getting a Humanities Nebraska speaker in May. A Novel Idea and Bare Minimum book clubs continue to grow in numbers and all other adult regular programming participation remained steady.

-Jill Winchell, Public Services Librarian



Folk Mandolin



Monday Makers



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Youth Services

Youth services staff stayed very busy in February! From February 18-March 4, Ashlyn and I visited all of the kindergarteners in Scottsbluff and invited them to come get their first library card. It has been so fun watching the kids come in and pick out their prizes, especially the Elephant & Piggie books, which were bought with a very generous donation from Bill and Fran Cahill. As of March 5, we've had 37 kinder carders which is a pretty great start!

On February 20, we held our second annual Stuffie Sleepover. We had 37 children drop off their stuffed animals to spend the night at the library. After the library closed, Ashlyn, Chris, TAC member Nikky Le, and I stayed behind and took pictures of the stuffies having a blast around the library. They made friendship bracelets for their kids, colored, read books, raced on carts, played with LEGO, and watched a movie in the teen room. Posts were scheduled on Facebook throughout the evening so kiddos could see what their stuffies were up to. The next morning, I picked up 8 dozen donuts from Dunkin' (thanks, Dunkin'!) and we had a breakfast Storytime in the community room where families got to have donuts together and we read books that the stuffies had picked out the night before. We had an awesome turn out, with 69 people attending!

On February 25, we held Dog Man Day where children came and did Dog Man related crafts and activities, like Pin the Hat on Dog Man, creating their own comic panels, and building robots. We even had a real super hero dog attend, Therapy Dog Abbey!

- Liz Perez, Youth Services Librarian



Stuffie Sleepover



Dog Man Day



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Monthly Statistical Summary

February 2026



February 2026	Year To Date 2026	February 2025	Year To Date 2025
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Circulation

Adult Fiction	1109	5861	1024	2333
Adult Nonfiction	429	1751	274	609
Audio Books (Adult)	63	265	23	51
Videos (Adult)	286	1013	48	110
Total Adult Circulation	1887	8890		
YA Fiction	292	863	N/A	N/A
YA Nonfiction	14	389	N/A	N/A
Total YA Circulation	306	1252		
Children's Fiction	1907	8928	1603	3476
Children's Non-Fiction	390	1668	284	567
Audio Books (children)	53	251	238	519
Videos (children)	49	279	70	175
Total Juvenile Circulation	2399	11126		
Mags, ILL, GovtDocs, etc.	60	490	128	281
Puzzles/Games	24	60	19	37
Total Circulation	4676	21818		

New Cards Issued

of Items Cataloged

82	256	N/A	N/A
345	1404	N/A	N/A

Borrower Cardholders (Current count)

Adult	27,028		27275	
Young Adult	1,359		4444	
Children	1,082		1529	
Total # Registered Borrowers	29,469		33248	

MakerHub

Certification	1	25	1	3
Training Hours	1.5	40	1.5	6
Appointments	17	201	17	75
Usage hours	71	506.5	71.1	161.5

Overdrive Circulation	3,047	9,607	3524	6899
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Chiltons searches	38	110	25	49
Mango uses	2	39	18	41

Microfilm uses	0	86	0	2
Self-check Transactions	536	1967	446	863
Non Self-check Transactions	2823	15170	3354	7421

Patron Visits	4834	25668	2144	8716
Reference Questions Answered	733	6260	665	2252
Notary count	55	262	0	62
Cash Receipts	\$1,020.91	4107.07	\$865.62	\$1,554.64
Internet: # of hours	515	2871	472	1106
Internet: # of sessions	811	4266	738	1729

Interlibrary Loans (OCLC)

Borrows	52	205	36	88
Loans	19	100	7	33
Total	71	305	43	121

Room Uses

Meeting room	3	13	0	1
Meeting room attend	35	191	0	15
Study/Heritage uses	75	266	12	88



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	February 2026	Year To Date 2026	February 2025	Year To Date 2025
Children's Programs (0-5)				
In Person Sessions	11	52	10	22
Attendance	190	1514	220	548
Offsite Sessions	4	14	2	5
Attendance	263	339	14	46
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Children's Programs (6-11)				
In Person Sessions	5	22	5	11
Attendance	103	425	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	11	2	5
Attendance	16	144	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	12	44	5	13
Attendance	129	526	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	3	18	5	13
Attendance	95	294	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				
One-to-one Programs	2	7	1	2
Self-Directed Programs	11	38	5	10
# of participants	15	454	85	197