



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

**Regular Meeting
April 15, 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 March 2026 meeting.
6. **Petitions, communications, public input, and correspondence**
7. **Old Business**
 - a) **Social Media Policy**
 - a) **Final vote**
 - b) **Short statement**
8. **New Business**
 - a) **Resignation of Justin McMillan**
 - b) **New Staff: introduce Dana Pelto**
9. **Regular reports, recommendations from the Library Director and committee reports:**
 - a)
 1. Monthly Library Report
 - b) Library statistics and activities, March 2026

10. Adjournment



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Regular Meeting – 4:30pm
March 18, 2026
Minutes

- 1) Present were board members Anne Radford, Beth Merrigan, and Jacqueline de Payer. Also present were Library Director Elaine Bleisch and Youth Services Librarian Liz Perez. Absent: Justin McMillan and Vicky Quezada.
- 2) **For public information, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the meeting room wall.**
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- 5) **Minutes**
 - a) Beth moved to accept the January, 2026 minutes as written. Jacquie seconded. All voted in favor.
- 6) **Petitions, communications, public input, and correspondence**
 - a) Beth reported that she went to ReConnect for Civics Day. She met several kids interested in youth programming and more activities for teens. Suggestions were a talent show and a “loud hour” at the library. She said Kyle King is the admin at ReConnect if we would like to pursue this further.
 - b) Jacquie reported she had stopped at the Torrington Library and saw that they check out Radon Test Kits so suggested this as a possibility for LSPL’s Library of Things.
- 7) **Old Business**
 - a) **Social Media Policy** – The Board reviewed the policy. The suggestion was made to add gender identity and/or sexual orientation. The next step would be to have the city manager look at it and possibly the city attorney. There were also some punctuation changes. Beth motioned to move the policy to the next step of review by the City with the 2 punctuation changes and wording change. Jacquie seconded and all voted in favor.
- 8) **New Business** - There was no new business
- 9) **Regular reports, recommendations from the Library Director and committee reports:**
 - a) Elaine gave the Library Director report and presented stats for February. An inquiry was made about a drop in patron numbers and Elaine explained that for years, the library has added patrons without a systematic way to remove non-active users, so the number has just gone up. In the last month, she removed some duplicate accounts and cards that have not been used in 10 years or more. She plans to keep doing this, so the number should come down more. Our current number of patrons does not reflect the actual number of people who use our library.
 - b) Anne asked that there be a discussion at the next meeting about attendance and said she would reach out to Justin McMillan.
- 10) **Adjournment** – Beth moved to adjourn at 5:17 and Jacquie seconded; 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, sexual orientation, 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.

From KNEB:

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT COMMENTS:

We sometimes hide or delete comments on Facebook using automatic settings. Here's why:

- Profanity: Facebook auto-hides any comments with profanity. The list of blocked words is managed by Facebook, and we've used this setting from day one.

- Spam Protection: Two new filters help reduce spam and scams:

1. Comments from newly created accounts are often hidden.
2. Comments with links may be flagged due to phishing risks.

We don't get alerts when a comment is hidden, so we may not know it happened.

To avoid having your comment hidden:

- Don't use profanity.
- Avoid using throwaway or fake accounts.
- Message us if you posted a legit link that got hidden.

We're not censoring—just keeping the space safe and respectful. Thanks!



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Report to the Library Board April 15, 2026

Director's Report

March flew by at the library. We welcomed a new part-time library tech, Dana Pelto, at the end of February. She is doing a great job and learning everything quickly. Unfortunately, Leah Wright has resigned as a library assistant. She will be greatly missed. We are doing an in-house recruitment for the position and are hoping to have it filled in a couple of weeks.

We finished inventory on adult nonfiction, DVDs, and audiobooks, with the help of a high school student, Ari, who is job-shadowing at the library. She comes for an hour every day and has learned to check the book drop, check books for damage, and cart them, as well as helping with projects such as inventory and now shifting books. Our adult fiction section is getting very tight, while our nonfiction section has plenty of room, so we are shifting adult nonfiction, putting more books on each shelf, to make more room. We will then move the Large Print section over to the nonfiction side, next to the audiobooks. This will give us a little more room in adult fiction. We started weeding this section last fall, so will continue that as well. The rule of thumb in most libraries is that shelves should be no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full - if they are too full it makes it harder for patrons to look for books. Work continues on cleaning up the catalog as well.

April 19-25 is National Library Week, so we will be celebrating a few different ways, including a gift basket drawing for patrons and gift cards sponsored by the Friends, as well as something from the Foundation.

-Elaine Bleisch, Library Director

Adult Services

The Seed Library is doing well with 639 seed packets taken off by the end of March. Beth Everett will be back April 13, presenting "Garden Timing" in the community room. Flower seeds will be added the first of May. Foster Grandparents program asked the library to present at their in-service meeting April 1. Jill met with the group and talked about our library, regular programming, services we offer and upcoming events. All regular adult programming is running smoothly and numbers remain steady.



Monday Makers Windchimes

Looking forward - plans are in motion for a new audio walking book club beginning May 1. We will be partnering with Papa Moon on this new adventure. May's upcoming programming will include three sessions of guided breathing with Jessica Bauerkemper, a journaling workshop session with Deb Carpenter-Nolting, and Humanities Nebraska speaker David Wells.

-Jill Winchell, Public Services Librarian



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Youth Services

Youth services began March by hosting a Family Socialization event for Sixpence. Their theme for the month was Literacy in honor of Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday, so what better place than the Library! Elaine and I did a Dr. Seuss themed Storytime for the families, and then we moved into the Children's section where I took the families on a tour and then they did Dr. Seuss crafts and played. At the same time that afternoon, Ashlyn and Chris put on our STEAMPunks program for the month where they played math-based board games and card games, all of which had been donated to us. We continued the month with our regular programming, working our way through letters T, U, V, and W in Storytime, holding our two LEGO Clubs, and Art Attack. Our Teen Advisory Council held their Murder Mystery fundraiser, *Deadly Dance: Murder at the Prom*, on Friday March 19. The 25 attendees were transported back to prom night 1987 where they solved the murder of the prom king. The TAC kids have done a murder mystery fundraiser every year for the past few years, and we always get great feedback on it. We wrapped up the month with our first Easter Storytime on March 30 and our first egg hunt. Our Storytime families look forward to this every year, and so do I! It's so fun to watch the kids run around and search for eggs. We had two more egg hunts on Thursday, April 2. In April, we will host a Fairy Tale Theater and host a table at WNCC's Week of the Young Child event on Saturday, April 11. At the end of the month, Ashlyn is hosting a Bridgerton Tea for teens and young adults up to age 25. - Liz Perez, Youth Services Librarian



Easter Egg Hunt



**Winners of the Family Day
MarioKart Tournament, March 14**



Deadly Dance: Murder at the Prom



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Monthly Statistical Summary

March 2026

March 2026	Year To Date 2026	March 2025	Year To Date 2025
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Circulation

Adult Fiction	1176	7037	1346	7193
Adult Nonfiction	500	2251	373	1951
Audio Books (Adult)	60	325	49	410
Videos (Adult)	252	1265	269	1637
Total Adult Circulation	1988	10878	2037	11191
YA Fiction	211	1074	N/A	N/A
YA Nonfiction	18	407	N/A	N/A
Total YA Circulation	229	1481		
Children's Fiction	2200	11128	1977	10395
Children's Non-Fiction	426	2094	405	1958
Audio Books (children)	62	313	34	300
Videos (children)	41	320	N/A	N/A
Total Juvenile Circulation	2729	13855	2416	12653
Mags, ILL, GovtDocs, etc.	58	548	136	922
Puzzles/Games	17	77	16	491
Total Circulation	5021	26839	2602	14066

Overdrive Circulation	3,463	10,023	3857	21521
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Chiltons searches	0	110	36	155
Mango uses	5	44	0	64

Microfilm uses	0	86	2	34
Self-check Transactions	602	2569	527	3005
Non Self-check Transactions	2734	17904	4185	22724

Patron Visits	5228	30896	6614	34239
Reference Questions Answered	0	6260	1084	6365
Notary count	259	521	63	243
Cash Receipts	\$1,098.89	5205.96	\$819.62	\$4,647.24
Internet: # of hours	577	3448	635	3491
Internet: # of sessions	888	5154	907	4643

Interlibrary Loans (OCLC)

Borrows	35	240	41	305
Loans	18	118	18	118
Total	53	358	59	423

Room Uses

Meeting room	7	20	6	32
Meeting room attend	95	286	75	553
Study/Heritage uses	61	327	83	448

March 2026	Year To Date 2026	March 2025	Year To Date 2025
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New Cards Issued

73	329	N/A	N/A
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of Items Cataloged

363	1767	N/A	N/A
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Borrower Cardholders (Current count)

Adult	27005		27717	
Young Adult	1,358		4347	
Children	1,071		1497	
Total # Registered Borrowers	29,434		33561	

MakerHub

Certification	10	35	2	16
Training Hours	12	52	3	18
Appointments	26	227	34	227
Usage hours	43.75	550.25	104.25	578.5



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Children's Programs (0-5)				
In Person Sessions	11	63	16	69
Attendance	289	1803	367	1560
Offsite Sessions	4	18	0	16
Attendance	39	378	0	186
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Children's Programs (6-11)				
In Person Sessions	5	27	6	30
Attendance	86	511	89	400
Offsite Sessions	0	0	0	7
Attendance	0	0	0	262
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Young Adult Programs (12-18)				
In Person Sessions	2	13	1	9
Attendance	7	151	7	114
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	56	10	34
Attendance	73	599	121	370
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	21	6	36
Attendance	94	388	107	862
Offsite Sessions	0	1	0	13
Attendance	0	132	0	679
Outreach	0	0	0	0
Attendance	0	0	0	0
Recorded Programs				
One-to-one Programs	2	9	0	8
Self-Directed Programs	3	41	12	42
# of participants	716	1170	206	716