

MINUTES OF MARSHALL LIBRARY BOARD – NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Call to Order:

The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 in the Dale McConchie meeting room of the Marshall Public Library. Vice-President Herman Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Other Board members present were Melissa Strait, Steve Schofield, and Jenn Smitley. John Tarble, Janet Hasten, Jody Green, Bob Nelson, and Mike Cameron were absent. Head Librarian Jamie Poorman and Library Director Alyson Thompson were also present. Alex Wernz and Kilee Hollingsworth attended as observers.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the October 8, 2025 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa Strait, seconded by Jenn Smitley, the minutes were tabled as a quorum was not present.

Officers' Reports:

There were no officers' reports.

Presentation of Bills:

The invoices of the November bill listing were reviewed; there were no add-ons. Vote on approval was tabled as a quorum was not present.

Librarian's Report:

Jamie presented the Librarian's Report for October. Patron registration increased by eighteen, and total circulation was 3,183. Jamie noted Facebook views were 74,594 and Flickr was 15,221. Meeting room usage was 40 and program participation is successful, including passive/virtual attendees. We continue to receive genealogy inquiries from multiple states. We plan to work on some on-line videos.

Friends of the Library:

Alyson reported the Friends of the Library met November 6, 2025. Their membership has increased. They will voted to assist with Big Read and Chautauqua programs. Their next meeting will be held November 25, 2025.

Marshall Area Public Library District:

Alyson reported the MAPLD met October 28, 2025. The main topic of discussion was in response to the Truth in Taxation issue. Their next meeting will be held November 25, 2025.

Director's Report:

Alyson updated the trustees on October events. Alyson, Jamie, and Edie participated in the library crawl, open public wi-fi will now be available only during library open hours, a Laura Ingalls Wilder exhibit is reserved, and we have been awarded multiple grants. Upcoming

programs include Roots and Records and Food for Fines, and the I-70 serial killer program has been rescheduled for December 4, 2025. At the end of October, the Library accounts held \$228,429.59 in Operations, \$10,000.00 in Retirement, and \$12,778.46 in Special Reserve, for a total of \$251,208.05. It was noted The IMRL Building Insurance had increased to \$7,700.00, but this was expected and planned for due to the upstairs remodel.

Old Business:

Alyson distributed the new policies regarding Supervised Visits and Registered Sex Offenders. A discussion was held regarding the Per Capita Talking Points distributed to the trustees last month.

New Business:

Alyson distributed the next set of Per Capita Talking Points for trustee review and discussion in January as deadline has been pushed back to 1/30/26.

Other Business:

The Christmas Dinner sign-up sheet was passed around. December 8 was mentioned as a potential Building Committee meeting, to be finalized after all committee members approve.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 on a motion by Steve, seconded by Melissa.

The Board will meet in special session November 14, 2025 at 9:30 AM to approve board meeting minutes and bills.

The next regular meeting will be held December 10, 2025 in the library's Illinois Room.

Melissa Strait, Trustee