

MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – MAY 18, 2026

Call to Order: The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, May 18, 2026, in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room at the library. President John Tarble called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board members present were Jody Green, Herman Wallace, Jenn Smitley, Devon Burkybile, Melissa Strait, and John Tarble. Also present were Director Alyson Thompson and Head Librarian Jamie Poorman. Mike Cameron, Steve Schofield and Janet Hasten were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: John Tarble led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Swearing in of Officers: Jamie administered the swearing in of President John Tarble, Vice President Herman Wallace, Treasurer Jenn Smitley, and new Trustee Devon Burkybile.

Correspondence: Several items of correspondence were reviewed. A thank you card was received from Rich Bernardoni for a book being placed in his honor, and multiple positive comment cards and art work were received in honor of National Library Workers Week. Also made available was a copy of the magazine Forgotten Stories of Edgar County, notice of our receipt for library accessibility from the ALA, and print copies of the recent City Council presentation.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the April 8, 2026 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Herman, the minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports: There were no officer's reports.

Presentation of Bills: The invoices on the May bill listing were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jenn, payment of bills in the amount of \$13,189.04 was approved with the roll call votes being recorded as follows: Jody Green-yes, Herman Wallace-yes, Jenn Smitley-yes, Devon Burkybile-yes, Melissa Strait-yes, and John Tarble-yes.

Librarian's Report: Jamie Poorman reviewed her report for April 2026. Twenty-two new patrons were added in May, computer usage was 197, total circulation was 2,561, Facebook views were 36,762, and the door count was 6,177. There were 732 special program attendees and 31 uses of our meeting rooms. The Mobile Memory Lab of the IHLA scanned hundreds of photos from our geneology collection.

Friends of the Library: Alyson reported the Friends met on May 7, 2026. They approved several bill requests for Chautauqua related expenses, and discussed Daniel Garcia's donations for Read to Feed and MHS scholarships. Their next meeting will be held on July 2, 2026.

Marshall Area Public Library District: Alyson reported the district board met on April 28, 2026. They discussed adding another Little Library to Lion Gate's apartments. Their next meeting will be held on June 23, 2026.

Director's Report: Alyson updated the Board on several items of interest. The final tax distribution for operations and building was received April 2, she attended some ALA Webinars as required for grant guidelines, the Evelyn G. Knowles grant for \$2,500.00 was received, and the Illinois State Library Security grant was applied for. Bank account balances as of the end of April were \$122,483.15 in Operations, \$10,000.00 in Retirement, and \$36,494.02 in Special Reserve, for a total of \$168,977.17.

Old Business: There was no Old Business reported.

New Business: The Board conducted the annual review of the Non-Resident Fee, and on a motion by Herman, seconded by Jody, voted on a new fee of \$140.00 with the roll call votes recorded as follows: Jody Green-yes, Herman Wallace-yes, Jenn Smitley-yes, Devon Burklybile-yes, Melissa Strait-yes, and John Tarble-yes. John appointed Melissa and Mike for the annual review of Secretary minutes for IPLAR. Alyson provided the annual list of Trustee committee appointments. On a motion by Jenn, seconded by Melissa, it was voted to approve Wes Tingley as a new library clerk.

Other Business: There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment: On a motion by Herman, seconded by Jody, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:43.

The next meeting will take place June 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the library's Illinois Room.

Melissa Strait, Trustee.