

MARSHALL AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Marshall Public Library

Dale McConchie Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 4:30 p.m. by Cynthia Wright, Vice-President
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Noted by Kelley Ray, Secretary
In Attendance – Cynthia Wright, Kelley Ray, Danielle Cline, Elaine Miller, Reuben Stence, Jamie Poorman, (Librarian), Alyson Thompson (Library Director)
Absent – Jeff Burress, Jeremy Anderson
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Correspondence:**
 - Handmade bookmarks were donated by Molly Morecraft.
 - An invite from the Daughters of the American Revolution and Clark County Historical Society to the dedication of the patriotic and commemorative marker in honor of Revolutionary War soldier, Thomas Boone on May 9, 2026.
 - A thank you note from the Clark County Antique Study Club for being allowed to set up a display.
 - A thank you note from Andi Drileck (IL State Director of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library) for all the library is doing to support the Imagination Library.
 - A post on FaceBook about the library trustees thanking them for all that they do.
 - A thank you note from the family of Ken Smith for the donated book in memory of Ken.
 - A thank you note from Brian Macke for the donated book in memory of Tiffany Macke.
 - A thank you note from a group of tweens that used the library for a Bible study.
 - A note from Monty Kennedy (3rd grader) about how our Librarian, Jamie Poorman, is very important to our community because of all she does.
 - An article in the *Illinois Library Association Reporter* magazine on our partnership with Mobile Memory Lab with their digital collections.
 - Notes from the public during National Library Workers Week to our library staff thanking them for all they do.
 - A copy of Alyson Thompson's presentation to Marshall City Council.
6. **Secretary's Report:** Elaine Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cynthia Wright seconded. All ayes.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Elaine Miller, Treasurer
 - A. General Fund: \$8,659.40
Insurance Fund: \$2,580.12
 - B. Presentation of Bills: No new bills
 - Approved last month - \$950 (remaining balance due) to Turner Bus for the American Revolution Tour

8. **Librarian's Report:** Reported by Jamie Poorman. Copy attached.
 - Had 22 new patrons in February.
 - Had a great response after the class visits.
 - FaceBook had 167K views, which is a new record, in February and 121K views in March
 - Flickr photo visits were high in both months.
 - Cabin Fever was going on in February.
 - Lots of programs happened in March – Big Read, Pie program, etc.
9. **Director's Report/ Friends of the Library Report:** Reported by Alyson Thompson. Copy attached.
 - Working on acquiring burned-out lots behind library for a parking lot. Alyson Thompson is working with the owners.
 - Declaration 1776 exhibit opened.
 - Received grant for bathroom remodeling.
 - A. New FY27 meeting schedule was handed out.
 - B. A card for Rich Bernardoni for his retirement was passed around for all to sign
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Discussion of adding a Little Library Outpost at Holly Brook/Lion's Gate. Forsythe's has agreed to let us put one at Lion's Gate Apartments. Will talk with Jeff Burress about putting it up.
 - B. Everyone has completed their Statements of Economic Interest Forms.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Other:**
 - A. Alyson Thompson stated that money might be needed if the lots for the parking lot become available to purchase.
13. **Motion to Adjourn:** Kelley Ray made the motion, and Danielle Cline seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Ray, Secretary