

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOLEDO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Toledo Public Library. Vice-President Becca Chyma called the meeting to order at 5:37PM. The following Trustees were present: Becca Chyma, Kevin Nelson, and Kathy Holtz. Director Sheri McFate was also in attendance. Nelson made a motion to accept the proposed agenda. Holtz seconded. All voted aye.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

November Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Chyma to accept the minutes, seconded by Nelson. All voted aye.

Library Reports: Director McFate reported the following:

- * **'Noon' Year's Eve Party Update-** the library had 49 kids attend with no less than 26 adults accompanying them.
- * **Jolly Lights @ the Heights Update-** All displays for the library have been removed and stored in library basement.
- * **Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass Update-** December had 3 passes to the Science Center and 1 to Reiman Gardens.
- * **Upcoming Grants:**
 - ***2026 Tama County Community Foundation- "Spark a Love for Reading"** Application filed on January 14, 2026 for the purchase new puppet and activity backpacks. Along with new picture books, board books, and beginning to read books. Total amount applied for \$6500 (\$1500 Library Foundation).
 - ***2026 R.J. McElroy Trust- "Reignite a Love for Reading"** Application filed on January 14, 2026. We are for the purchase of new fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and books in series. New signage, including Dewey Decimal System. Total amount applied for \$5600 (\$1500 Library Foundation).
- ***Upcoming Programs:**
 - * **Maker Space Program-** Wednesday, February 25th from 9AM – 3PM with Jenny Hulme from ISU Extension.

Monthly Reports: The group reviewed the monthly reports for circulation, volunteers, library programs, meetings, petty cash balances, and deposits shared by McFate.

Warrants & Payroll: Nelson made a motion, seconded by Holtz to approve the warrants and payroll as presented. All voted aye.

Monthly Gift & Trust: None.

Old Business:

- ***FY27 Budget** – A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Chyma to approve the proposed FY27 Budget.

New Business:

- ***Director's Review**

Board Education:

- ***Iowa Library Trustee's Handbook- Chapter 1 & 2**

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Holtz to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. All voted aye. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,