

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOLEDO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Toledo Public Library. The following Trustees were present: Becca Chyma, Kevin Nelson, Steve Bearden, and Kathy Holtz. President Chyma called the meeting to order at 5:32PM. Director Sheri McFate was also in attendance. Nelson made a motion to accept the proposed agenda. Chyma seconded. All voted aye.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

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

Library Reports: Director McFate reported the following:

***2027 Library Accreditation:** the accreditation has been completed.

***2025 Library Grants Update:**

***Reignite a Love for Reading- 2026 R.J. McElroy Trust Grant**

The library was awarded \$2,000 of the \$4,100 we requested. The library will intend to purchase new fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and books in series. Along with bold new signage for the Dewey Decimal System and Genres. This grant totaled \$5,600.

***Upcoming Programs:**

***Maker Space- Wednesday, February 25th from 9-3PM.**

Jenny from the ISU Extension Office will do the program.

***2026 Summer Reading Program**

Brandi is starting to plan for the summer programs.

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

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

Monthly Gift & Trust: None.

Old Business:

***FY27 Budget – Budget submitted, Received feedback from Toledo City Council, Resubmitted**

***FY27 Accreditation Submitted; Deadline is February 28th for any changes.**

New Business: None

Board Education:

***Iowa Library Trustee's Handbook- Chapter 3 (5 Responsibilities of the Board)**

***Director Review- Tama County Library Association January Meeting**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Bearden, Secretary