

**Drake Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 5:00pm**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Board President Pro Tem, Nicole Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**Board Members Present:** Nicole Cox, Shelley Baldwin, Dennis Beeson, Mike Cockrum, Kathy Cridlebaugh, David Farrell, Kris Hoffman

**Board Members Absent:** Janell Armstrong, Michelle Moore

**Library Staff Present:** Library Director, JeNel Barth

**City Staff Present:** City Council Library Liaison, Ahna Kruzic

**Agenda Approval:** Approved as presented

**Minutes Approval:** Approved as presented

**Visitor's Public Comment:** Ahna Kruzic was introduced as the library's liaison from the Centerville City Council.

**Approval of Bills:** Mike Cockrum moved to approve the payment of bills, seconded by David Farrell, approved by all.

**Director's Report:** Library Director JeNel Barth reports that 1) Summer Reading planning is underway. This year's theme is "Level Up", all about games and gaming. Fun Programs and special game events are being planned. JeNel hosted Iowa Legislator, Austin Harris for a tour of the library and a discussion about future legislation that could affect Drake Public Library. Significant usage increases on Bridges and Interlibrary Loan have increased accessibility for patrons. A survey for adult programming was distributed to all board members and guests. Iowa Library Association's Capitol Day will be held at the Iowa State Capitol Law Library on Tuesday, February 4. JeNel will distribute more information about the day's agenda when it comes to her.

**Report from the Foundation:** Dennis Beeson will attend the next meeting for the Foundation on January 16<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced.

**Report from Officers:** None

**Reports from Standing Committees (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel):** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1. Policy Review:** The board has decided to move these policies to next month so that JeNel can work on combining the Emergency Action Plan and the Inclement Weather Policy into one all encompassing policy that will cover several different scenarios that would require the library to be closed to the public on a temporary basis to be added to the Disaster Preparedness Contacts and Inventory Plan.

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** FY26 Budget, Emergency Loss of Operations Policy

**Upcoming Meetings:** February 12, 2025 at 5pm.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by President Pro Tem, Nicole Cox.