

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Tuesday, August 18, 2026; 12:00 PM

Davenport Public Library | 321 Main Street | Meeting Room C

- I. Roll Call & Introduction of Attendees
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the Agenda
 - b. Approve the Minutes for July 21, 2026
 - c. Approve the Financial Reports

III. Public with Comment

Members of the public may address the Board of Trustees for up to five (5) minutes. In accordance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law, the Board of Trustees cannot engage in discussion or take action on comments presented during this time. However, the Board may consider placing relevant topics on a future agenda.

IV. Reports & Communications

- a. Davenport Public Library Foundation
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Personnel
 - iii. Advocacy
- c. Director's Report

V. Old Business

- a. Committee Assignments for FY2027
- b. Motion to approve proposed revisions to the Sex Offender Policy

VI. New Business

- a. Review and discuss FY2026 Statistics Report

VII. President's Comments

VIII. Board Training

- a. Teen Services with Claire Trimble (Teen Services Librarian)

IX. Adjourn

MISSION

The Library connects a diverse community to resources that educate, enrich, and entertain.



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2026

Roll call and introduction of attendees

Tom Engelmann called to order the monthly meeting of the Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees at 12:01 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The meeting was held in Meeting Room C at the Main Library. Roll call was taken with Honey Bedell, Mary Egger, Tom Engelmann, Joe Heinrichs, and Jerry Skalak present. Absent: Joanna Drake, Michael Hustedde, and Malavika Shrikhande. Others present: Jeff Collins, Library Director; Jennifer Williams, HR Operations Manager; and Kasey Shipley, Office & Facilities Manager and Recorder.

Consent Agenda

Heinrichs motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by Skalak. Bedell, Heinrichs, Egger, Skalak, and Engelmann all approved.

Public with Comment

None.

Reports and Communications

Foundation Report

Collins shared the Fatal Fiction fundraiser is Saturday, September 26. Save the date information has gone out and invitations will soon follow.

Finance Committee

Heinrichs had nothing to report on the new fiscal year.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Advocacy Committee

No report.

Director's Report

Collins reminded Trustees that Fairmount Branch will be closed to the public from August 17-September 7 for paint and carpet. The book drop will be available and expanded hours on Monday and Wednesday mornings will be added to Eastern during the closure. Daily courier service will continue with a stop at Fairmount to pick up holds to be picked up at another location or mailed via Borrow by Mail. A public awareness campaign regarding the closure will begin next week. Heinrichs inquired about the roof issues. Collins noted the roof was replaced last year. Many updates to



Fairmount continue that also include energy efficient lighting along with the new carpet and paint happening soon. A staff appreciation parking spot is being tested out this summer and will be a lottery system. The Ford Fusion at Eastern will soon be replaced by a 2024 Chevy Equinox. This will be easier to transport to Outreach stops from Eastern. The OWL and a cargo van reside at Fairmount and the smaller delivery van is run out of Main. The IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) Team has disbanded as they are unable to continue the work required to sustain the committee. The training resources they provided to staff will remain active for viewing.

The Library partnered with Quad City Arts for their Public Sculpture Exhibition program. "Go Ask Alice" is on display at Main on the front porch until June 2027. Collins thanked Kyle Carter from Downtown Davenport Partnership for allowing The Library to participate at no cost, and to Quad City Arts for the program. The Library materials budget was overspent in FY2026 due to an internal accounting error. Adjustments have been made to the FY2027 e-book budget along with the use of some gift funds to bridge the shortfall. Fold3 is a new database subscription. It is an Ancestry.com product that contains military records access. A new feature in the programming procedures asks for input on accessibility of programs and suggestions of accommodations that can be made. Two responses have been received; one regarding a blind child at a craft program and another from an attendee of Read to a Dog program that has a fear of dogs. Collins attended a ward meeting with Alderman Holloway last week. Kathryn Whalen, Special Collections Supervisor, presented at a conference regarding the Fredlo Recording Studio Collection.

For Library Stories, KWQC won an Iowa Broadcasters Association award for the ad they produced for last year's Fatal Fiction fundraiser as a public service campaign. A four-year old got his first library card and couldn't believe he could borrow anything in the library for free. A patron shared they were impressed by the interactives and decorations that are now in the children's area. Another patron passed along their thanks for the hard work performed by staff. There are a lot of programs coming up and Collins pointed out the Live Podcast at the Putnam on Thursday, July 23 at 5 p.m. at the Putnam. Teen and Adult Lock-ins are coming up at Eastern. QC Made will be at Costco and Book Bedazzling will take place at Fairmount on August 10. Skalak inquired about the status of the Assistant Director position. Collins replied that second interviews are taking place this week.

New Business

The first item of new business was to elect officers for the FY2027-FY2029 period. Egger motioned to approve the slate of officers as it stands with Engelmann as President, Heinrichs as Vice President, and Shrikhande as Secretary. Skalak seconded. Egger, Bedell, Skalak, Heinrichs, and Engelmann all approved.

The second item of new business was to assign committee placements. Engelmann asked the Trustees to think about what committee they'd like to serve on, share with him, and assignments can be finalized at the August meeting.



The third item of new business was to review the FY2026-FY2028 Strategic Plan, Year 1 Report. Collins went through the progress made on each Strategic Direction. There were 22 objectives scheduled for FY2026 with 17 completed. One FY2027 objective was completed early. There were 18 of the 49 objectives completed. The three-year plan is now 36.7% complete.

The fourth item of new business was a motion to approve revisions to the Fee Schedule. Collins explained this is reviewed and set annually. It was first created last year. Heinrichs motioned to approve with a second by Egger. Egger, Bedell, Heinrichs, Skalak, and Engelmann all approved.

The fifth item of new business was a motion to approve revisions to the Confidentiality & Privacy Policy. Collins explained this policy has come up for revision due to the change made by some wireless carriers that don't allow The Library's integrated library system (ILS) to have text reminders sent to patrons. A company that can provide this service recommended the addition of a section explaining the terms and conditions. This is time sensitive so The Library can move forward with the vendor. Collins praised the work of Stephanie Marvin, Customer Service Supervisor, and her team for finding this new way to communicate to patrons with notifications. Egger motioned to approve with a second by Skalak. Skalak, Heinrichs, Bedell, Egger, and Engelmann all approved.

The sixth item of new business was to discuss proposed revisions to the Sex Offender Policy. Collins shared it is due for the three-year review and has been reformatted to the new template. Iowa law prohibits those convicted of sex crimes against minors to be in libraries without permission from the library's director. Exceptions include if they are transporting a child to or from the library or participating in voting activities held at a library facility. He added that library boards may not enact a blanket ban on all registered sex offenders, per Iowa Code 692A.127. A question was raised on how close they can be to property, and it is noted as 300 feet. This will go to the August agenda for approval.

President's Comments

Engelmann thanked Egger for joining the Trustees. A Trustee for the vacant 9th position is still being sought. Engelmann asked for attendees to make him aware of any good candidates.

Adjourn

With no further business, Heinrichs motioned to adjourn at 12:44 p.m. with a second by Egger and all approved.

BUDGET RECAP FY26					
Davenport Public Library					
7/30/2026, 100% of the year, FINAL					
General Fund	FY26		EXPENDED	BALANCE	% spent
201 Operating Supplies/Services	\$100,535		\$89,381	\$11,154	89%
205 Utility Services	\$145,000		\$132,473	\$12,527	91%
210 Travel & Registration	\$15,000		\$15,548	-\$548	104%
216 Memberships/Publications	\$15,000		\$13,536	\$1,464	90%
217 Professional Services	\$93,810		\$93,366	\$444	100%
218 Rental Expense	\$3,000		\$2,861	\$139	95%
225 Buildings & Grounds	\$148,675		\$146,995	\$1,680	99%
226 Maint/Machines & Equipment	\$31,060		\$31,060	\$0	100%
Total 200's	\$552,080		\$525,220	\$26,860	95%
<u>Allocated Expenses</u>					
530 Software Costs	\$130,000		\$130,000	\$0	100%
606 Telephone	\$37,493		\$39,884	-\$2,391	106%
622 Data Processing	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$0	100%
627 Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,215		\$3,281	\$1,934	63%
Total Allocated Expenses	\$187,708		\$188,165	-\$457	100%
<u>Salaries</u>	\$3,728,991		\$3,501,800	\$227,191	94%
<u>Benefits</u>	\$1,583,514		\$1,533,176	\$50,338	97%
<u>Total City appropriation</u>	\$6,052,293		\$5,748,361	\$303,932	95%
CIP Budget Lines					
Materials Budget	\$465,000		\$465,000	\$0	100%
Electronic Equipment Repl	\$130,000		\$130,000	\$0	100%
Main Renovations Phase 2 (Apr '23) *	\$19,046		\$15,616	\$3,430	82%
Library Meeting Room Upgrades (FY24)	\$4,258		\$4,258	\$0	100%
Fairmount Roof (FY25 & 26) **	\$417,443		\$402,107	\$15,336	96%
Fairmount Painting (FY26)	\$75,000		\$4,375	\$70,625	6%
Fairmount LED Lighting (FY26)	\$60,000		\$40,511	\$19,489	68%
ARPA salary/benefit beg May 2026	\$75,579		\$13,579	\$62,000	18%
Leftover from former Library Levy fund	now tracked in gift , "Misc Rev/Exp spreadsheet"				
* gift funds transferred to cover change orders, 8/2025					
** Revised budget due to cost, 9/29/2025					

BUDGET RECAP FY27					
Davenport Public Library					
8/3/2026, 9% of the year					
General Fund	FY27		EXPENDED	BALANCE	% spent
201 Operating Supplies/Services	\$100,535		\$6,083	\$94,452	6%
205 Utility Services	\$145,000		\$13,612	\$131,388	9%
210 Travel & Registration	\$20,000		\$200	\$19,800	1%
216 Memberships/Publications	\$9,200		\$0	\$9,200	0%
217 Professional Services	\$93,810		\$15,113	\$78,697	16%
218 Rental Expense	\$3,000		\$566	\$2,434	19%
225 Buildings & Grounds	\$148,675		\$3,762	\$144,913	3%
226 Maint/Machines & Equipment	\$31,060		\$27,196	\$3,864	88%
Total 200's	\$551,280		\$66,532	\$484,748	12%
<u>Allocated Expenses</u>					
530 Software Costs	\$138,000		\$51,952	\$86,048	38%
606 Telephone	\$41,242		\$4,903	\$36,339	12%
622 Data Processing	\$15,000		\$1,250	\$13,750	8%
627 Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,215		\$226	\$4,989	4%
Total Allocated Expenses	\$199,457		\$58,331	\$141,126	29%
<u>Salaries</u>	\$3,766,647		\$177,228	\$3,589,419	5%
<u>Benefits</u>	\$1,601,850		\$106,608	\$1,495,242	7%
<u>Total City appropriation</u>	\$6,119,234		\$408,699	\$5,710,535	7%
CIP Budget Lines					
Materials Budget	\$475,000		\$36,341	\$438,659	8%
Electronic Equipment Repl	\$140,000		\$34,474	\$105,526	25%
Main Renovations Phase 2 (Apr '23)	\$3,430		\$0	\$3,430	0%
Fairmount Roof (FY25 & 26)	\$15,336		\$0	\$15,336	0%
Fairmount Painting (FY26)	\$70,625		\$0	\$70,625	0%
Fairmount LED Lighting (FY26)	\$19,489		\$0	\$19,489	0%
Fairmount Carpet (FY27)	\$190,000		\$0	\$190,000	0%
Main Exterior Paint (FY27)	\$75,000		\$0	\$75,000	0%
ARPA Social Worker (partial FY27)	\$30,523		\$5,670	\$24,853	19%

Misc revenue/expenses								
FY25 Grants & Gifts								
8/10/2026								
					Starting	Monthly	Monthly	Balance
					Balance	Expense	Revenue	
						Jul	Jul	
State Aid								
814 Enrich Iowa *					\$3,785	\$7,835	\$475	-\$3,575
813 Open Access/Access Plus					\$126,899	\$7,967	\$0	\$118,932
Gift Account								\$655,203
Unrestricted Gift Funds								
General Gift (donations, memorials, interest, etc)					\$185,048	\$7,596	\$2,749	\$180,201
Donation boxes/Eastern's Wishing Well					\$11,674	\$0	\$0	\$11,674
Reader/Printer Revenue					\$6,998	\$0	\$0	\$6,998
Patron-use printer revenue					\$83,125	\$0	\$2,383	\$85,508
Leftover Library Levy (2/2026)					\$99,851	\$4,045	\$0	\$95,806
Carnegie Corporation donation (2/2026)					\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Restricted Gift Funds								
Endowment					-\$4,729	\$0	\$5,663	\$934
Irma Jepsen Endowment					\$21,468	\$0	\$0	\$21,468
Marketing/Programming					\$12,944	\$2,876	\$15,031	\$25,099
Foundation Staff support (personnel-restricted)					\$49,825	\$65,659	\$16,415	\$581
Special Collections					-\$245	\$41,460	\$45,685	\$3,980
Lorraine Duncan SC endowment					\$8,182	\$0	\$0	\$8,182
EICDD (personnel restricted)					\$28,367	\$0	\$0	\$28,367
Eastern Iowa Community College District								
Eastern (MidAmerican rebate/Scott Co Conservation)					\$15,912	\$0	\$0	\$15,912
SCENE Grant					\$10,882	\$0	\$0	\$10,882
Main 50th Project (memorials to library, etc)					\$70	\$0	\$0	\$70
Café Rent at Eastern					\$2,274	\$0	\$0	\$2,274
1000 Books Before Kindergarten (6/2021)					\$19,854	\$0	\$0	\$19,854
Books for Babies (6/2022)					\$675	\$0	\$0	\$675
Fairmount Student Food Pantry (Foundation)					\$3,382	\$36	\$0	\$3,346
Enhanced Youth Spaces Project 2022					\$99,647	\$0	\$0	\$99,647
Leah Foster Estate (8/2023)					\$14,540	\$0	\$0	\$14,540
Fairmount Community Garden grant (4/2026)					\$9,205	\$0	\$0	\$9,205
* Enrich Iowa expense for QC Beats software; State issues grant check in fall for FY spending								

July '26 Electronic Equip Repl				
EFF DATE	PO/REF2	AMOUNT	VDR NAME/ITEM DESC	COMMENTS
07/10/2026		1,231.22	GODADDY#4126093125	Domain Renewals
07/10/2026		1,402.50	PDQ.COM	PDQ Deploy
07/10/2026		1,657.50	PDQ.COM	PDQ Inventory
07/10/2026		7,956.00	TECHSOUP GLOBAL	Microsoft 365 E3 Licenses
07/16/2026	2700204	7,020.00	FIREWALLS.COM INC	SonicWall FireGuard Managed Se
07/16/2026	2700203	6,879.31	FARONICS TECHNOLOGIES USA INC	FARONICS DEEP FREEZE, CLOUD CO
07/17/2026		741.06	PROVANTAGE	Network Card for Fairmount Ser
07/17/2026		2,836.10	WWW.UI.COM	Network Switches
07/17/2026		-2,646.00	WWW.UI.COM	Returned Network Switch
07/17/2026		233.40	WWW.UI.COM	Network Cables
07/24/2026		2,673.59	ICESYSTEMSCO.COM	ProxMox Licenses
07/31/2026		196.93	ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED	Creative Cloud for Marketing

July '26 Materials Exp				
EFF DATE	PO/REF2	AMOUNT	VDR NAME/ITEM DESC	COMMENTS
07/23/2026	2700369	29,799.96	OVERDRIVE INC	INV CD0649726225312 BRIDGES -
07/23/2026	2700356	575.94	VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC	INV 26JW-762292
07/24/2026		19.99	DC SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$19.99 SER-12342 MAD MAGAZINE
07/30/2026	2700516	132.34	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES Inc	INV 97917289
07/30/2026	2700504	697.20	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	INV 999102934783
07/31/2026		163.31	AMAZON.COM*QZ9X42Y53	\$282.09 AMAZON 113-6469663-85
07/31/2026		118.78	AMAZON.COM*XV27Z7193	\$282.09 AMAZON 113-6469663-85
07/31/2026		99.88	AMAZON.COM*3O8F361U3	\$823.11 AMAZON 113-8383327-919

July '26 Operating & Gift Expenses				
EFF DATE	PO/REF2	AMOUNT	VDR NAME/ITEM DESC	COMMENTS
07/10/2026		24.00	AMAZON RETA* A29718YE3	Stick on labels for Friends Bo
07/10/2026		346.08	AMERICAN FLOOR MATS	elevator flooring
07/10/2026		20.91	AMAZON RETA* 5K6C42CJ3	wipes
07/10/2026		20.91	AMAZON RETA* 0A5346T63	wipes
07/10/2026		20.91	AMAZON RETA* B13C97WR3	wipes
07/10/2026		80.83	AMAZON MKTPL*528M71QY0	Info Services Programming Supp
07/10/2026		68.05	AMAZON MKTPL*6T89W1R83	info services programming supp
07/10/2026		7.08	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	Paint stir sticks for Youth Se
07/10/2026		17.39	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	Straws, cups, soda, and punch
07/10/2026		25.45	MICHAELS STORES INC #2106	T-shirts, tie-dye kit, for You
07/10/2026		99.95	AMAZON MKTPL*F02GZ3I73	Peg Board displays for Library
07/10/2026		31.33	AMAZON MKTPL*528SP1TS2	Peg Board displays for Library
07/10/2026		74.20	AMAZON MKTPL*247AU6BR3	DVD cases
07/10/2026		437.51	UNIVERSITY PRODUCTS INC	Archival storage envelopes
07/10/2026	1071026	200.00	DIRECTORS ALLOWANCE	WARRANT=071026 RUN=1 BI-WEEKL
07/13/2026		156.00	AMAZON	METAL CABINET
07/13/2026		19.99	AMAZON	CHAIR GLIDERS
07/13/2026		19.99	AMAZON	CAR WINDOW SHADE
07/16/2026	2700331	173.95	CULLIGAN	Solar salt - Fairmount
07/16/2026	2700249	38.88	GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO Inc	Carpet cleaner, bowl mop
07/16/2026	2700143	200.00	APRIL HENDRICKSON	Presenter - Adult DIY Cards 7/
07/16/2026	2700197	1,160.80	CITADEL SECURITY GROUP LLC	Security, Main Lib, 06/29-07/0
07/16/2026	2700153	27,196.07	TECH LOGIC CORP Inc	Automated Sorter service agree
07/16/2026	2700147	50.00	QC BOTANICAL CENTER	Outreach - Mini greenhouses 7/
07/16/2026	2700144	100.00	MARY ELLEN SHAPLEY	Presenter - Designing the QC 7
07/16/2026	2700149	11,081.59	MOBIUS	Renewal of courier service FY2
07/17/2026		22.31	HOBBY-LOBBY #0168	Candy and t-shirts for Youth S
07/17/2026		-13.68	HOBBY-LOBBY #0168	Return of t-shirts
07/17/2026		-17.09	MICHAELS STORES INC #2106	Return of t-shirts
07/17/2026		22.65	AMAZON RETA* D818B9Y03	AA batteries
07/17/2026		162.48	AMAZON MKTPL*413HA5JF3	Neck fans and disinfectant wip
07/17/2026		223.22	AMAZON MKTPL*9W1IC3303	Compostable shopping bags
07/17/2026		30.52	AMAZON MKTPL*UL28Q5MR3	Zippered money bags
07/17/2026		6.29	AMAZON MKTPL*3T6A11VV3	Terracotta Pots
07/23/2026	2700332	60.00	FRIENDS OF NAHANT MARSH EDUCATION CTR	Presenter - Snake Science 7/16
07/23/2026	2612289	1,496.24	TRI CITY EQUIPMENT CO Inc	BREAKROOM TABLES, 3 LIBRARIES
07/23/2026	2700248	948.30	POPP BINDING & LAMINATING INC	Laminating Film for Tech Servi
07/23/2026	2700438	1,430.98	CITADEL SECURITY GROUP LLC	Security, Main Lib, 07/06-07/1
07/23/2026	2700436	234.00	B&B ENTERPRISES OF AMERICA INC	Printing of Aug. monthly calen
07/23/2026		13,281.18	MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO Inc	Utility Payment 01/2027
07/24/2026		22.00	DOLLAR-GENERAL #4010	Italian ice pops for Youth Ser
07/24/2026		27.73	AMAZON RETA* ZK8DR8473	INFORMATION SERVICES PROGRAMMI
07/24/2026		50.00	SQ *ATLAS COLLECTIVE	SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PRIZE
07/24/2026		75.00	LASTPICTUREHOUSE	SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PRIZE
07/24/2026		26.58	AMAZON MKTPL*2K68G8E43	INFO SERVICES PROGRAMMING SUPP
07/24/2026		708.99	BOBSDISCOUNTFURNITURE	CREDENZA FOR EASTERN BREAKROOM
07/24/2026		2.76	W W GRAINGER INC	ADAPTER FITTING FOR 3D PRINTER
07/24/2026		7.98	HY-VEE FOOD STORE Inc	Bottled water
07/24/2026		18.81	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	Pastries, coffee, fruit dip fo
07/24/2026		10.91	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	Cookies and cake for Informati
07/24/2026		25.94	CINTAS CORPORATION #342 Inc	MONTHLY MAT LEASE
07/24/2026		280.95	HOLLINGER METAL EDGE INC	Artifact boxes for Special Col

07/24/2026		20.59	AMAZON RETA* AL80B5FZ3	Facial tissue
07/24/2026		15.99	AMAZON RETA* SC3X72KD3	Removable labels for Customer
07/24/2026		227.88	DEMCO INC	CD and DVD cases for Tech Serv
07/24/2026		565.53	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAL MACHINE LEASE AUG 14-NO
07/27/2026		12.98	AMAZON	STICKERS AND KEY RINGS
07/27/2026		21.57	AMAZON	DOUBLE SIDED TAPE
07/27/2026		15.70	DOLLAR TREE	IS SRC PRIZE
07/27/2026		49.23	MICHAELS STORES INC #2106	YS PROGRAM SUPPLIES
07/27/2026		22.49	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	YS PROGRAM SUPPLIES
07/27/2026		15.40	SAMS CLUB /WALMART	YS PROGRAM SUPPLIES
07/27/2026		151.99	AMAZON	MICROWAVE SHELF FOR MAIN
07/27/2026		67.65	T MOBILE USA INC	JUN 5-JUL 4 20263 CELL LINES
07/30/2026	04-072926	331.20	CLEAN WATER PROGRAM	2027 UB UB
07/30/2026	2700582	550.98	GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS INC	Roll towels, toilet tissue
07/31/2026		10.98	HY-VEE FOOD STORE Inc	Hyvee Bakery cookies for SC Pr

DIRECTOR'S REPORT | August 2026

Library Operations

Assistant Director

Rachel Feltenberger will be joining the team on Monday, August 31! She joins us from Bedford, Texas, and brings a wealth of leadership and public library experience. Rachel holds a Master's of Library Science from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor's degree in History and Sociology from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Most recently, she served as Library Services Manager at Keller Public Library in Keller, Texas. Throughout her career, Rachel has also held positions as a Branch Manager, Senior Librarian for Youth Services, and other roles. We're excited for her to join the team!

Fairmount Branch Renovation

As a reminder, Fairmount Branch is closed to the public from August 17 until after Labor Day for carpet and paint renovations. The book drop remains open, we've added Monday and Wednesday morning hours (9:00am –12:00pm) at Eastern, and are continuing the daily courier service to fulfill hold requests. Fairmount holds have been redirected to Eastern or Main when requested by patrons. A small on-site team will process returns and outgoing holds at least once daily. Staff will assist with collection moves and other special projects during the closure.

Main Library

Native Plants

Laura Van Barg (Customer Services Senior Clerk) created a helpful guide to the native plants growing in the flower beds around Main. Many of these plants can look like weeds in their early stages, so the guide is a great resource for staff to identify what's intentionally planted and learn more about the species that support local pollinators. The guide highlights several native species, including Pagoda Dogwood, Northern Sea Oats, Wild Columbine, and Great Blue Lobelia. And the landscaping appears to be doing exactly what it was designed to do! We've received reported sightings of a hummingbird visiting, a positive sign that these native plantings are providing valuable habitat and food sources for pollinators.

Monument Sign

Due to the traffic signal installed for the 1-way to 2-way conversion of 4th Street, the monument street sign was repositioned north/south to increase visibility:



Library Materials & Programming

2nd Alarmers Group

Kathryn Whalen (Special Collections Supervisor) will be picking up a donation of the *2nd Alarmers* scrapbook and performing an oral history with the last member of the group who is 101!

Artifacts and Archives

We had our first *live* podcast recording of Artifacts and Archives. It celebrated the 250th American Anniversary and Quad Cities musical legacy. The Artifacts and Archives podcast is a collaborative local history series produced by the Putnam Museum and Science Center and Davenport Public Library. Launched for America's 250th anniversary, the bi-monthly show explores national milestones through the unique lens and local history of the Quad Cities using museum objects and library archives.

Monster Society

Monster Society is a free monthly kids' program designed for ages 8 to 12 that is a secret-agent-themed club that meets to learn about mythical creatures and complete a related craft. The program is regularly experiencing full registration and is getting a lot of buzz!

Lock-ins

We held back-to-back teen and adult lock-ins at the Eastern Branch, which were well attended and a lot of fun for participants!

German American Heritage Center

Our Special Collections team is partnering with the German American Heritage Center for an upcoming exhibit using items from library archives.

Social Work Program

Patrons are again able to schedule appointments online. Camara Buckles (Library Social Worker) has also been doing a lot of networking and site visits to connect with various services our patrons might need. She will also be attending some training in advance of the upcoming Medicaid and SNAP changes.

Community Relations

Leadership & Service

I am currently serving a three-year term as Director on the Iowa Library Association (ILA) Executive Board and just ended my second consecutive year as Chair of the RiverShare Libraries Assembly of the Whole (AOW). I am also serving on the Executive Board of the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities and Northwest Illinois and volunteer with a local Scouting America troop based at the Rock Island Conservation Club.

Quad Cities Homeless Initiative

The Leadership Team reviewed the *Quad Cities Momentum Building Event Report Out* and discussed ways The Library can support the initiative's goals. As you know, Davenport Public Library is one of the most accessible public institutions in our community and employs a dedicated social worker. While we're not a housing provider or a homeless services agency, we can be a strong partner in addressing some of the key gaps highlighted in the report. We can serve as a trusted starting point, an early-

intervention hub, an engagement partner, and a connector to the broader service system for individuals and families experiencing housing instability. Specifically, The Library can help in the following ways:

- **Provide a community-based access point.** With multiple locations and extended public hours, we offer a welcoming place for people who may not engage with traditional service systems.
- **Help people find information and resources.** Our community resource guides and online tools, including our extensive Social Work Resource LibGuide, help connect patrons to timely, reliable information about housing, health, employment, and other available supports.
- **Connect individuals to services.** Our staff and social worker regularly engage with patrons experiencing housing instability and homelessness. We can help connect people to Quad Cities Open Network (QCON), shelters, diversion programs, employment services, benefits enrollment, and other community resources. This can include assistance with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) applications, housing applications, job searches, and obtaining replacement identification and vital documents.
- **Offer essential technology and communication access.** The Library provides free access to computers, internet, printing, scanning, email, fax, and phone services – tools that many people need to complete applications, communicate with providers, and search for employment.
- **Provide respectful, non-criminalizing support.** As Main Library is a downtown public institution, we aim to direct people toward help rather than defaulting to security or law enforcement responses. We engage respectfully with individuals experiencing homelessness and connect them to available resources and supports. We also train staff in trauma-informed approaches so patrons are met with dignity and care.

The Library makes a meaningful difference by strengthening the Quad Cities region coordinated response and helping people get support before a housing crisis escalates. We will be engaging with Quad Cities Community Foundation (QCCF) and Downtown Davenport Partnership (DDP) to discuss how Davenport Public Library can be involved and to collaborate with partners across the region.

Library Stories

- Ashley Hamm (Customer Services Senior Clerk) shared, “A former Scott County patron came in to register in Davenport after moving back into town. She shared stories of growing up as a Davenport Library kid who grew up nearby and how much she enjoyed seeing all the new changes. Before she left, she stopped back at the counter to share that she feels like the best version of herself because she found so many books that fit the many creative parts of herself. She said it was a great library experience today!”
- Beth Paul (Information Services Librarian) shared, “A patron was very grateful for the assistance with the large format printer in the makerspace. She said we were better than Staples, the Bettendorf Library makerspace referred her to us, she loves that both libraries have makerspace resources and she uses them regularly.”
- Anna Dixon (Customer Services Senior Clerk) shared, “A couple of older gentlemen came in to utilized multiple services including notary, fax, and computer access and interacted with several members of staff throughout their visit. They stopped at the customer service desk before leaving

to say that every member of the library staff they had "the pleasure of interacting with today has been wonderful". They reiterated that this was the best experience of their day."

- From a comment card at Main Library: "You guys are pretty helpful, flexible, and compassionate. 😊" Another comment card: "Thank you for all the good days I spent at the library. Such a warm welcome I get when I go through the door. Thank you for the warm welcomes. :)"
- Sue Hafkemeyer (Quad Cities Community Foundation CEO) shared, "I wanted to let you know that we have used the Davenport Library for our team's strategic sessions and it was a great experience. Great space, quiet and professional! Thanks for all you do for the community! We will definitely be back."
- Amy Driskill (Special Collections Archivist) shared, "Michelle R. (Information Services Librarian) and I both tried to assist a patron yesterday who wanted a microfiche card with his military service information. From his explanation, I believe an organization helped him collect the information in 1998 at Main and there was confusion as he believed we had the card stored here. The patron is now homeless and needs the documents. He was growing increasingly frustrated and unheard. I was able to contact Camara (Buckles, Library Social Worker) to assist him. Very quickly she had him on the phone with someone from the VA and had a second source as backup if they could not help him. I am so happy and appreciative to have Camara on our DPL team!"
- Carol Marquardsen (Customer Services Senior Clerk) shared, "Patron praised Lindsey's "Bedtime Books" evening storytime and hopes we continue to offer it for families like hers that can't attend morning programs!"

Library Programs — Upcoming

Below is a curated selection of upcoming programs that may be of interest to Trustees. A full calendar is available at service points or online at <https://davenportlibrary.libcal.com>.

- **End of Summer Reading Bash-Saturday** — Saturday, August 22, 10am, Offsite: VanderVeer Park
You worked and played hard this summer! Before school gets back in session, let's gather to celebrate all of the fun that we had this summer! Join your favorite library staff and other community organizations at Vander Veer Botanical Park for an end of the summer celebration! Summer reading prize winners will be announced at the party! Winners do not need to be in attendance to win!
- **QC Made: Tapestry Farms-Tuesday** — Tuesday, September 8, 3pm, Offsite at Tapestry Farms
Tapestry Farms is a nonprofit urban farm system dedicated to welcoming and supporting refugees in the Quad Cities. By combining urban agriculture with social services, we help families put down roots and thrive in their new home. Refugees and volunteers work together at a dozen locations throughout the QC, growing regeneratively to benefit our entire community and making specialty products for sale like flower arrangement, baklava, and Dubai chocolate. Between Tapestry's own gardens and our growing network of backyard growers, Tapestry Farms grew and distributed over 64,000 pounds of fresh produce last year.
- **Library Bookmark Design Contest** — Thursday, September 10, 3pm, Main Makerspace
Calling all artists of all ages, we want you to submit art for our upcoming limited edition Library Bookmark Contest! Design contest forms will be available for pickup at any Davenport Public Library location starting September 1st. Want to design your bookmark in person? We will have six separate drop-in programs for you to design your card. Dates:
 - Thursday, September 10 - 3-5pm at Main

- Monday, September 14 - 3-5pm at Fairmount
- Saturday, September 19 - 3-5pm at Eastern
- Friday, October 9 - 9-11am at Eastern
- Monday, October 12 - 9-11am at Fairmount
- Tuesday, October 13 - 9-11am at Main

For more information about the rules and the selection process, details can be found in The Library's online calendar.

- **Teen Anime Day @ the Figge** — Saturday, September 12, Noon, Offsite at the Figge Art Museum
Dust off your cosplay and grab your sketchbooks! We invite teens (ages 11-19) to the Figge Art Museum for an afternoon of manga, anime, Japanese culture, and art! We will be giving out prizes for cosplay, art, gaming, and more. Registration required and limited to 100 attendees. Additional registration will be required if you are interested in participating in the Super Smash Bros Gaming Tournament or the Art Workshop with Seth Chappell.
- **Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society: Davenport School Museum** — Saturday, September 12, 1pm, Offsite at J.B. Young Opportunity Center
We invite you to learn about Davenport School Museum with us. The Davenport School Museum is that it serves as a “resource for the learning and preservation of the history of the Davenport Community Schools District through the acquisition of historical and culturally significant objects and records”. The museum has records dating back to 1858 when the district was created. Visitors can do genealogy research, research alumni and staff, and look at school curriculum materials. Artifacts available are sports memorabilia, Pre-World War I German teaching materials, World’s Fair books, silver Kuhnlen Medals given to outstanding students, yearbooks, newsletters, newspapers, and much more. Items from schools that have been torn down have been rescued and are on display. Glass cases throughout the lobby and the upper floors display many of their treasures.
- **QC Made: McCarty's Corner Farm** — Saturday, September 12, 2pm, Offsite at McCarty's Corner Farm
Established in 2019 by a passionate and dedicated family, this farm is home to a growing herd of beautiful and friendly alpacas that capture the hearts of all who visit. From the soft, luxurious fiber they produce to their curious and endearing personalities, these animals are a true joy to behold. The family's love for these gentle creatures is evident in every aspect of the farm, from the carefully tended pastures to the cozy barn that offer shelter and comfort.
- **Book Arts Academy: Pamphlet Binding** — Tuesday, September 15, 2:30pm, Main
Book Arts Academy is a hands-on workshop series offering community members an opportunity to learn more about book arts and their history, as well as how to create them. Each workshop will cover a different type of book arts, spanning from simple binding techniques to lettering arts. For our September workshop, we will learn about pamphlet binding.

DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sex Offender Policy

1. Statement of Purpose

- 1.1. The Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all patrons, staff, and visitors while ensuring access to library services for the community.

2. Provisions

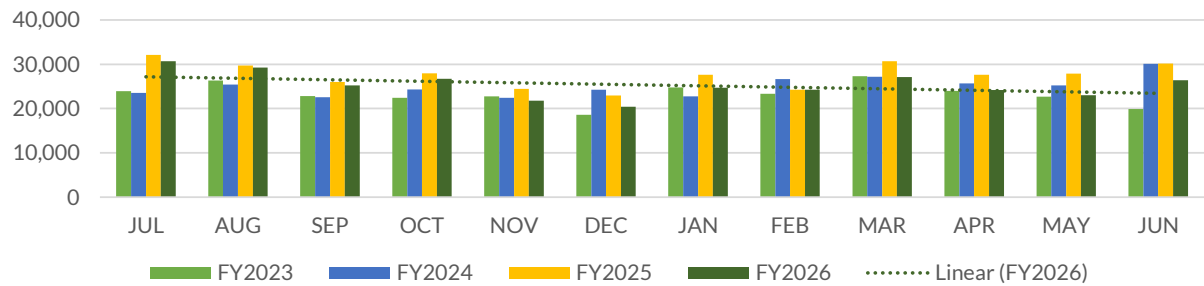
- 2.1. In accordance with Iowa Code §692A, Davenport Public enforces the following restrictions:
 - 2.1.1. Individuals convicted of a sex offense against a minor are prohibited from entering or remaining on Davenport Public Library property without prior written permission from the Library Director (§692A.113(1)(f)).
 - 2.1.2. Such individuals are prohibited from loitering within three hundred (300) feet of the real property boundary of any Davenport Public Library facility (§692A.113(1)(g)).
 - 2.1.3. Individuals required to register as sex offenders are prohibited from being employed by or volunteering at Davenport Public Library (§692A.113(3)(c)).
- 2.2. Individuals prohibited from entering library property under this policy retain the right to access library services. It is the responsibility of the individual to arrange for a third party to borrow, return, or otherwise access physical materials on their behalf; online resources are available.
- 2.3. The following exceptions apply as permitted by Iowa law:
 - 2.3.1. Entry onto library property is permitted for the sole purpose of transporting the individual's own minor child or ward to or from The Library (§692A.113(2)(b)).
 - 2.3.2. Entry is permitted for the time reasonably necessary to vote in a public election when The Library serves as a polling place (§692A.113(2)(c)).
- 2.4. Additional exceptions may be granted only with prior written approval from the Library Director. The director's response can be appealed to the Library Board. The Library Board's response can be appealed to the local district court.
- 2.5. Any suspected violation of this policy will be reported to law enforcement.

Statistical Dashboard

FY2026 [07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026]

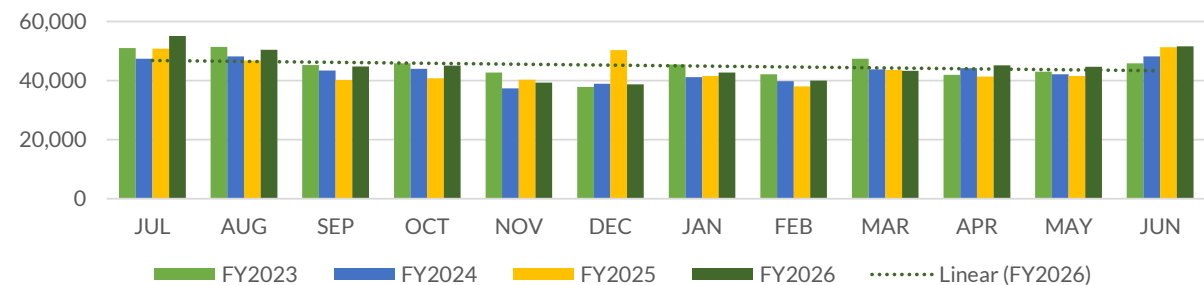


Library Visits



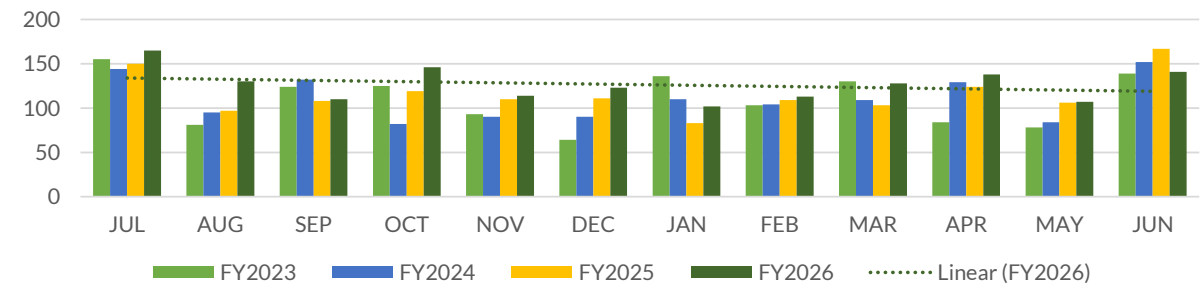
Visits decreased by 9.1%, primarily due to the installation of more accurate door-counting equipment.

Circulation



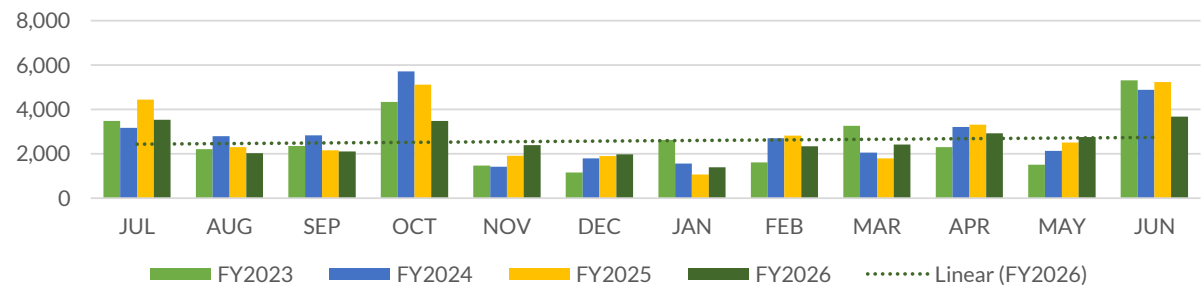
Circulation increased by 2.6%, continuing a very positive trend. After decades of declining circulation, library borrowing has now increased for two consecutive years!

Programs



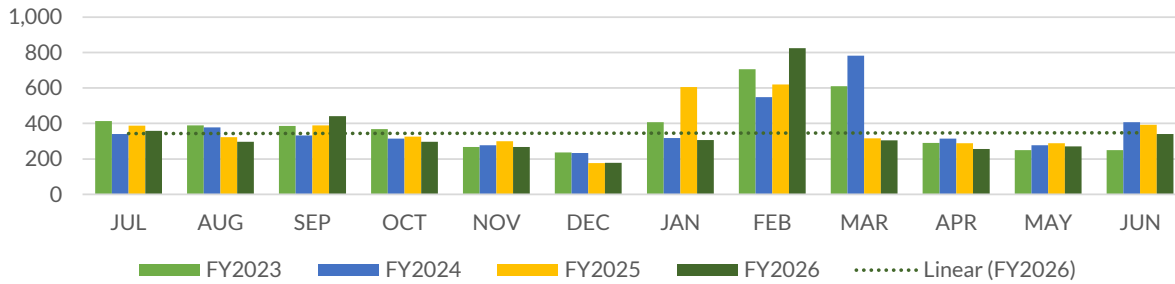
The Library offered 130 more programs than in the previous year, reflecting our continued investment in community engagement and learning opportunities.

Program Attendance



However, program attendance declined by 11.5%. This decrease is unusual given the significant increase in the number of programs offered. We believe some of this can be attributed to no longer offering the Library in the Park program as funding ended.

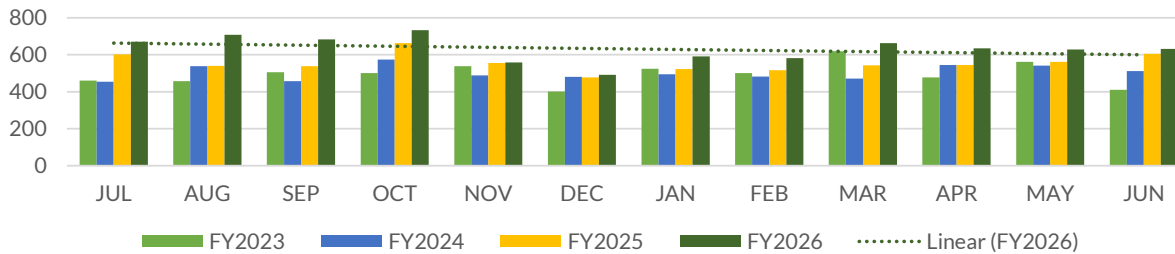
New Cardholders



New library card registrations decreased by 6.5%. The library ended FY2026 with 42,393 total cardholders.

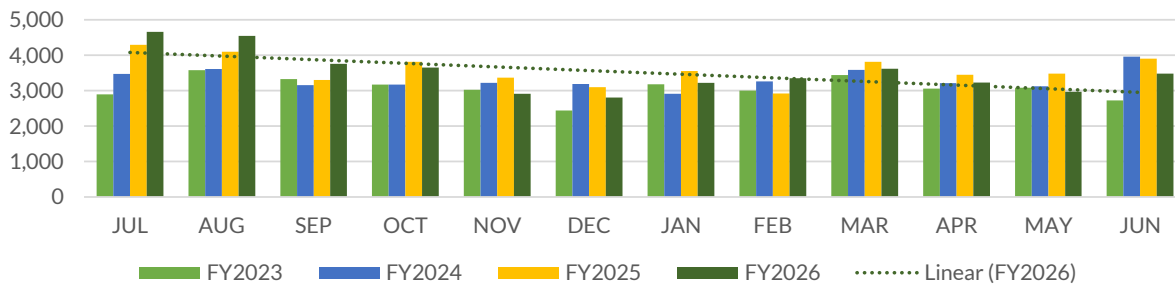
Spaces

(meeting/study rooms + makerspace)



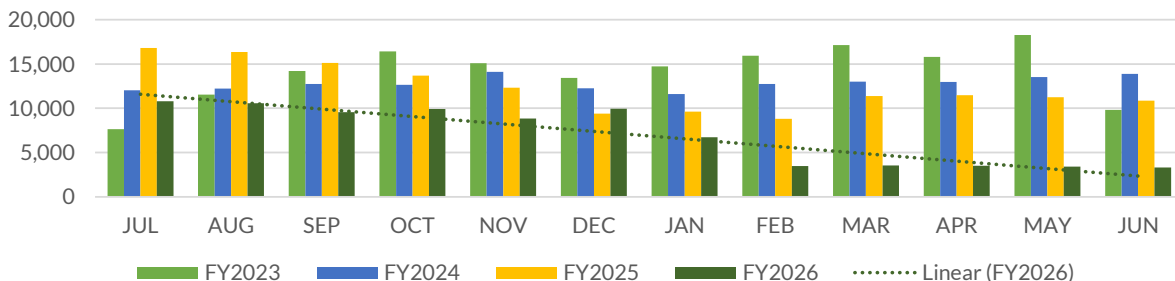
Use of meeting rooms, study rooms, and the makerspace remained strong, with 7,578 total uses, representing a nearly 12% increase over the previous year.

Public Computers



After experiencing growth of over 7% in each of the previous two years, public computer use declined by 2% in FY2026. This decrease looks mostly due to a big drop in November 2025, although staff are not certain why that would be other than just a drop in foot traffic.

Wi-Fi



Wireless network usage decreased by 75.9%, a significant decline primarily due to migrating to a new system that is more accurate, as well as better 5G cell service in general so there is less need for patrons to connect to our Wi-Fi during their visit.

DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY Board Report | Teen Services

Date: Tuesday, August 18th 2026

Presenter: Claire Trimble, Youth Services Librarian

- Collection development
 - Libby/Overdrive (YA eBooks & eAudiobooks)
 - YA Fiction
 - YA Nonfiction
 - YA Graphic novels
 - Teen & High School Award Winners
- Teen spaces
- In-house programs
 - Past:
 - Teen Library Lock-in
 - Book + Club
 - Paint + Punch
 - Teen Silent Reading Party



Teen Tie-Dye



Book Bedazzling



Teen Park + Read

- Upcoming:
 - Creative Writing Workshops (with Midwest Writing Center)
 - Teen Anime Day @ the Figge Art Museum
 - Stuffed Animal Taxidermy
 - Jolabokaflod (pending Foundation approval)
 - Teen Winter Reading Subscription Boxes
- Middle and high school outreach
 - Monthly and/or quarterly book clubs and book talks

- YALE (Young Adult Librarian Exchange)
 - Collaboration with QC/area Teen Librarians
 - Regular programs:
 - Teen Anime Day
 - Teentober – Reading Challenge & Art Contest
- Battle of the Books
- TAB (Teen Advisory Board)



TAB Plant Sale, SRC Kick-Off 2026



TAB Formal Wear try-on

- Looking forward:
 - 100 Books Before Graduation
 - Enhancing Teen Spaces