

Missouri Valley Public Library Board of Trustees
Missouri Valley, Iowa
September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the MVPL Board Room

Members present:

- a. Jan Chvala
- b. Ashley West-Joons
- c. Keith Penner
- d. Library Director Bruce Kocher
- e. Absent-Phyllis Henrich and Bobby Vasquez

2. Agenda Approval.

Jan made a motion to approve the agenda. Keith seconded.

3. Minutes Approval from July 8, 2025.

- a. The minutes were approved as read.

4. Public Comments

- a. No one appeared for public comment.

5. Old Business

- a. Carol Markham, representing Sisson Construction, presented the plan for the repairs for the work area and the area behind the front desk.
- b. The Board selected a carpet sample to be used.
- c. Carol said the repairs would take approximately one week and would be done during the Thanksgiving holidays.
- d. Carol distributed the bid proposal.
- e. The Board approved holding a special meeting Tuesday, September 16, at 4:30 to discuss the proposal.
- f. Keith proposed paying CJ's Futures \$300 to repair the lawn damaged by the City during removal of damages to the sycamore tree caused by the recent windstorm. Ashley made a motion to approve and Jan seconded.

6. Budget Review.

- a. Bruce reported three large invoices: Follett Software (\$1,375.68), Otis Elevator (\$3,042.72), and Wolf Tree Service (\$2,000).

7. Librarian's Report.

- a. August's Library Programs and Library Use show the Library is being utilized for patrons and organizations needing to use its space.
- b. Bruce presented a slideshow containing the end of the Summer Reading Program activities.

8. New Business

- a. The Board discussed incidents involving attempted censorship and government control of libraries for Board Education #2.

- b. The Board approved the Director Job advertisement and Bruce will submit this to the City for posting Monday, September 22, listing the deadline for applications as October 10.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Next meeting is September 16, 2025.