

Missouri Valley Public Library Board of Trustees  
Missouri Valley, Iowa  
APRIL 7, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the MVPL Community Room
  - a. Board Members present.
    - i. Jan Chvala
    - ii. Keith Penner
    - iii. Ashley West
  
2. Agenda Approval
  - a. Jan Chvala makes a motion to approve the agenda.  
Ashley West seconds.  
Passes unanimously.
  
2. Minutes Approval: March 2026  
STAND AS READ
  
3. Public Comments (2-minute limit)
  - a. No one appeared for public comment.
  
4. Old Business

Children's Lib Position – there have been 11 applicants! Dawn is working through interviews and hopes to have someone hired and ready to go by summer!
  
5. Budget Review
  - a. No Budget concerns this month.
  
6. Librarian's Report
  - a. Lib Director provided a handout – attached to these minutes - regarding the ongoing library use and program reports
  - b. The Board discussed that general circulation continues to be down. The Lib has some fun events planned for the upcoming National Lib Week. It would be nice to have more people in the door specifically to look at reading books. The other program use remains exciting!
  
7. New Business

a. Community Garden and Story Walk – Dawn is brainstorming on ideas, the Board is thrilled with her forward thinking on ways to expand the library’s reach

b. Lib Legislative Update – The legislature has a terrifying bill proposed that would severely limit the freedom of speech through book bans. Additionally, the bill would unfairly burden the library staff and the public’s ability to access library facilities. The Board is hopeful that this bill does not move forward.

## 8. Board Comments

a. No one had any additional comments

## 9. Adjournment

a. Next meeting is May 5, 2026