

Chariton Free Public Library February 12, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on February 12, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Fenton, Fredericks, Hunkele, Meyer, Muehlenthaler, Pillsbury-Allen, and Sharp were present. Director Murphy was also present.

The Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Fenton, seconded by Hunkele.

Trustee Oath: Sarah Hunkele was sworn in as trustee.

Public Forum: None

Meyer moved and Fredericks seconded for unanimous approval of the **Consent Agenda** as amended.

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Correspondence – Carnegie Foundation Grant Award and check \$10,000, BRIDGES Letter of Agreement

Grants – Lucas County Community Foundation Grant Application for 2nd stage Roof Repairs

The **December 2025 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Fenton moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Pillsbury-Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **February 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Sharp.

Unfinished Business –

Muehlenthaler assigned herself, Meyer and Pillsbury-Allen to the taskforce for review of the Lucas County Genealogical Society Agreement.

The FY2027 Budget request was reviewed.

New Business

Discussion of Zeffy fundraising reaffirmed that the funds will remain with Friends of the Library until the Library requests those funds or the Friends determine a use for the funds. Murphy will add the Zeffy link to the Friends of the Library page on our website.

Notice of Probate of Will was received from Attorney Paul Goldsmith for the estate of Barbara Joan Shrader. (attached)

Reports

Building & Grounds: none

Community Relations: none

Finance & Policy:

Director's Report: (attached)

Board Comments & Continuing Education: Hunkele reported she'd completed her required IPIB training.

Agenda Items for March:

Board Meeting Policy, Programming Policy (Community Led Programs) and Circulation Policy (student cards)

Director Evaluation

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Meyer.

Kris Murphy, Library Director



THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA JOAN SHRADER, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR 021647

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara Joan Shrader, Deceased, who died on or about November 17, 2025:

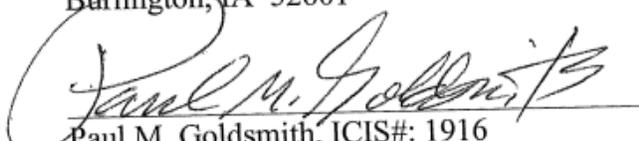
You are hereby notified that on December 11, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Barbara Joan Shrader, deceased, bearing date of March 6, 2025, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Gregory D. Moore and Mark Alan Ripperger have been appointed as Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 12, 2025.


Gregory D. Moore, Co-Executor of Estate
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Kris Murphy, Director
Chariton Free Public Library
803 Braden Avenue
Chariton, IA 50049

Dear Chariton Free Public Library,

It gives me great pleasure to enclose this check from Carnegie Corporation of New York in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Andrew Carnegie wrote that libraries are “cradles of democracy” and it has been truly inspiring to hear accounts from across America of how the 1350-plus surviving Carnegie Libraries are serving their communities today.

This gift is freely given without conditions or expectations, you can spend it however you choose for the benefit of your library and community in commemoration of the 250th anniversary.

The response we have had to our renewed focus on libraries has been overwhelming and overwhelmingly positive. At a time of unprecedented strain to our social cohesion, libraries are among the few public institutions which play a genuinely unifying role. Thank you for all the good work you are doing.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise Richardson".

Dame Louise Richardson
President, Carnegie Corporation of New York