

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA · THURSDAY May 14, 2026
LIBRARY BOARDROOM**

All meetings of the Board are open to anyone who may wish to observe the proceedings. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during Public Forum. Speakers should state their name and purpose and speak for no more than five minutes, unless otherwise permitted by the presiding officer. Please note that no discussion or action on items raised in Public Forum can be undertaken at this meeting, but the speaker(s) may request the item be added to the agenda for a future meeting.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Public Forum**

**Chariton Public Library Board Meeting
May 14, 2026 at 5:30pm
Please join our meeting from your
computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://meet.google.com/cth-ebfp-rrb>**

- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. April 9, 2026 Minutes**
 - b. Correspondence -**
 - Thank You from Midwest Heritage for use of Meeting Room – Fraud Forum
 - Letter from patron
 - Bisgard Letter of Resignation from Board, effective 6/30/26
 - Enrich Iowa Agreement submitted 5/11/2026
 - c. Grants – SCICF Lucas County Community Foundation \$10,000 for Roof Project**

5. March 2026 Financial Statements

6. May 2026 Claims

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Strategic Planning
- b. Lucas County Genealogical Society Agreement (Task Force)

8. New Business

- a. Consideration – Access Systems Multifunction Machine Lease to replace current copier
- b. Consideration – Mainstay Systems Tech Support Contract Renewal

9. Reports

Finance & Policy Committee
Community Relations Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Library Director

10. Board Comments & Continuing Education

11. Agenda Items for Next Month's (June 11, 2026) Meeting

Election Vice President

Adjournment

Chariton Free Public Library

April 9, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on April 9, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Bisgard, Blake, 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 Meyer, seconded by Hunkele.

Public Forum: None

Fenton moved and Bisgard seconded for unanimous approval of the **Consent Agenda**.

March 12, 2026 Minutes

Correspondence – Thank You to Midwest Heritage Bank for donation of Summer Program rewards

Grants – none

The **February 2026 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Blake moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Fredericks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **April 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Blake.

Unfinished Business –

Muehlenthaler and Meyer met with officers of the Genealogical Society to review the Genealogy Agreement. A draft of changes to the agreement for July 2027 will be provided at next month's meeting.

Muehlenthaler met with Murphy who submitted a response to the Director Evaluation and her goals for 2026. Meyer moved to accept the goals presented. Bisgard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Blake moved to approve the Wood Roofing proposal for this year's roof project. Pillsbury-Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A new lease for a replacement multifunction machine was tabled until the May meeting. We are waiting on an updated lease document from Access Systems.

Reports

Building & Grounds: Blake reported on several meetings he'd had about the landscaping project and provided examples of fencing. After meeting with the City regarding a sign and the flagpole, the Board determined not to erect a sign and not to reinstate the flagpole at this time. Blake also mentioned that any installation of the lamppost charging stations would require a permit from the City. Blake met with Isaac Hirschy about the tentative landscaping plan and will ask Hirschy to present a comprehensive proposal for all aspects of the landscaping project, including subcontracting options, which can be used to determine feasibility and expense.

Community Relations: Did not meet.

Finance & Policy: Reviewed the Financial Report. Discussed potential funding options for the landscaping project.

Director's Report: (attached)

Board Comments & Continuing Education: none

Agenda Items for March: Access Systems Lease Proposal, Genealogy Society Agreement

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Fredericks.

Kris Murphy, Library Director

April 16, 2026

Jone Culp
831 Braden Ave Apt 4S
Chariton, Ia, 50049

Library Boad of Trustees
803 Braden Ave.
Chariton, Ia 50049

The staff at the Chariton Library are the neatest bunch of people.

When I first started coming to the library they treated me like an old friend.

When I found a book, on the free shelf and told them how much I enjoyed it, they ordered the series.

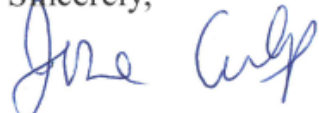
They make sure I know about craft projects coming up. (I thoroughly enjoy them.)

They are interested in craft projects that I have done at my previous library.

They even gave some help on a project I was doing.

They are a "Full Service Library Staff."

Sincerely,



Jone Culp

New Access Lease Agreement: Multifunction Machine 5-Year Lease



COST PER IMAGE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT NO.: 3248958

CUSTOMER ("YOU" OR "YOUR")

FULL LEGAL NAME: **Chariton, City of DBA Chariton Public Library**

FEDERAL TAX ID #:

ADDRESS: **115 S Main St**

Chariton, IA 50049

EQUIPMENT AND PAYMENT TERMS

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

TYPE, MAKE, MODEL NUMBER AND SERIAL NUMBER	NOT FINANCED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT	BEGINNING METER READING		MONTHLY IMAGE ALLOWANCE		EXCESS PER IMAGE CHARGE (PLUS TAX)	
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TOTAL CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY IMAGE ALLOWANCE AND EXCESS PER IMAGE CHARGES (IF CONSOLIDATED)				1,500	750	\$0.0050	\$0.0500

EQUIPMENT LOCATION: **As Stated Above**

METER FREQUENCY: **Quarterly**

TERM IN MONTHS: **60**

MONTHLY BASE PAYMENT AMOUNT: **\$190.40**

(*PLUS TAX)

2021 Access Lease Agreement



COST PER IMAGE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT NO.: 1669089

CUSTOMER ("YOU" OR "YOUR")

FULL LEGAL NAME: **Chariton, City of DBA Chariton Public Library**

FEDERAL TAX ID #:

ADDRESS: **803 Braden Ave**

Chariton, IA 50049

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TOTAL CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY IMAGE ALLOWANCE AND EXCESS PER IMAGE CHARGES (IF CONSOLIDATED)				1,500	250	\$0.0050	\$0.0550

EQUIPMENT LOCATION: **As Stated Above**

METER FREQUENCY: **Quarterly**

TERM IN MONTHS: **60**

MONTHLY BASE PAYMENT AMOUNT: **\$121.74**

(*PLUS TAX)

SECURITY DEPOSIT:



CONTRACT EXTENSION

This Contract Extension is made as of **July, 1 2026**, by and between **Mainstay Systems** and **Chariton Library**

Mainstay Systems and **Chariton Library** previously entered into an agreement dated **July 1, 2025** (the "Agreement"), which is set to expire on **June 30, 2026**

The parties agree to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional one-year period, beginning **July 1, 2026** and ending **June 30, 2027**.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and continue in full effect.

This extension is governed by the laws of the State of Iowa.

Agreed and accepted:

Mainstay Systems

Name: **Cade Curtis**

Title: **President**

Date: **April 29 2026**

Signature: **Cade F. Curtis**
Digitally signed by Cade F. Curtis
Date: 2026.04.29 16:33:01 -05'00'

Chariton Library

Name: **Kris Murphy**

Title: **Director**

Date: **April 29, 2026**

Signature:

Monthly Maintenance Fee \$166
Monthly Cloud Backup \$72.00
Annual Contract Total: \$2,142.00

MAINTENANCE COVERAGE

MSI agrees to provide on-site maintenance coverage to the Client during the Contract Period. This Agreement shall cover the following two remedial maintenance service levels: Level 1 (24 hours per day, 7 days per week) and Level 2 (9 hours per day, 5 days per week, excluding legal holidays and weekends as recognized by the State of Iowa). The coverage level for each system is as listed in Exhibit "A". Maintenance coverage includes travel, labor, materials and remedial maintenance required to return Client's equipment to good operating condition. MSI agrees to use expeditious methods of restoring Client's equipment to its operating condition, which may include part or whole component replacement. MSI agrees to provide replacement parts for the Contract Period. Maintenance parts will be furnished on an exchange basis, and the exchanged parts will become the property of MSI. All replacement or exchanged parts will be new or refurbished of equal quality, and they become the property of Client. Maintenance parts may or may not be manufactured by the original equipment manufacturer; may be altered by MSI to enhance maintainability; and may be new or reconditioned to perform as new by the original equipment manufacturer. When necessary to remove equipment from Client's site, MSI, if possible, will provide a loaner of similar (not necessarily identical) type until Client's equipment can be repaired and returned. MSI shall provide Client with verbal reports of all maintenance activity. Damage or equipment failure, for reasons listed under non-covered maintenance, will be repaired at MSI's Time and Material rates.

RESPONSE TIME

Response time is defined as the time between receipt of Client's telephone request for remedial maintenance and that time the MSI personnel arrives on site. Response time for remedial maintenance shall not exceed four (4) hours including travel time to the site. MSI shall provide a central location and an Iowa telephone number for maintenance calls being reported and dispatched.

MARCH 2026 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026 75.0%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT RECVD	UNCOLLECTED
006-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY \$MARKET	4,500.00	182.60	3,545.64	78.79	954.36
006-410-4470	LIBRARY RURAL FEES	19,716.00	.00	20,887.00	105.94	1,171.00+
006-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	3,300.00	.00	.00	.00	3,300.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS	2,000.00	120.00	1,986.20	99.31	13.80
006-410-4715	REFUND	.00	.00	2,034.11	.00	2,034.11+
006-410-4765	LIBRARY FINES	3,000.00	620.39	2,796.75	93.23	203.25
006-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	3,500.00	.00	3,693.17	105.52	193.17+
006-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY OPERATIN	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-950-4000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	140,000.00	.00	70,000.00	50.00	70,000.00
	LIBRARY OPERATING TOTAL	176,016.00	922.99	104,942.87	59.62	71,073.13

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026 75.0%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
006-410-6010	SALARIES	144,000.00	9,606.08	92,782.14	64.43	51,217.86
006-410-6210	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,500.00	190.00	1,816.32	121.09	316.32-
006-410-6230	TRAVEL, TRAINING, & DUES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	.00	439.32	3,522.34	.00	3,522.34-
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	11,000.00	4,448.76	13,133.42	119.39	2,133.42-
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING & LEGAL PUBLICATIO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6405	RECORDING FEES	500.00	.00	1,042.00	208.40	542.00-
006-410-6411	LEGAL EXPENSES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6497	MISC EXPENSE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6498	PROGRAMMING	3,000.00	497.78	1,870.97	62.37	1,129.03
006-410-6505	NEW EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	846.87	.00	846.87-
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	600.00	220.63	350.75	58.46	249.25
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	300.00	27.09	118.97	39.66	181.03
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS	5,000.00	546.21	3,866.27	77.33	1,133.73
006-410-6523	AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS	1,000.00	.00	633.57	63.36	366.43
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPORT	8,500.00	466.92	7,487.27	88.09	1,012.73
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	500.00	143.50	461.75	92.35	38.25
	LIBRARY OPERATING TOTAL	176,000.00	16,586.29	127,932.64	72.69	48,067.36
010-410-6408	LIABILITY & PROP INS LEVY TOTA	13,000.00	.00	.00	.00	13,000.00
112-410-61	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	33,422.00	2,305.06	22,606.08	67.64	10,815.92
	TOTAL EXPENSES	46,422.00	2,305.06	22,606.08	48.70	23,815.92

MARCH 2026 ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL FUND REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026 75.0%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT RECVD	UNCOLLECTED
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	20,000.00	.00	20,000.00	100.00	.00
167-410-4705	DONATIONS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS/BLDG RENOVATION	20,000.00	1,066.69	18,236.69	91.18	1,763.31
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY ENDOW	.00	.00	6,502.34-	.00	6,502.34
167-910-4832	INTERFUND LOAN PAYMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL	40,000.00	1,066.69	44,739.03	111.85	4,739.03+

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026 75.0%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
167-410-6751	CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	75,000.00	51.17	44,992.68	59.99	30,007.32
167-910-6910	TRANSFER OUT - LIBRARY ENDOWME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL	75,000.00	51.17	44,992.68	59.99	30,007.32

MARCH 2026 MONEY MARKET REPORT

BANK CASH REPORT 2026

BANK NAME	FUND GL	BANK NAME	FEBRUARY CASH BALANCE	MARCH RECEIPTS	MARCH DISBURSMENTS	MARCH CASH BALANCE	OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS	MAR BANK BALANCE
BANK MIDWEST HERITAGE LIB MM	006	LIBRARY MM ACCOUNT	156,362.25	182.60	0.00	156,544.85	0.00	156,544.85

MARCH 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026 75.0%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
	LIBRARY TOTAL	297,422.00	18,942.52	195,531.40	65.74	101,890.60

TREASURER'S REPORT CALENDAR 3/2026, FISCAL 9/2026

ACCOUNT TITLE	LAST MONTH END BALANCE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE
006 LIBRARY OPERATING	7,191.47-	922.99	16,586.29	.00	22,854.77-
167 LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	318,175.47	1,066.69	51.17	.00	319,190.99

CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FY2026 BUDGET

MARCH 2026

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED	03/2026	BALANCE
BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2025 (Cash on hand \$135.00)				\$135.00
006-410-4300	INTEREST MONEY MARKET	\$4,500.00	\$182.60	\$3,545.64
006-410-4470	RURAL FEES (Salaries & Utilities)	\$19,716.00	\$0.00	\$20,887.00
006-410-4471	GRANTS	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS	\$2,000.00	\$120.00	\$1,986.20
006-410-4715	REFUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,034.11
006-410-4765	LIBRARY INCOME	\$3,000.00	\$620.39	\$2,796.75
006-410-4799	OTHER STATE LIBRARY ENRICH IOWA PAYMENT	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,693.17
006-910-4830	TRANSFER INTO LIBRARY OPERATING FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-950-4000	CITY PROPERTY TAXES (Salaries)	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$176,016.00	\$922.99	\$104,942.87
006-410-6010	GROSS SALARIES	\$144,000.00	(\$9,606.08)	(\$92,782.14)
006-410-6210	SUBSCRIPTIONS/LICENSES	\$1,500.00	(\$190.00)	(\$1,816.32)
006-410-6230	TRAVEL/TRAINING/DUES	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS (budgeted \$0)	\$0.00	(\$439.32)	(\$3,522.34)
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$11,000.00	(\$4,448.76)	(\$13,133.42)
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6405	AUDITOR RECORDING FEES	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$1,042.00)
006-410-6411	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6497	MISC. EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6498	PROGRAMMING	\$3,000.00	(\$497.78)	(\$1,870.97)
006-410-6505	NEW FURNITURE/EQUIP (budgeted \$0)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$846.87)
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$600.00	(\$220.63)	(\$350.75)
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	\$300.00	(\$27.09)	(\$118.97)
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS	\$5,000.00	(\$546.21)	(\$3,866.27)
006-410-6523	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$633.57)
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPT	\$8,500.00	(\$466.92)	(\$7,487.27)
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	\$500.00	(\$143.50)	(\$461.75)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$176,000.00	(\$16,586.29)	(\$127,932.64)
(Cash on hand: Petty Cash \$60, Income Cash Drawers \$75)			BALANCE	(\$22,854.77)
ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED	03/2026	BALANCE
BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2025				\$319,444.64
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4471	GRANTS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
167-410-4705	DONATIONS - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME	\$20,000.00	\$1,066.69	\$18,236.69
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES - CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,502.34
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		\$40,000.00	\$1,066.69	\$44,739.03
167-410-6751	CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES (Lockridge Remainder)	\$75,000.00	(\$51.17)	(\$44,992.68)
				\$319,190.99
RESTRICTED	Restricted Memorial Bequests for Collection Purchases			(\$75,390.01)
CAPITAL FUND BALANCE				\$243,800.98

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHARITON, IOWA
MAY 2026 CLAIMS**

OPERATING FUND CLAIMS		BUDGET LINE	V#	PAYMENT
Access Systems	Copier Contract	006-410-6525	5321	\$286.88
Alliant Energy	Monthly Electric	006-410-6371	131	\$589.03
Amazon Capital Services	Programming	006-410-6498	5265	\$340.67
	Operating Supplies	006-410-6507		\$51.16
	Printed Materials	006-410-6522		\$198.42
	AV Materials	006-410-6523		\$108.25
Chariton Water Department	Monthly Water	006-410-6371	80	\$49.85
Petty Cash	Light Bulbs	006-410-6310	68	\$16.04
	Postage	006-410-6508		\$5.67
Riley Heating & Cooling	Service Agreement	006-410-6310		\$1,500.00
Windstream	Monthly Phone/Int	006-410-6371	858	\$295.47
TOTAL OPERATING FUND CLAIMS PAID MAY 2026				\$3,441.44

I hereby empower the treasurer of the City of Chariton, Iowa to pay the above amounts.

_____, President of the Chariton Free Public Library Board of Trustees
Susan Muehlenthaler

**Chariton Free Public Library
Director Report
May 14, 2026**

Throughout the past year or so we've had issues with the exterior button for the north door. After repeatedly opening the button up and jiggling the wires and trying to secure the battery pack better, I gave up and tried to call the company that installed the doors for us, Automatic Doors of Iowa. The company seemed to no longer exist, so I asked other libraries for references. One directed me to Basepoint Building Automations, and upon contacting them I discovered that it was the same company updated to include more products, hence the new name. On 5/4/26 one of their techs came to fix the issue. Since it's being caused by people using the button as a punching (or kicking) bag, he assured me that he'd secure the battery pack better in a slightly different location in the unit. Will it withstand future assaults? We'll see. We should get a bill for the work for next month's meeting.

I also contacted Johansen Plumbing & Heating, but haven't heard back. Will contact again. The toilets seem to be flushing less efficiently and the odor in the men's room seems impossible to get rid of. I'd like to have them in to snake the drains if necessary. We regularly add cleaning fluid and water to the drains. Male individuals often add their own liquid directly to the floor drain, not to mention decorating various parts of the toilet and walls with both liquids and solids. It is always a struggle to keep the room tolerable, but this is beyond even that. The water bill was also high again last month. Maybe as part of the reading garden we could install an outhouse?

We lost a lot of business in April due to an Internet outage. We have Windstream Kinetic, which went down April 10th. Windstream was contacted and repair scheduled, but nothing occurred. When contacted a second time, Windstream informed us that our repair ticket had been completed, then scheduled us for a new ticket, but not until 4/20/26. On the 16th a truck magically appeared and fixed the issue. The worker came in and told me about a downed line, but had assumed, since they'd not heard from us again, that said line hadn't been an issue, service had returned, and so made no repair. He then dutifully came back when he saw the new ticket.

The summer program is almost ready to go. You might notice all of the rewards sitting in the boardroom. Kids will no longer have a choice so much this year on the reward they can pick as we'll have ready only one type of reward available each week, although some of them are a variety of the same item. Also in the boardroom are the supplies for our big Monster Fairy Garden craft project. I will force staff to make examples of said project, which they will love doing. The flyer for the program is ready to share with the school district. Posters will go up soon. The website is set up for registration to begin June first. All checks for performers are in the office, ready for their performance dates. We will offer an extra craft program offered by one of the performers which will require registration for a limited attendance of fifteen participants, but his earlier program will provide each participant with a monster doodle book provided by Friends of the Library.

We're altering the reading/activity log, but it should be ready for printing this week or next. Beth has taken on the Farmers Market StoryTime for this year, which starts today. I will accompany her occasionally and mingle more with the crowd to promote the Library and our programs.

We had a request from one parent to participate in the Iowa Adventure Pass program, which offers various free entrance or discounts to a variety of venues. Each venue has its own stipulations. Participation in the program is through a small consortium set up just for the purpose. To participate in the program would cost us \$1,700 annually, even if we chose only six venues. Based on the fact that only one parent has requested participation, and Friends of the Library are unable to fund it, we will pass for this year. If I can find a way to fund it annually we might consider it for the future. If our Library Foundation would fund it annually, that would be the best option, but no other foundation is going to consider an annual contribution, and if we can't sustain the program we shouldn't initiate it.

Kris Murphy
May 14, 2026