

Alta Community Library Board Minutes July 9, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order by Board President, Bruce Hinkeldey at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Director - Gigi Nelson, Board Members - Bruce Hinkeldey, Willa Casstevens(by phone), Carol Lichtenberg, Colleen Carlson-Konop, Colleen Schwanz

Absent: Anne lehl

Visitors: Lorinda Peterson - Co-Chair for the Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee

After welcoming the visitors, the agenda was unanimously approved following a motion by Carol Lichtenberg and seconded by Colleen Carlson-Konop.

The Library Relocation Discussion and Steering Committee Discussion focused on the following –

Lorinda reported as follows - Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee will meet again on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. The BV County Fair Booth is set up with water and buttons for sale and information on the new library available. Upcoming fundraising ideas – city/county mailing requesting donations or pledges, a progressive meal, maybe a booth at the Wood Wine & Blues festival. Josie Svendsen donated \$60.00 raised from cookie sales. Gigi shared a spreadsheet from the city clerk showing the deposits made to the foundation. Donation jars are in several area businesses and will be gathered prior to the next Steering Committee meeting.

The June board meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved following a motion by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Willa Casstevens.

The June Statistical Reports and June Revenue and Expense Reports were reviewed and accepted. Gigi noted that attendance at programs is steady as is foot traffic and books checked in/out. Total patrons is 1405. Total program attendance 651 for June. Dolly Parton's total participants is 89. The fiscal year end budget report showed an ending balance of \$2202.85 which the board recommended that we ask the City to place this into a savings account (as has been done in the past).

Following a motion by Colleen Carlson-Konop and seconded by Colleen Schwanz, the June bills were approved, with Willa Casstevens abstaining from the vote since she was not in person at the meeting.

Old Business:

The signs are complete - Commercial Sign and Design can store the park sign for a while until it can be placed in the park. There are some bushes that might need to be removed, but the board would like to see the council approve the placement of this sign no later than September 15th, 2026.

Gigi renewed the Bridges/Overdrive subscription and discussion was held on how to have better use of this program. It was suggested that the staff could promote/mention this program to persons when checking out books. Cost is over \$900.00 annually.

Gigi also renewed the Enrich Iowa agreement (deadline was June 19th) which affects State funding.

New Business:

Gigi reviewed the Director's Report - the library deposited \$173.20 from sale of books at the garage sale.programs.

Gigi was invited to attend the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) Cincinnati convention and she reported on the programs and sessions that she participated in. She was a panelist for Commemorating America's History & Beyond. Fourteen librarians from Iowa attended. Discussion was held on the challenges of rural libraries and the importance to the rural community. All expenses were covered by IMLS.

Gigi shared the House File 2490 which covers regulations on posting notices of public meetings. This will be reviewed and the board will vote officially next month on the locations that our monthly meeting notice/agenda will be posted.

Anna Garcia has resigned from the Library Board (moving out of state) which creates an open board seat. Suggestions of a replacement was asked for. Bruce Hinkeldey suggested a local person and will contact him and get an application to him if he is interested.

Following a motion by Colleen Carlson-Konop and seconded by Carol Lichtenberg, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Alta Community Library Board will be at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th, 2026 at the library.