

Genoa Public Library District

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Board President Jim Hansen. Trustees present: Steven Veeneman, Jennifer Lechelt, Mary Keys, and Donna Bradshaw. Also present: Library Director Jen Barton.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Steven moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Donna. Vote: Yes/5, No/0
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- IV. PRESENTATIONS – None
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Steven moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 17, 2025. Second by Jennifer. Vote: Yes/5, No/0.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None
- VII. TREASURER’S REPORT – Steven moved that we place \$23,101.09 on the record for audit for the month of February. Second by Mary. A roll call vote was taken: Steven-yes, Donna-yes, Jennifer-yes, Mary-yes, Jim-yes
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - i. Items on the Project List were reviewed, and the list will be updated to reflect progress and completion of current items.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - i. Library Director Jen Barton shared the schedule for library hours during the week of May 25-31, 2025, which includes Memorial Day and Genoa Days. The library typically closes entirely during Genoa Days; however, since Genoa Days falls on a week with a holiday closure, hours will be altered to allow for patron usage. The schedule will be as follows: Sunday (5/25) Closed; Monday (5/26) Closed for Memorial Day; Tuesday (5/27) open 9 am-7 pm; Wednesday (5/28) open 9 am-4 pm; Thursday (5/29) closed; Friday (5/30) closed; and Saturday (5/31) closed. Staff will be participating in training on Thursday, 5/29 from 9 am-3 pm.
- X. STANDING COMMITTEES
 - a. Finance – None
 - b. Technology – None
 - c. Facilities – None
 - d. Policy - None
- XI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND MONTHLY STATISTICS – Presented
- XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None
- XIII. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION
 - i. Library Director Jen Barton shared information regarding the White House Executive Order dated March 14, 2025, that proposed eliminating funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Genoa Public Library does not receive IMLS funding directly; instead, it is provided to the State of Illinois in the form of a grant that is used to fund resource sharing deliveries, grants, and continuing education for Illinois libraries. On Monday, March 31, 2025, IMLS staff were placed on administrative leave with the expectation that the department will be eliminated. At this point, the status of the 2025 grant to the State of Illinois is unknown and it is uncertain how the shortfall to support the programs covered by IMLS monies will be made up.
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION – None
- XV. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned in due form at 8:14 pm.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2025