

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2025 GERING PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Suzanne Myers, Mary Robinson, Kim Walker

Library Adult Engagement Librarian: Sherry Preston

Foundation Liaison: Jay Skiles

City Council Liaison: Tamera Frye

Absent: Kirstee Moore-Schutte

Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

Attention was called to the posting of The Open Meetings Act -  
NEB.REV.STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14.

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Board President. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and the Library Board determines that the matter requires emergency action.

Board members reviewed the July 15, 2025 board meeting minutes. Kelley asked for a motion to approve. Robinson moved to approve the minutes and Walker seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Myers, Robinson, Walker "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore-Schutte. The vote passed.

The statistical reports for July and financial reports for July were reviewed. Kelley called for a motion to approve. Myers moved and Walker seconded the

motion. “Ayes”: Kelley, Myers, Robinson, Walker. “Nays”: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore-Schutte. The vote passed.

Board members reviewed the July bills. Kelley called for a motion to approve. Robinson and Walker seconded to approve the bills. The vote was called. “Ayes”: Kelley, Myers, Robinson, Walker. “Nays”: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore-Schutte. The vote passed.

### **Director Clarke’s Report**

1. July traditionally has fewer programs due to the 4th and OT Days. However, the youth services team finished the Animation Workshop partnership and hosted four more sessions and also provided an activity after the OT Days Kiddie Parade. Additionally, due to the nature of the program needing consistency they continued the teen D&D program in July as well.
2. The adult services team saw huge success with the Creative Aging Arts (CAA) program. We’ve received a lot of positive feedback about this program. Other regular adult programs such as book clubs, ALL and Wine 201 continued in July.
3. During the month of July, we received a donation check from the Library Foundation in the amount of \$387.83 to purchase lock boxes, scratch tickets, and supplies for the CAA program. The latter was funded via a grant written by Sherry Preston for the Foundation.
4. Mayor Ewing is hosting a city Employee Fun Night and Library Board members are invited.
5. The Foundation presented their plan for the ADA access building project to the Recreation, Amusement and Cultural Standing Committee on August 18th.

### **Gering City Council Liaison: Tamera Frye**

1. It was unanimous from the council members at the Recreation, Amusement and Cultural Standing Committee that option one was the preferred option with ramp and elevator and community center. Most felt that ramp was most important. The difficulty of the current ramp that barely meets ADA recommendations is a concern.

### **The Gering Library Foundation Board Liaison Report: Jay Skiles**

1. Positive response from the council at the Recreation, Amusement and Cultural Standing Committee and now have green light to begin fundraising. The concerns were noted and will work with J.E. O

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Mayor Ewing is hosting a city employee Family Fun Night on August 28, 2025. Myers moved that the library close at 5:00 pm on August 28, 2025 so that staff can attend that event and Robinson seconded. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Myers, Robinson, Walker. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore-Schutte. The vote passed.

**Closed Session:** None

**Open Comment:** None

Walker moved to adjourn and Robinson seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Myers, Robinson, Walker. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore-Schutte. The vote passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:14

Suzanne Myers  
Secretary

