

Odell Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The July 8, 2026, board meeting opened at 5:36 pm in the Meeting Room. Board members present were Judy Deter, Larry Jackson, Anne Mills, Melissa Nyboer, Chris VanDerLeest, and Becky West. West acted as President in Adami's absence. Director Katie Rider and Assistant Director Lisa Boles were also present.

Public Comment: none

General Business: A) Minutes of the June 10, 2026, Board Meeting was filed as submitted. B) Nyboer moved to pay \$22,219.31 in bills, second by Jackson. (Roll call vote-Deter yes, Jackson yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanDerLeest yes, West yes) B) The May 2026 Treasurer's report was amended to include monies both in the checking account and in the Community State Bank CD in the General Fund total. Both the May 2026 and the June 2026 Treasurer's Reports were filed as submitted. D) The Director's Report, including the Odell Public Library Friends Report, was filed as submitted.

Unfinished Business: A) Research is ongoing for the Director Evaluation.

New Business: A) Deter reported that Javier Carreno, owner of 5-Star Landscape Design, has offered to donate the mulch and labor needed for the library plantings maintained by the Morrison Garden Club. There is concern that some mulch is consistently washed away during storms because of the design of the building. Deter has requested that Carreno meet with her to consult on the problem before spreading new mulch. B) The building walk-around was postponed until the August meeting. C) The Summer Reading Program is winding down with the last week being prize week. Two hundred and fifteen children were enrolled. D) As part of the Infinite Sums Grant, Director Rider has planned two activities. On August 8, 2026, in the afternoon, there will be an Infinity Day Celebration for all ages. In the evening there will be a *To Infinity and Beyond* Trivia Night for adults at the Brick Block Pub.

Closed session: none

Board Ideas/Concern: There is an interest among patrons to learn how to play Mahjong. Director Rider will make some inquiries to possibly find someone to provide instruction in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm, motion by Nyboer, second by VanDerLeest (passed with a voice vote)

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Nyboer, Secretary