

Odell Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The September 9, 2026, board meeting opened at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Board members present were Marc Adami, Judy Deter, Larry Jackson, Anne Mills, Melissa Nyboer, Chris VanDerLeest, Nora Wenzel, Becky West, and Jess Wroble. Director Katie Rider, Assistant Director Lisa Boles and City Manager Brian Melton were also present.

Public Comment: none

General Business: A) Minutes of the August 12, 2026, board meeting was filed as submitted. B) Nyboer moved to pay \$15,071.83 in bills, second by Wenzel. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Jackson yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanDerLeest yes, Wenzel yes, West yes, Wroble yes) C) The August 2026 Treasurer's Report was filed as submitted. D) The Director's Report was filed as submitted.

Unfinished Business: A) The Director Evaluation Committee update was postponed until the October 2026 board meeting.

New Business: A) On August 8, 2026, most of Odell's patron computer licenses were suspended because of an issue with RansomWare, the computer protection software on those computers. Data 443, the company that oversees RansomWare, has repeatedly failed to address the problem despite Odell's contract with them through May 2027. Director Rider received cost estimates from the William and Mary Computer Center in Rock Falls to remove the software causing the problem and install new software. West moved to hire William and Mary Computer Center to address the problem at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Second by Deter. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Jackson yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanDerLeest yes, Wenzel yes, West yes, Wroble yes) B) Director Rider reported on her recent attendance at the Director University. She suggested that the Board consider a Human Resource subscription service presented at the conference. She will get more information, including the cost, and present it at a later date. C) Director Rider will be attending IMLS Library Convening 250: Telling America's Story October 14-15. Designed for staff from small and rural libraries, this program is a celebration of the founding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This will include speakers and panel discussions, and present strategies to strengthen civic literacy and foster love of country across all age groups. IMLS will cover travel, hotel, and meals.

Closed session: none

Board Ideas/Concern: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm, motion by West, second by Wroble (passed with a voice vote)

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Nyboer, Secretary