

Roland Board of Trustees Meeting
At the Roland Public Library - 221 North Main, Roland, Iowa
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

- I. The Roland Library Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The following Board members were present: Ben Anderson, Shauna Handsaker, Ray Hults, Valerie Muxfeldt and Andy Oetker, and Library Director Laura Urbanek.
- II. Limited Additions to Agenda: none
- III. Public Input: none
- IV. Approve minutes from March 26 meeting: Ray motioned to approve the minutes of the March 26 meeting. Andy seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.
- V. Approve April claims: The April claims were read and reviewed. Valerie made the motion to approve the lists of claims, Ben seconded. Passed 5-0.
- VI. Review Statistics: Statistics for the month of March were reviewed.
- VII. Director's Report: A. Now that the roof has been repaired, there are several ceiling tiles that need to be replaced. Laura showed the board examples of book-themed painted ceiling tiles from other libraries. She will contact the high school art teacher about recruiting a student for the project here. B. We have been experiencing issues with internet service. A Stratford technician looked at our setup and said we were running two networks that were competing with each other. Mayor Kurtis helped reroute the cables so that the open network serves the front part of the library, and a second, secure network is in the back. C. The possibility of installing security cameras was briefly discussed and will be readdressed if needed. D. The Roland Library AARP tax volunteers filed a total of more than 110 returns during the 2025 season.
- VIII. New Business: A. Update from State Library regarding federal funding – Laura shared an email from the State Library regarding ILMS federal funding and how budget cuts may affect programs and services offered by the State Library, such as staffing, Bridges, interlibrary loan, library website hosting, and statewide delivery service. The State Library will continue to share information with libraries as decisions are made about the services that will be impacted by the budget cuts.
- IX. Old Business: Trustee Training – Bridges (aka Libby), the statewide consortium for ebooks and downloadable audio books, was briefly demonstrated. The State Library of Iowa facilitates the Bridges program and manages the contract with OverDrive on behalf of participating libraries. Our library averages more than 250 checkouts per month through Libby.
- X. Dates to Remember: A. Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 pm
- XI. Adjourn: Valerie motioned that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 pm. Andy seconded. Passed 5-0.