



Town of Blackfalds Library Board
Board Meeting Agenda

DATE: November 4th, 6:30 pm 2025

Attendees: Glyn Evans, Richard Poole, Glenda Brown, Ray Olfert,
Vincent Wolfe, Starr Sinclair, Ann Siford, Peter Gomes, Nicole Rice

Regrets:

Land Acknowledgment

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

1. Acceptance of Agenda items

2. Acceptance of the Consented Agenda
 - 2.1 Minutes of the October 2025 meeting
 - 2.2 Administrator's update for October 2025
 - 2.3 Programmer's update for September 2025
 - 2.4 Statistics for September 2025

- 3 Old Business
 - 3.1 Library Administrator's Evaluation Results-

- 4 New Business
 - 4.1 Acceptance of Income Statement, Budget Update & Direct Bill Payments for September 2025

 - 4.2 Treasurer's Report for September 2025

4.3 Website- Sylvan Lake Library (among other libraries) has designed their own website in a cost-effective manner. Using Techsoup's non-profit cost grid, Sylvan Lake was able to create a website with built-in registration and payment options, automatic email notifications for patron registrations, and an event calendar that is easy to read and update. Would the Library Board be interested in pursuing a similar design here? We may need to discuss how much time this will cost admin and employees to create and keep updated. If the board is interested, the Library Administrator can talk with the Sylvan Lake Librarian to discuss how much time is invested in this project. It is worth noting that the Blackfalds library still pays about \$160 dollars/year to maintain a domain name that we do not use for our website.

4.4 Sylvan Lake's Banned Book Club controversy- Sylvan Lake Library has a banned book-club in which members discuss banned books and why the books are banned. This club used to meet at a café in Sylvan Lake, however they were forced to leave the café due to complaints from a select group of people. While the banned book club is continuing, it has highlighted the issues that Sylvan Lake and other towns are facing with intellectual freedom.

4.5 December Board Meeting- On December 2nd, The NDP has asked the Library to host a table talk meeting for locals. Here, Blackfalds residents can meet with MLA Janis Irwin, ask questions, and meet in a friendly, non-confrontational manner. This date coincides with our December Board Meeting. The NDP representative said he would see if we could switch to Friday, December 5th, but it depends on Irwin's schedule. If we can't switch the date, would the board be willing to move the December meeting to December 9th?

4 Board Basics Workshops PLSB –

6. Policies

- Next policy to be reviewed:

7. Plan of Service –

8. Bylaw –

9. Emergency Planning

- Review June 2025

10. Round Table Discussion

11. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting is ????,????, at 6:30pm

Regrets: