

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## LIBRARY BOARD

The public is welcome at all library board meetings.

March 18, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Eden Prairie Library, Bluestem Room

# Library Board Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance of Library Board Members
-  3. Approval of Agenda\*
-  4. Consent\*
  - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2025 and January 28, 2026
  - B. Donations
5. Welcome new Library Board members
6. Public Comment

*Those wishing to speak will sign the clipboard at the meeting door before the start of the meeting. Each speaker is allowed up to three minutes, with a maximum total of 15 minutes. Speakers will: state their full name; direct comments solely to the library board members; and speak respectfully. Remarks are limited to topics relevant to Hennepin County Library. The Board does not engage in discussion or debate. Comments will be taken under advisement and may be directed to the Library Director for a response after the meeting.*
7. Welcome from Eden Prairie Library Staff
8. Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

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### Library Board

Jessica Kraft, President | Lynn Stetler, Vice President | Amal Karim, Secretary | Erin Brudvik | Kimberly Connolly | Michael Hogan | Kim Kang | Randy Klauk | Ashley Krohn | Rebecca Lowen | Michael Sorensen

Library Director  
Scott Duimstra



9. President's Report
  - A. Announcements
10. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
  - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
11. Library Staff Dialogue
  - A. 2025 Annual Patron Survey
  - B. Library Display Policy
12. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. Policy Committee
    - I. Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy\*
    - II. Library Bill of Rights\*
  - C. Nominating Committee
  - D. Friends of Hennepin County Library



13. Community Connections

14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business



16. Adjourn\*



\*Denotes board action item.

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### Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Golden Valley Library, Meeting Room, 830 Winnetka Ave N., Golden Valley, 55427.

#### Attendees

**Library Board members:** Gordy Aune, Jr., Jane Brissett, Erin Brudvik, Erin Carney, Mike Hogan, Amal Karim, Randy Klauk, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn, Lynn Stetler.

**Hennepin County Staff:** Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Michael Boe, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, DeMaris Johnson, Chantra Hok, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Kate Nelson, Jesse Sawyer, Gwen Wasmund, Ann Woodson-Hicks, Josh Yetman.

#### Call to Order

President Jessica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

#### Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board Clerk Lillian Albrecht took roll call. The Board met quorum with ten members present.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion: Randy Klauk  
Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.  
Motion passed.

#### Approval of Consent Items

September 17, 2025, meeting minutes and donations.

Motion: Lynn Stetler  
Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.  
Motion passed.

#### Public Comment

None.

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#### Library Director

Scott Duimstra



## Welcome from Golden Valley Library Staff

Golden Valley Library supervisor Chantra Hok provided a staff welcome and shared information about Golden Valley's service demographics, programming, book clubs, and partnerships.

## President's Report

Kraft highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets. She informed members of PocketTalkers, which are devices they may use to improve hearing each other during meetings. Members can contact the Clerk if they're interested in using this device. Finally, she noted that 2026 Library Board applications are open and any members with expired terms should reapply if they wish to continue serving on the Board.

## Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. Topics included service statistics, Westonka, Southdale, and Northeast events, Prince library cards, 2026 budget information, and insights from the Library Youth Advisory Committee's recent meeting.

## Staff Dialogue

Community Engagement coordinator Jesse Sawyer provided a staff dialogue on library programming. He shared about the library's outcomes based approach to developing programs and how programs and partnerships are developed and tracked using service plans. He overviewed programming types and highlighted impactful 2025 programs and events.

## Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2026, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee noted the 2025 budget update from their recent meeting and their 2026 meeting schedule. Their next meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Policy Committee discussed their October meeting's agreements regarding how information is presented to the committee and shared their 2026 meeting schedule. Their next meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Room 174 to discuss the Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library had no updates to share.

## Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Stories shared included groundbreaking events, the Minneapolis Central chess club, author events, and appreciation for weekend family programming and the unique characteristics of each library.

## Unfinished Business

None.

## New Business

Gordy Aune, Jr. shared he will step down from the Board at the conclusion of his term and expressed appreciation for the Board, Hennepin County Commissioners, and library staff.

The Board discussed a recent set of emails they received regarding a display at Ridgedale Library regarding international solidarity with Palestinian people day. They discussed existing display guidelines and ideas for the displays administrative policy that is currently in development to ensure the library remains neutral and welcoming.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, January 28, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Brooklyn Park Library, Mississippi meeting room.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Mike Hogan

Motion passed.

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Amal Karim, Secretary

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### Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the Walker Library, Bde Mka Ska Room, 2800 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

#### Attendees

**Library Board members:** Erin Brudvik, Kim Connolly, Amal Karim, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn.

**Hennepin County Staff:** Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, J.R. Genett, Char Kimber, Amy McNally, Christy Mulligan, Kelly Stade, Peggy Woodling, Ann Woodson-Hicks, Josh Yetman.

#### Call to Order

President Jessica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

#### Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board Clerk Lillian Albrecht took roll call. The Board didn't meet quorum but elected to listen to prepared updates without completing agenda items requiring Board action.

#### Public Comment

One public comment was given regarding the dreaming restorative features youth network event.

#### Welcome from Walker Library Staff

Walker Library's Library Services Manager, Kelly Stade, provided a staff welcome highlighting Walker's building history, high level of use, programming, and partnerships with local harm reduction organizations and schools.

#### Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

Commissioner Goettel shared information on countywide messaging and updates to staff following recent tragedies from the surge of ICE activity. She also highlighted Operation Reconnect, county partnerships, and local mutual aid efforts to help support impacted communities.

#### President's Report

Kraft highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets. She notified Board members of two upcoming events: the PLA Conference in

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#### Library Director

Scott Duimstra



Minneapolis on April 1-3 and MLA Legislative Day on February 25. Board members should contact the clerk by February 13 if interested in attending either of these events.

Kraft appointed members to committees to serve until the May annual meeting. Ashley Krohn was appointed to the Executive Committee. Erin Brudvik and Mike Hogan were appointed to the Budget Committee. Kim Connolly and Lynn Stetler were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Amal Karim was appointed to the Policy Committee and Kraft appointed herself as the FHCL ex-officio.

### Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra shared information on how ICE activity has impacted library spaces. Despite not entering libraries, surges in federal enforcement have greatly impacted library staff and community members, especially at Ridgedale, Hosmer, Roosevelt, and Eden Prairie Libraries. Administration is regularly checking in with staff, both directly and through all staff meetings, to provide support and encourage them to adjust work to ensure their safety, as needed. He also highlighted some positive news from the library, such as PLA staff presentations, the art celebration at Arvonne Fraser Library, and the award for our Coming Home Reentry Resource Fair.

### Staff Dialogue

Deputy Director of Public Services Amy McNally provided a staff dialogue on Operation Reconnect, Hennepin County's coordinated response to Operation Metro Surge. This is a collaboration across the county and with the City of Minneapolis to improve access to county services by adapting modalities and increasing community trust and engagement. For the library, this project uses a trauma informed lens to increase access to youth education programs, At Home and digital resources, and language services, including developing versions of hclib.org in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.

### Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, February 26, 2026, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee's meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, February 11, from 5:30-7:30pm at Hopkins library to finalize the Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy and discuss the Library Bill of Rights and Fee Policy.

The Nominating Committee is still finalizing their meeting date and anticipate sharing the form of interest at the March meeting.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library approved a \$4 million donation for 2026, up from \$2.5 million in 2025.

### Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Stories shared included staff support of community meetings at North Regional, appreciation of libraries as a space to witness recent events, and encouraging more unique library cards.

## Unfinished Business

None.

## New Business

Kim Connolly shared information on how Board members can advocate for federal bills to codify public libraries as protected spaces, a classification that formerly prohibited federal enforcement activities from occurring there. Detailed advocacy information prepared by Kim will be emailed to the Board following the meeting.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Eden Prairie Library, Bluestem room.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, the Board had a unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:00pm.

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Amal Karim, Secretary



## Funding Report to the Hennepin County Library Board from Friends of the Hennepin County Library

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Current support: \$500,000

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### **2026 Year-to-date Support from Friends of the Hennepin County Library**

Current support: \$500,000

Prior support: \$500,000

Year-to-date support: \$1,000,000

## Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 3/9/2026

Friends of HCL proudly presents our nation's most thought-provoking voices in our two events series.

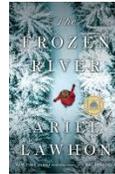
**Pen Pals** continues its 29<sup>th</sup> season of ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts, and **Talk of the Stacks** launches its 2026 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library.



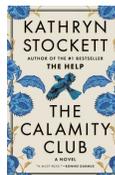
**Talk of the Stacks with Sean Sherman**  
**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.



**Talk of the Stacks with Mary Lucia**  
**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.



**Pen Pals with Ariel Lawhon**  
**Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Thursday, Apr. 30, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 1, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.



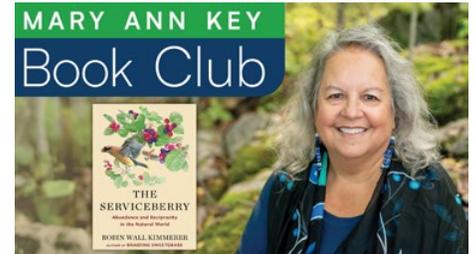
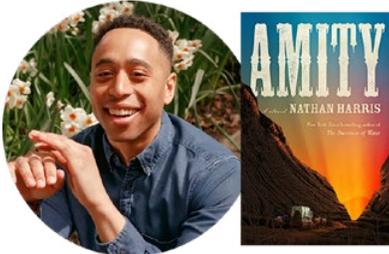
**Talk of the Stacks with Kathryn Stockett**  
**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to Pen Pals events are on sale at [www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals](http://www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals)

Free registration for Talk of the Stacks events is available at [www.supporthclib.org/talk-stacks](http://www.supporthclib.org/talk-stacks)

# HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

# events



## Club Book with Nathan Harris

**Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm**  
**Plymouth Library**

Literary wunderkind Nathan Harris is the author behind the instant New York Times bestseller *The Sweetness of Water* (2021), “a historical page-turner about social friction so powerful it ignites a whole town” (NPR). Set in the waning days of the U.S. Civil War and turbulent aftermath of the Emancipation Proclamation, Harris’s debut follows the unlikely partnership and budding friendship between eccentric homesteader George Walker and newly freed Prentiss and Landry.

Collaborator: MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency). This program is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## Get Married at Minneapolis Central Library

**Saturday, April 25, 1-4pm**  
**Minneapolis Central Library**

Celebrate your love at the library! This free event, in celebration of National Library Week, will allow five couples to legally wed and enjoy a brief reception at Minneapolis Central Library.

Music, photo opportunities, and light refreshments will be provided. Each couple may bring up to 25 guests.

One registration is required per couple. Visit [hclib.org/events](https://hclib.org/events) for details.

## Mary Ann Key Book Club: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer

**Wednesday, May 13, 6:30pm**  
**Online**

While the in-person event is at capacity, there’s room for everyone online!

Register for the livestream of this event: <https://bit.ly/2026MAK-Online>.

Join the Mary Ann Key Book Club for an exclusive evening featuring Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of “*The Serviceberry*.” The author will be joined in conversation by Star Tribune columnist and book club partner Myron Medcalf.

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

## Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy

### **Hennepin County Library Board Policy**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to express the roles and responsibilities patrons have to ensure the library's physical and virtual spaces are welcoming, safe, and secure.

#### **Principles**

- The library's mission to “~~nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together~~ inspire, facilitate, and celebrate lifelong learning” is achieved in part by the willingness of its patrons to respect one another and coexist in library spaces.
- Physical and virtual library spaces are designed to be used for multiple purposes and are intended to be used by a diverse community of patrons.
- Public library spaces are precious community assets that rely on the stewardship, mutual support, and goodwill of all.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Patrons are participants in a shared, public use environment and must conduct themselves accordingly. They will be courteous, considerate, and understanding of library patrons and staff.

Parents and caregivers are responsible to supervise the activities and choices of their charges.

Patrons are stewards of the library and its resources. They will value and respect library resources and conduct themselves in a safe and orderly way.

Patrons will comply with federal, state, and local laws and policies.

Library staff will work in partnership with security staff to ensure that library spaces are safe and welcoming to all. Staff will work with individuals or groups to ensure compliance with the policy. Failure to comply may result in loss of library use privileges. Illegal conduct may be referred to the proper authorities for legal action in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes cited below.

#### **Associated Policies and Laws**

This policy is subject to all federal, state, and local laws and policies including but not limited to:

- Hennepin County. [Diversity, Non-discrimination and Respectful Workplace Policy](#)
- Hennepin County. [Tobacco Free Property Policy](#)
- Hennepin County Library. [Patron Rules of Conduct](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Internet Public Use](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Library Bill of Rights](#)
- Minnesota Statute 609.541. [Protection of Library Property](#)
- Minnesota Statute 609.595. [Damage to Property](#)
- Minnesota Statute 609.72. [Disorderly Conduct](#)

### **Process**

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every four (4) years, who then makes recommendations to the Library Board Program/Policy Committee. The Committee reviews and revises as necessary and advances to the full Library Board for approval.

The Library Director (or designee) will maintain an associated administrative policy that further defines the patron conduct that is necessary to ensure the equitable and consistent application of this policy.

### **Policy History**

Next Review Date: ~~2025-2030~~

Date Last Reviewed: ~~9/21/2021~~ [INSERT DATE BOARD APPROVES]

Previous Policy Named: Customer Use of Libraries

Library Bill of Rights

## **Hennepin County Library Board Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to affirm and endorse the following Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association.

### **Library Bill of Rights**

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019. Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the Library Bill of Rights are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as [Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights](#).

### **Process**

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every four (4) years, or more frequently as needed. Recommendations are forwarded to a Library Board committee. The committee reviews and revises as necessary, endorses and advances to the full Library Board for approval.

### **Policy History**

Next Review Date: ~~2030~~ 2026

Date Last Reviewed: [Insert date Board approves]

~~Revised: June 2022~~

~~Date Approved: 2018~~

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## LIBRARY BOARD

### Library Board Officer and Committee Form of Interest

**Name:**

**Committee(s) of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one, add a note if you're interested in serving as a committee chair)**

Budget and Long-term Planning (3 meetings/year)

Executive Committee (6 meetings/year)

Nominating Committee (1 meeting/year)

Policy Committee (6 meetings/year)

Friends of Hennepin County Library Board Ex-officio member

*In this role, a Library Board member serves as the liaison between the two Boards. They will attend quarterly FHCL Board meetings at Minneapolis Central Library.*

**Positions of interest (more than one allowed):**

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

**Year appointed to the Library Board:**

**Position(s) held:**

**Please provide a brief statement of interest:**

*250 character limit*

