

HENNEPIN COUNTY



LIBRARY BOARD

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May 20, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board 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 March 18, 2026
 - B. Donations
5. 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.

6. Welcome from Minneapolis Central Library Staff

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Library Board

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Library Director
Scott Duimstra



7. Commendations



- A. Gordy Aune, Jr., Library Board*
- B. Jane Brissett, Library Board*
- C. Erin Carney, Library Board*



8. Election of Officers*

9. Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

10. President's Report

- A. Announcements
- B. Committee Appointments



11. 2027-2028 Meeting Schedule*

12. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra

- A. Library, Community, and County Updates

13. Library Staff Dialogue

14. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Budget Committee
- C. Policy Committee
 - I. Donation Policy*
 - II. Fee Policy*
- D. Friends of Hennepin County Library
 - I. 2025 End of Year Update



15. Community Connections

16. Unfinished Business

17. New Business



18. Adjourn*



*Denotes board action item.

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Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the Eden Prairie Library, Bluestem Room, 565 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Attendees

Library Board members: Kimberly Connolly, Michael Hogan, Kim Kang, Amal Karim, Randy Klauk, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn, Rebecca Lowen, Mike Sorensen, Lynn Stetler.

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Michael Boe, Elizabeth Cole, Katherine Debertin, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Lisa Howes, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Will Sullivan, Kimberly Trinh-Sy, 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

The agenda was approved with one amendment to omit the dialogue with Commissioner Goettel.

Motion: Kimberly Connolly

Second: Ashley Krohn

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes from November 11, 2025 and January 28, 2026 and donations.

Motion: Kim Kang

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

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Welcome from Eden Prairie Library Staff

Eden Prairie Library Supervisor, Lisa Howes, provided a staff welcome highlighting the building history, service demographics, community partnerships, staff, and team building.

President's Report

Kraft highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets. She noted the upcoming Mary Ann Key Book Club event on May 13 and encouraged members to contact the clerk if they'd like a gift copy of the book club book, *The Serviceberry*.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra shared updates regarding Operation Reconnect expansions, Library Board conference budget reductions, and current interests of the Library Youth Advisory Committee. He noted capital project updates, including the study of Franklin Library. He recapped Library Legislative day and encouraged Board members to reach out to their legislators regarding the library's priorities of fair e-book pricing, banning dangerous weapons on library property, and extending the ballpark sales tax.

Staff Dialogue – 2025 Annual Patron Survey

Katherine Debertin and Will Sullivan gave a staff dialogue the 2025 annual patron survey results. Survey results overall remain very positive year over year, with our collection being the most accessed service and the most concerns arising over wait times. They also shared strategies they used to continuously improve the survey, noting that implemented strategies have improved response rates, especially from BIPOC patrons and reduced complaints regarding noise.

Staff Dialogue – Library Display Policy

Elizabeth Cole and Kimberly Trinh-Sy presented on the new display administrative policy. This policy will provide clear guidance and messaging to support staff in developing displays that meet their intended purposes and community needs. They shared about the policy development and staff engagement process, discussed policy statements, and reviewed next steps for policy approval, implementation, and training.

Committee Reports

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

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, April 15, from 5:30-7:30pm at Franklin Library to discuss the Fee and Donation Policies.

A motion was made to approve the updated Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy.

Motion: Ashley Krohn

Second: Amal Karim

Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the updated Library Bill of Rights.

Motion: Kimberly Connolly

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

The Nominating Committee's next meeting is Thursday, April 23, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174. All Board members should complete the form of interest and submit it to the clerk by April 3.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library discussed how to provide financial support to library programs serving patrons impacted by Operation Metro Surge, including funding for postage and Let's Read.

Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Stories shared included attending the Sean Sherman Talk of the Stacks event, praise for the library app, and visiting Franklin Library and speaking with staff about space constraints.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Michael Hogan expressed concerns with a proposed study regarding Franklin Library, as it's a historic Carnegie Library and is essential to the Phillips community. Duimstra shared that the study of Franklin is in its initial stages and may be delayed, but this study hopes to address service issues resulting from space constraints. Duimstra agrees to include any future updates regarding this study in his Director's Update.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 7:41pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler
Second: Ashley Krohn
Motion passed.

Amal Karim, Secretary



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

Hennepin County Library Board Meeting: May 20, 2026

Current support: \$500,000

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

Current support: \$500,000

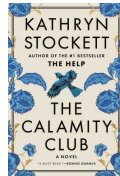
Prior support: \$1,000,000

Year-to-date support: \$1,500,000

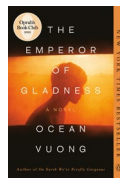
Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 5/4/2026

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

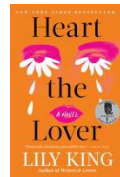
Pen Pals launches its 30th season of ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts this fall, and **Talk of the Stacks** continues its 2026 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library.



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



Talk of the Stacks with Ocean Vuong
FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, July 20, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.



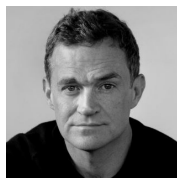
Pen Pals with Lily King
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, Sep. 28, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 29, 2026 @ 11 a.m.



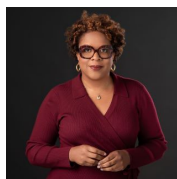
Pen Pals with Megha Majumdar
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, Oct. 19, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 @ 11 a.m.



Pen Pals with Patrick Ryan
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, Dec. 7, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2026 @ 11 a.m.



Pen Pals with Patrick Radden Keefe
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, Mar. 15, 2027 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 16, 2027 @ 11 a.m.



Pen Pals with Tayari Jones
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, May 3, 2027 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4, 2027 @ 11 a.m.

Season tickets to Pen Pals go on sale to new subscribers on June 26 at www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals

Free registration for Talk of the Stacks events is available at www.supporthclib.org/talk-stacks

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY events



Minnesota to Maine: A Solo Bike Trip and What I Discovered

Saturday, June 13, 1:30pm
Northeast Library

Former MN State Senator Tracy Beckman retired early to become a full time caregiver for his wife, Janel, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In the middle of his caregiving journey, his family took over his duties, giving him the time for a 60 day, 1,600 mile solo bike trip to Maine that gave him a new perspective on life.

Tracy has been instrumental in leading several Alzheimer's caregivers support groups.



Author Talk: Jill Swenson

Thursday, June 18, 6:30pm
Nokomis Library

Join us for the Twin Cities launch of the new book, "The Land of Everlasting Sky: A Memoir of Loss and Legacy on Lake of the Woods" (She Writes Press, 2026), by Jill D. Swenson.

For fans of the PBS television series Finding Your Roots, this is a true story about how land connects us all – and how, if we are to mend our relations to each other and the earth, we must first reckon with our past, no matter how distant, shameful, or tragic. Swenson is a descendant of immigrants who homesteaded on Red Lake Reservation land.



Summer Learning

Through August
Countywide

Summer at Hennepin County Library is a time to explore, create, and grow.

Our Summer Learning offerings invite young readers to stay curious with books, hands-on activities, and exciting events at libraries across the county.

Pick up a Library Passport and discover new locations—collect stamps as you go and turn each visit into an adventure.

Explore hundreds of events and resources at hclib.org/summer.

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Library Board Schedule

2027

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Northeast Library, Meeting Room
March 24, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Arvonne Fraser Library, Meeting Room 003
Annual Meeting May 19, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Brookdale Library, ABC Meeting Room
June 23, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Augsburg Park Library, Meeting Room
September 15, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	North Regional Library, Meeting Room 205
November 18, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Rockford Road Library, Meeting Room

2027 Executive Committee Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 7, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
February 25, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
April 22, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
June 2, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
August 19, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
October 28, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174

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2028

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 26, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Plymouth, Meeting Room
March 15, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Southdale, Meeting Room
Annual Meeting May 17, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Minneapolis Central, Doty Board Room
June 21, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Oxboro, River Valley Room
September 20, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Washburn, Meeting Room
November 15, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Westonka, Meeting Room

2028

Executive Committee Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 6, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
February 24, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
April 27, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
June 1, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
August 31, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174
October 26, 2028	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Room 174

Donation Policy

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

Hennepin County Library welcomes and encourages donations. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to those who wish to support the Hennepin County Library through a financial or other donation. It describes the scope of donations received and defines the roles and responsibilities for accepting donations made to the Hennepin County Library.

Principles

- Donations are welcomed and valued expressions of individual support for Hennepin County Library and its [mission](#).
- Donations enhance the library's services and programs.
- Financial donations enrich Hennepin County Library but do not replace public tax support.
- Planned gifts contribute to the legacy and sustain the mission of Hennepin County Library.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has delegated to the Library Board the authority and responsibility to accept donations to the Hennepin County Library on behalf of Hennepin County. The Library Board will acknowledge significant donations with an additional expression of appreciation to the donor.

The Library does not provide appraisals of gifts or potential gifts. All donated materials are outright gifts to the Library.

Scope and Disposition of Donations Received

- Library supporters are encouraged to make financial donations to the Friends of Hennepin County Library.
- The Library Board encourages library supporters to consider the planned giving opportunities administered by the Friends of Hennepin County Library.
- The Library may accept donated materials. The Library Board's Collection Development and Management Policy is the basis for staff decisions about adding materials to the collection. Materials not suitable for the collection may be given to [partner groups individual Friends of the Library groups for resale](#).
- The decision to accept the donation of a major special collection is made by the Library Board upon recommendation of the Library Director. Donated collections become the property of Hennepin County Library, which has the authority on retention, location and disposition.

The Hennepin County Library is unable to accept donated works of art. Exceptions can be suggested by the Library Director who will bring for approval to the Library Board.

Associated Policies and County Board Resolutions

- Hennepin County Board Resolution No. 81-2-108R
- Hennepin County Board Resolution No. 96-11-695
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Collection Development and Management Policy](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Commissioned Public Art Policy](#)

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: 2030

Date last reviewed: [INSERT DATE BOARD APPROVES]

Fee Policy

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

This policy states the principles upon which fees are established; advises the acceptable scope of library fees; and describes the roles and responsibilities for establishing and administering fees.

Principles

Our overarching value is access to and stewardship of library resources **in support of our [mission](#)**:

- Hennepin County Library serves the community as a whole and strives to make its limited collection and services freely accessible to all. We are committed to reducing economic barriers to library access and use.
- Patrons are responsible for the materials they borrow. When materials are returned late or are lost, they are no longer available for others.
- The library is a publicly funded institution and will establish fees and fines only after a public hearing. As of January 1, 2021, Hennepin County Library is a “fine free” library. This means that no fines are assessed for overdue library materials, and all outstanding overdue fines on patrons’ accounts have been forgiven and removed from the accounts.

Scope and Application

Patrons are responsible for the library materials and technology checked out on their cards and are expected to return borrowed items in a timely manner.

As set forth on the library’s [fee page](#):

- A fee will be charged to a patron’s account for items not returned within **current allowable limits 40 days** of their final due date.
- If the patron returns the overdue item within one year of the due date, the fee will be waived and removed from the patron’s account.
- If the fee total on a patron’s account exceeds **current allowable limits \$10**, then limitations may be placed on the account ~~as set forth on the library’s fee page.~~
- Patrons who deliberately damage or steal library material or technology may have further service denied.

Fees may be established to support the provision of supplemental services (e.g., photocopying). Circumstances may warrant staff to waive a patron’s fees. ~~Library staff will apply fee waivers~~ fairly and equitably according to established practices. In addition, the Library Director may authorize some library programs or services (e.g., Outreach Services) to be exempt from fees.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners bears the authority to establish library fees and fines.

The Library Board has the responsibility for establishing fee and fine policies which align with the decisions of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and leading library practice.

The Library Director, as a part of the annual budget process, briefs the Library Board regarding any proposed fee and fine changes and advances to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners for approval.

The Library Services Division Manager (or designee) posts a library administrative policy that:

- establishes practices to collect and waive library fees and fines;
- defines expectations for the timely resolution of disputes; and
- determines the necessary level of financial oversight and review.

Authorized fees are posted ~~on the library's fee page at <https://www.hclib.org/about/borrowing#fees>.~~ Library staff will collect fees, resolve disputes in a timely way, and work with patrons to restore borrowing and library use privileges.

Associated Policies and Laws

- Hennepin County Library Administrative Policy. Collecting Fees for Library Materials and Technology
- Hennepin County Library Administrative Policy. Fee Schedule
- Hennepin County Library Administrative Policy. Lending Rules
- Hennepin County Library Administrative Policy. Library Materials: Staff Use
- Minnesota Statute 134.14. [Public Libraries; Multicounty, Multitype Libraries. Title to Property; Free Use](#)
- Minnesota Statute 383B.118. [Hennepin County. Fees](#)
- Minnesota Statute 609.541. [Protection of Library Property](#)

Process

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Policy History

Next Review: 2030

Date last reviewed: [INSERT DATE BOARD APPROVES]