

# HENNEPIN COUNTY



## LIBRARY BOARD

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June 17, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Golden Valley Library, Meeting 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 May 20, 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 Golden Valley Library Staff


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### Library Board

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

Library Director  
Scott Duimstra



7. President's Report
  - A. Announcements
  - B. Library Board Conference Fund Update
8. Library Staff Dialogue
9. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
  - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
10. Library Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report
11. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. Budget Committee
  - C. Policy Committee
    - I. Donation Policy\*
    - II. Fee Policy\*
  - D. Friends of Hennepin County Library
12. Community Connections
13. Unfinished Business
  - A. Commissioner Visits to Library Board Meetings
14. New Business
-  15. Adjourn\*

 \*Denotes board action item.

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### Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

#### Attendees

**Library Board members:** Erin Brudvik, 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, Erin Cavell, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Kristi Pearson, Jesse Sawyer, Jess Shaykett, Peggy Woodling, Josh Yetman, Dillon Young.

#### Call to Order

President Jessica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

#### Attendance of Library Board Members

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

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion: Randy Klauk

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

#### Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes from March 18, 2026, and donations.

Motion: Michael Hogan

Second: Amal Karim

Motion passed.

#### Public Comment

None.

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## Welcome from Minneapolis Central Library Staff

Minneapolis Central Library Supervisor, Erin Cavell, provided a staff welcome highlighting an array of programs at Minneapolis Central including the Coming Home Reentry Resource Fair, Mary Ann Key Book Club, self-guided audio library tours, weddings, and drop-in computer labs.

## Commendations

The Board presented three commendations for former Library Board members Gordy Aune, Jr., Jane Brissett, and Erin Carney. A motion was made to approve all three commendations.

Motion: Ashley Krohn

Second: Erin Brudvik

Motion passed.

## Election of Officers

Nominating Committee chair Amal Karim led the 2026 election of officers. The committee nominated Lynn Stetler for President, Amal Karim for Vice President, and Erin Brudvik for Secretary. The Board approved each nomination as submitted.

\*Jessica Kraft turned the meeting over to newly appointed Board President Lynn Stetler.

## Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

Commissioner Debbie Goettel began her dialogue reading a letter from a patron showing support for library services and programs. She shared about her role as liaison and supported the Board inviting other Commissioners to attend meetings in her place when meetings occur in their districts.

## President's Report

Stetler highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets. She informed members of an event celebrating library county award winners and nominees and encouraged attendance.

## 2027-2028 Meeting Schedule

A motion was made to approve the proposed 2027-2028 meeting schedule.

Motion: Kim Kang

Second: Erin Brudvik

Motion passed.

## Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra shared updates regarding Operation Reconnect and the Library Youth Advisory Committee. He noted capital project updates for Southdale, Westonka, and Franklin Libraries and recent library events. He shared highlights from the Public Library Association conference hosted in Minneapolis, highlighting HCL staff presentations and volunteering.

## Staff Dialogue

Nina Vongpeth from Hennepin County Outreach and Community Supports and Jesse Sawyer from library Community Engagement presented a staff dialogue on the county's Land and Water Acknowledgement. They

discussed the importance of tribal sovereignty, the history of the acknowledgement and how its values are implemented in Hennepin County's work to improve outcomes for Native American residents. They shared ways in which the library is currently embodying those values through partnerships with Native organizations, targeted programs, specialized collections, and more, all developed through robust engagement with local Native communities.

### Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2026, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-term Planning Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, from 4:30-5:30pm at Penn Lake Library.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, from 5:30-7:30pm at Penn Lake Library to discuss the Commissioned Public Art Policy. Due to time constraints, the Board was unable to discuss the two policies for their consideration.

A motion was made to table the Fee Policy discussion.

Motion: Randy Klauk

Second: Michael Hogan

Motion passed.

A motion was made to table the Donation Policy discussion.

Motion: Kim Kang

Second: Michael Hogan

Motion passed.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library Executive Director, Kristi Pearson, provided the annual update to the Board.

### Community Connections

Agenda item skipped due to time.

### Unfinished Business

None.

### New Business

None.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Golden Valley Library, meeting room.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm.

Motion: Ashley Krohn  
Second: Michael Hogan  
Motion passed.

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Erin Brudvik, Secretary

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

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Current support:       \$1,000,000

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

Current support:       \$1,000,000

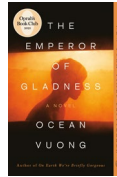
Prior support:         \$1,500,000

Year-to-date support:  \$2,500,000

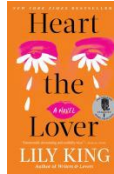
**Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 6/1/2026**

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

**Pen Pals** launches its 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Ocean Vuong**  
**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Monday, July 20, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.



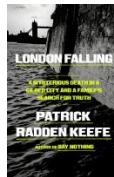
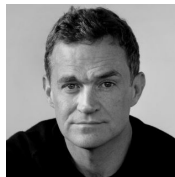
**Pen Pals with Lily King**  
**Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option**  
Monday, Sep. 28, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sep. 29, 2026 @ 11 a.m.



**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](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)

# events



## Cargill Gallery: The Vietnamese Story in Minnesota

**Through July 25**  
**Minneapolis Central Library**

This exhibit offers a multifaceted look at Vietnamese culture, delving into the personal journeys of Vietnamese refugees who fled the horrors of war to find refuge in America. It celebrates the successes of Vietnamese Americans through traditional folks art, photographers, and authors connected to Minnesota, along with paintings, books, and traditional household objects reflecting Vietnamese Minnesota culture.

The exhibition also highlights notable businesses and their contributions to the Minnesota community and emphasizes valuable partnerships formed with other cultural communities throughout the years.

Visit the exhibition at the Cargill Gallery, located on the second floor of Minneapolis Central Library, through July 25.



## Let's Read: Summer Literacy Support

**All Summer**  
**12 Locations**

Hennepin County Library's youth literacy program continues throughout the summer, offering more than 300 drop-in programs for ages 5-12.

Play literacy games and practice reading with a volunteer. Come as often or as little as you like! No registration required.

Locations include: Brookdale, Brooklyn Park, East Lake, Franklin Hosmer, North Regional, Oxboro, Pierre Bottineau, Plymouth, Rockford Road, Sumner, and the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center.

Both first-time attendees and Let's Read alumni are welcome!

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.



## Matthew Quick in Conversation with Nickolas Butler

**Friday, July 31, 3pm**  
**Minneapolis Central Library**

Join us for a fascinating conversation between Matthew Quick (The Silver Linings Playbook) and Wisconsin author Nickolas Butler (A Forty Year Kiss).

These two literary luminaries will discuss Quick's memoir, Dad, Love, Me.

[Online registration](#) required.

Books will be available for purchase from Valley Booksellers and signing by the authors. Collaborator: Valley Bookseller.

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### Library Board June 2026 Conference Fund Update

Total 2026 Budget - \$2,000

PLA Conference, Amal Karim – \$673

PLA Conference, Kim Connolly - \$259

PLA Conference, Lynn Stetler -- \$304

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Remaining Balance - \$764

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### Donation Policy

#### Engagement:

Staff engagement in advance of the Policy Committee meeting produced the below feedback:

- Appreciation for the clear guidance in this policy regarding what to do when donations are made and how to answer patron questions about what we do with donations.
- “Donations are welcomed and valued expressions of individual support for Hennepin County Library and its mission to nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together.”
  - Recommended ending sentence at “mission” and adding a hyperlink to the current mission statement. The mission statement can change before the policy is scheduled for review and this update would ensure accuracy.
- The third bullet point under Scope references that materials not suitable for the collection may be given to individual Friends of the Library groups for resale.
  - Recommend considering a more general statement about what we do with donated items because we contract with Thrift Books as a reseller in addition to Friends groups.

#### Policy Committee discussion and decisions:

- There isn't consistent language for the process section for each policy. While the general process is similar, there are additional steps unique to some policies. The committee discussed standardizing this language as policies continue to be reviewed.
- Regarding edits to the third bullet point under Scope, there was concern that new language may be too broad and not highlight the importance of Friends groups. The committee requested feedback from Friends chapters on these changes. Library administration connected with the president of the Plymouth Friends of the Library to develop the updated language contained here.
- The committee agreed to replace the mission statement with a hyperlink to the mission page.

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## 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 organizations for resale, with preference given to local Friends of Hennepin County Library Chapters](#) ~~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]

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### Fee Policy

#### Engagement:

Staff engagement in advance of the Policy Committee meeting produced the below feedback:

- Overall, this policy is helpful in sharing the library's values and principles as a fine free institution.
- Scope and Application – the first and second paragraphs contain references to specific borrowing limits (e.g. 40 day timeline, \$10 fee limit). Staff recommend replacing the specific references with links to the library fee page so information can be easily updated outside of the Board's policy review cycle.

Engagement with the Library Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) in advance of the committee meeting produced the below feedback:

- Appreciation for the specificity in details included within the policy.
- Encouragement for the Library Board to continue considering how fines and other policy decisions can be a barrier to patrons. "Keep thinking of people's situations – going in the right direction; there is not a stereotypical person in HC."
- While the committee acknowledged there are already incentives to return items, they suggested that a call to remind patrons to return items could help.

#### Policy Committee discussion:

- The committee discussed how to rewrite the Scope and Application section to balance detail with the ability to update fee schedules, as needed. Language was updated to omit references to specific limits and additional hyperlinks to the library's fee page were added.
- The committee added a reference and hyperlink to the mission under "Principles".
- Language regarding fee waiving was edited for brevity.
- The process section was updated to closer reflect the process used for other Library Board policies. They agreed to continue standardizing this section of policies as reviews continue.

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## 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](#)

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~~This policy is reviewed by the Library Board (or a committee thereof) every four years, more frequently when suggested by the Library Director, or when required to accommodate a fee or fine change made by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. Revisions to the policy are subject to the approval of the Library Board. Recommendations are advanced to the Library Board Policy Committee, which reviews, revises as necessary, endorses, and advances to the full Library Board for approval.~~

#### **Policy History**

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# Library Board Schedule

2027

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
January 27, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Northeast Library, Meeting Room	2 – Irene Fernando
March 24, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Arvonne Fraser Library, Meeting Room 003	4 – Angela Conley
Annual Meeting May 19, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Brookdale Library, ABC Meeting Room	1 – Jeffrey Lunde
June 23, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Augsburg Park Library, Meeting Room	5 – Debbie Goettel
September 15, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	North Regional Library, Meeting Room 205	2 – Irene Fernando
November 18, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Rockford Road Library, Meeting Room	1 – Jeffrey Lunde

2028

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
January 26, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Plymouth, Meeting Room	7 – Kevin Anderson
March 15, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Southdale, Meeting Room	6 – Heather Edelson
Annual Meeting May 17, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Minneapolis Central, Doty Board Room	3 – Marion Greene
June 21, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Oxboro, River Valley Room	5 – Debbie Goettel
September 20, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Washburn, Meeting Room	3 – Marion Greene
November 15, 2028	5:30 – 7:30	Westonka, Meeting Room	6 – Heather Edelson