

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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September 16, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Maple Grove 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 June 17, 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 Maple Grove Library Staff

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Scott Duimstra



7. Library Staff Dialogue
8. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
9. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
 - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
 - B. 2027 Library Budget Presentation and Endorsement*



10. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Budget Committee
 - C. Policy Committee
 - I. Commissioned Public Art Policy*
 - D. Friends of Hennepin County Library



11. Community Connections
12. Unfinished Business
 - A. Fine Free Evaluation – Lost Revenue

13. New Business

14. Adjourn*



**Denotes board action item.*

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Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the Golden Valley Library, Meeting Room, 830 Winnetka Ave N., Golden Valley, MN 55427.

Attendees

Library Board members: Erin Brudvik, Michael Hogan, Randy Klauk, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn, Rebecca Lowen, Mike Sorensen, Lynn Stetler.

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Kerstin Beyer Lajuzan, Michael Boe, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Chantra Hok, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan.

Call to Order

President Lynn Stetler called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

Attendance of Library Board Members

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Randy Klauk

Second: Michael Hogan

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes from March 18, 2026, and donations with one amendment to add a reference to additional discussion on Native American representation in libraries to the minutes.

Motion: Michael Hogan

Second: Ashley Krohn

Motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

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Welcome from Golden Valley Library Staff

Golden Valley Library Supervisor, Chantra Hok, provided a staff welcome sharing service demographics and highlighting the ways this library has uplifted patrons of underserved populations since Operation Metro Surge through programming, partnerships, tabling events, and more. Hok also gave information on the library's involvement in the Golden Valley Civic Center planning process.

President's Report

Stetler highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets.

Stetler updated the Board on the Library Board Conference Fund, stating there is \$764 remaining for the virtual MLA conference this fall.

Staff Dialogue

Friends of Hennepin County Library Chief Development Officer Kerstin Beyer Lajuzan provided a staff dialogue on planned giving to the library. She shared information on the ways people can give planned gifts both during and after life, the various types of gifts, and how donors are appreciated by the Friends organization.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra shared capital project updates for Southdale, Westonka, and Franklin Libraries. He invited members to attend the Sacred Water Shared Futures event this September and encouraged them to continue collaboration on improving the Land and Water Acknowledgement and implementing its values. He also shared the 2025 Annual Report and agreed to bring back comparative information on cardholder data to a future meeting.

Library Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Library Youth Advisory Committee provided their annual report to the Library Board. They discussed ways they engaged with the library and community over the past year, including policy and procedure engagement, programming feedback, and insights on how to best engage with youth and teens to involve them in the library.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2026, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-term Planning Committee brought a discussion on reducing printing for Library Board members as a cost saving measure. The Board agreed to limit printing of presentations as much as possible, depending on meeting room layouts, and will receive the opportunity to opt out of receiving printed copies of packets during meetings. Information on the impact of recent changes to the printing and copying credit was also shared, noting that library expenses decreased with minimal effect on the use of printing.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, August 12,, from 5:30-7:30pm at Walker Library to discuss the Commissioned Public Art Policy. Chair Ashley Krohn walked the committee through a review of the Donation and Fee Policies.

A motion was made to approve the updated Donation Policy.

Motion: Erin Brudvik
Second: Michael Hogan
Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the updated Fee Policy.

Motion: Mike Sorensen
Second: Jessica Kraft
Motion passed.

Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Engagement included impromptu tours of Webber Park and Franklin Library, participation in Mary Ann Key Book Club discussions, and attendance of the event celebrating library nominees for the Hennepin County Awards.

Unfinished Business

The Board agreed to extend invites to Commissioners for future meetings hosted in their district.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, September 16, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Maple Grove Library, meeting room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 7:08pm.

Motion: Randy Klauk
Second: Michael Hogan
Motion passed.

Erin Brudvik, Secretary

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

Hennepin County Library Board Meeting: September 16, 2026

Current support: \$1,000,000

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

Current support: \$1,000,000

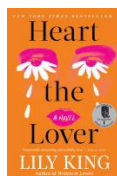
Prior support: \$2,500,000

Year-to-date support: \$3,500,000

Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 9/1/2026

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 in September, and **Talk of the Stacks** continues its 2026 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library.

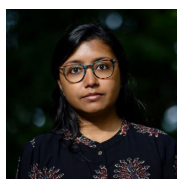


Pen Pals with Lily King

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, Sep. 28, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sep. 29, 2026 @ 11 a.m.

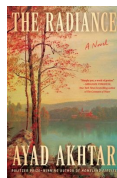


Pen Pals with Megha Majumdar

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, Oct. 19, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 @ 11 a.m.



Talk of the Stacks with Ayad Akhtar

Free Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

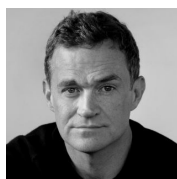


Pen Pals with Patrick Ryan

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, Dec. 7, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2026 @ 11 a.m.

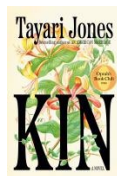
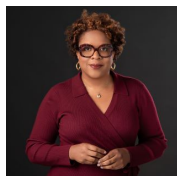


Pen Pals with Patrick Radden Keefe

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.

Tickets for Pen Pals events are available at www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals

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

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events



Latin Dance for Adults

Tuesday, September 22, 10:30am
Northeast Library

Join us for an introduction to Latin Dance! Come together for movement and self-expression as we engage in Latin dance such as salsa. All skill levels and abilities welcome; modifications available. The class will be taught in Spanish and English.

This program is being offered at multiple libraries throughout October. Search BiblioEvents for "[Latin Dance](#)" for the full schedule.

Collaborator: Nela Dance. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Verses, Voices, and Fatherhood: Douglas Kearney and Bao Phi in Conversation

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30pm
Online Event

Douglas Kearney and Bao Phi will talk about how a chance meeting at a small poetry reading in a club in Downtown Minneapolis turned into freestyle rap emails, parallel but divergent careers in literature, and melding their lives to adapt to being fathers of color in America. Which is a fancy way of saying that two word nerds whose friendship spans across nearly three decades will talk about art, life, and random subjects that tickle their fancy.

Collaborator: More Than a Single Story. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

[Register online.](#)



Author Talk: Lori Sturdevant

Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm
Nokomis Library

How did Minnesota become "the state that votes" – that is, the state that's known for high-turnout, fraud-free elections?

The answer lies in a story that centers on the leadership of Joan Anderson Growe, who served 24 years as Minnesota's secretary of state. It's told in the 2020 book, "Turnout: Making Minnesota the State that Votes," which Growe wrote with Lori Sturdevant. A retired Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist, Sturdevant is the author, editor or ghostwriter of 15 books and a three-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award. She will discuss that book as well as her latest, "Martin Sabo: The Making of the Modern Legislature."

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

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Commissioned Public Art Policy

Brief History: This policy was adopted by the Library Board in 2001. We do not have information about why this policy was adopted; all staff who worked at HCL in administration are no longer with the organization. Current staff who were here in 2001 don't know why this policy was adopted. The link that was found is the County Board Resolution, referenced in the policy, which states that one percent of project costs of library building projects of more than \$1 million is set aside for commissioned artwork. This policy has been in place for 25 years and now the library is requesting that the Library Board consider rescinding this policy.

Engagement:

Staff engagement with the Director's Office, Capital Projects and Operations, Community Engagement, Strategic Services, and the County Attorney's Office produced the below feedback:

- The stated purpose of this policy is outside of the Library Board's scope. The only action here within the Board's purview is the appointment of members to selection committees
- This policy is not required by state statute or board resolution
- The State Statute listed in this policy is not relevant to HCL; it is specifically for state buildings
- Most of the content is appropriate for a Library Administrative Policy
- The role for the Library Board is to ensure there is a board member on the selection committee

Given this, it is recommended that the Library Board consider the following:

- Rescinding this policy during the November meeting
- Including the Art Selection Committee appointment to the Library Board Bylaws (due for review in November 2026)

Policy Committee discussion

- The committee was concerned rescinding the policy would end the solicitation of public art. Relevant procedures will be transferred to an administrative policy and public art installations will still be included in library building projects.
- To ensure there's no gap in active policy coverage, the committee suggests delaying rescinding until the November meeting where the new bylaws will be reviewed.

Library Administration

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Commissioned Public Art

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction for the selection of commissioned public art. One percent of project costs of library building projects of more than \$1 million is set aside for commissioned artwork. This policy is intended to provide a broad framework for decision making that does not unduly limit creative potential.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, public art is defined as an original work of commissioned art that is accessible to the public. It is designed for a specific library, reflects the local community, and is intended to support the library as a gathering place where all residents come to learn, grow, and spend time together.

Principles

- The State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and the Hennepin County Library Board recognize that the presence of public art contributes to the life and vitality of our community.
- Public art in library buildings contributes to the library's mission to nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together. It helps to create a community identity and a place of contemplation and curiosity.
- Public art enhances the library experience; it creates positive public environments; reflects our legacy and expresses our diversity.
- Engaged participation by members of the community strengthens the art selection process and builds community excitement.

Scope

This policy applies to the acquisition of all public art that is commissioned for the Hennepin County Library. Commissioned public art is acquired through Hennepin County's "one percent for art" program in which library capital building projects of \$1 million or more have 1% of the project costs (defined herein as encompassing construction costs, architectural fees, and contingency) dedicated to the selection, purchase, and installation of works of public art.

Art Selection Committees

The Library Director, the Hennepin County Library Board President, and the Executive Director of the Friends of the Hennepin County Library will coordinate the formation of an Art Selection Committee for each capital building project. The Art Selection Committee will include members of the community and reflect its diversity.

The Library Board President will appoint a Library Board member to each Art Selection Committee. Appointees will be active participants in the commissioned art selection process and report progress to the full Library Board.

Selection Considerations

The following considerations will be used by the One Percent For Art Selection Committees to guide the evaluation and selection of commissioned art proposals. The extent to which the public art:

- Celebrates, explores and includes the diverse histories and cultures of the community
- Has broad and timeless appeal
- Represents artistic excellence and innovation
- Is designed for a publicly visible and accessible area
- Is safe, durable and able to withstand theft, vandalism and exposure to the environment
- Requires low maintenance

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Library Director (or designee) will maintain an administrative policy which details the composition, responsibilities, and authority of each Art Selection Committee.
- The Art Selection Committees will uphold the Principles and Selection Considerations outlined in this policy.
- Hennepin County directs the art installation by the artist.
- The Library Board will take formal action to acknowledge and receive the commissioned art, once it is installed.

Associated Resolutions and Laws

- Hennepin County Board Resolution No. 01-04-212
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Donation Policy](#).
- Library Administration. One Percent for Art Policy.
- Minnesota State Statute: [16B.35 ART IN STATE BUILDINGS](#)

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every four 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: 2026

Date Approved: 2022