

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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November 12, 2025, 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 September 17, 2025
 - 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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7. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Library Board Conference Fund Update
8. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
 - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
9. Library Staff Dialogue
10. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Budget Committee
 - C. Policy Committee
 - D. Friends of Hennepin County Library
11. Community Connections
12. Unfinished Business
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, September 17, 2025, at the Brookdale Library, ABC Meeting Room, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, 55430.

Attendees

Library Board members: Gordy Aune, Jr., Erin Brudvik, Erin Carney, Kimberly Connolly, Randy Klauk, Jessica Kraft, Lynn Stetler.

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Tonya Depriest, Bernie Farrell, J.R. Genett, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, DeMaris Johnson, Char Kimber, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Anna Schwindt DeGroot, Jenn Straumann, Gwen Wasmund, Peggy Woodling, 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 eight members present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one amendment to add an item to endorse the 2026 library budget.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Kim Connolly

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Minutes from the June 25, 2025, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Erin Brudvik

Motion passed.

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Public Comment

One public comment was given regarding the library's use of AI for patron learning.

Welcome from Brookdale Library Staff

Brookdale Library supervisors Bethany Wagenaar and Kelsey Shay-Flores provided a staff welcome and shared information about Brookdale's services, programming, and community partnerships.

Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

Commissioner Debbie Goettel shared updates regarding Southdale and Penn Lake renovations, along with information about the Capital Budget Taskforce's upcoming presentation to County Commissioners.

President's Report

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

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. Topics included Westonka, Southdale, and Northeast project updates, Let's Read receiving the National Association of County's Achievement award, the ceasing of interfiling children and adult nonfiction materials, and summer programming outcomes.

2026 Library Budget Endorsement

Duimstra provided a detailed presentation regarding the proposed 2026 library budget and reductions. A motion was made to endorse the 2026 budget.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

Staff Dialogue

Let's Read coordinator and project managers Bernie Farrell, DeMaris Johnson, and Gwen Wasmund presented an update on Let's Read following their first full year. They shared information on 2025 expansions, the summer and school year services, assessment statistics, and stories from students, volunteers, and caregivers showing appreciation for the program.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, October 23, 2025, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 2025, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Room 174 to discuss how the committee would like information regarding policies presented to them.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library at their recent Board meeting tentatively approved a \$4 million donation to the library for 2026. Updates were also shared from the recent local Friends council meeting and the celebration of Edina Friend's 60th anniversary.

Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Stories shared included attending Friends of Hennepin County Library events and book giveaways, appreciation for library passports, and children making friends at library play spaces.

Unfinished Business

The Board agrees to include a one slide update from the Library Youth Advisory Committee in future Director's Updates to facilitate regular updates from the committee.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Golden Valley Library Meeting Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Erin Carney

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: November 12, 2025

Current support: \$600,000

2025 Year-to-date Support from Friends of the Hennepin County Library

Current support: \$600,000

Prior support: \$1,900,000

Year-to-date support: \$2,500,000

Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 10/27/2025

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

Pen Pals continues its 29th season of ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts,
and **Talk of the Stacks** concludes its 2025 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library
...with more to-be-announced events coming in 2026!



Talk of the Stacks with Mitch Albom

FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, November 3, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

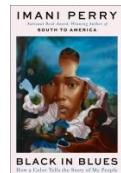


Pen Pals with Kaveh Akbar

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

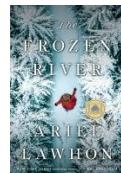


Pen Pals with Imani Perry

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Thursday, Mar. 5, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 6, 2026 @ 11:00 a.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.

Tickets to Pen Pals events are on sale 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



ARTIST RESIDENCIES



Kashimana Ahua Artist Residency

Saturday, November 15, 2pm

Saturday, November 22, 2pm

Minneapolis Central Library

McKnight Composer Fellow and COMPAS Teaching Artist Kashimana Ahua will lead a 3-part series on music creation and guide participants in developing their own songs and ideas with voice, pen, and paper. Equipment such as song looping technology may be demonstrated and available for participants to try. Open to all skill levels.



Northeast Library Reopening Celebration

Saturday, November 22, 10am

Northeast Library

Celebrate the reopening of Northeast Library on Saturday, November 22, from 10 am to noon. The event will feature live art making with a Face-O-Mat booth presented by local artist Andrea From, as well as a variety of family-friendly activities including a story stroll, making of a community art mural, and games.

Refreshments will be served.



Author Talk: The House on Rondo

Sunday, December 7, 1pm

Sumner Library

Join local author Debra Stone in conversation with Arleta Little as they discuss "The House on Rondo," Stone's novel for middle grade readers and above. We'll hear how young Zenobia reckons with the demolition of a Black Saint Paul neighborhood to build Interstate 94 between Saint Paul and Minneapolis. As Zenobia learns what can be destroyed and what cannot, her story teaches us that joy, community, and love persist, even amid violence and loss.

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

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Library Board November 2025 Conference Fund Update

Total 2025 Budget - \$9,500

MLA Conference, Jane Brissett – \$50

MLA Conference, Kim Connolly- \$336

Remaining Balance - \$9,114

Library Administration

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Budget & Long-Term Planning Committee

Schedule

2026

Budget & Long-term Planning Committee Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
March 11, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Meeting Room 174
June 10, 2026*	4:30 – 5:30	Hopkins Library, meeting room
November 4, 2026*	4:30 – 5:30	St. Louis Park Library, meeting room

*Same date as Policy Committee meeting, per committee requests

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Policy Committee Schedule

2026

Policy Committee Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 11, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Augsburg Park Library, large meeting room
April 15, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Franklin Library, meeting room
June 10, 2026*	5:30 – 7:30	Hopkins Library, meeting room
August 12, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Walker Library, Bde Mka Ska room
October 7, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Penn Lake Library, meeting room
November 5, 2026*	5:30 – 7:30	St. Louis Park, meeting room

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