

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## LIBRARY BOARD

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January 22, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis Park Library, Meeting Room

# Library Board Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance of Library Board Members
3. Code of Conduct for Hennepin County Library Board Members



4. Approval of Agenda\*



5. Consent\*
  - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2024
  - B. Donations

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 St. Louis Park Staff

8. President's Report
  - A. Announcements

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9. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
  - A. Library, Community, and County Updates

### Library Board

Jessica Kraft, President | Lynn Stetler, Vice President | Amal Karim, Secretary | Gordy Aune, Jr. | Jane Brissett | Erin Carney | Briana Eicheldinger | Michael Hogan | Randy Klauk | Ashley Krohn

Library Director  
Scott Duimstra




10. Library Staff Dialogue


11. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Budget Committee
- C. Policy Committee
- D. Friends of the Hennepin County Library

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, November 13, 2024, at the Penn Lake Library, Meeting Room, 8800 Penn Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55431.

#### Attendees

**Library Board members:** Gordy Aune, Jr., Jane Brissett, Erin Carney, Briana Eicheldinger, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn, Lynn Stetler.

**Hennepin County Staff:** Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Tonya Depriest, Susan Gleissner, Sara Goodnough, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, J.R. Genett, Samantha Jekot-Graham, Casey Jones, Amy Kennedy-Fosseen, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Tysley Taylor, Ali Turner, 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 and the Board met quorum with seven board members present.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jane Brissett

Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

#### Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Ashley Krohn

Motion passed.

#### Public Comment

None.

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#### Library Director

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## Welcome from Penn Lake Staff

Penn Lake Patron Experience Supervisor Sara Goodnough welcomed the Board and shared about Penn Lake's history, community, programming, initiatives, and upcoming renovations.

## Commendations

Kraft highlighted library nominees and recipients of two Hennepin County Employee Recognition Awards. For the People First Award Bailey Diers and Franklin Library Staff were honored as nominees. Franklin Library Staff include Rebecka Keovoravongsa, Valerie Leussler, Abdullahi Mohamed, Claire Moran, Caitlin Morris, Ogi Ruel, Isabella Silvia, Neeka Taneeka, Thorin Tatge, and Ayan Warsame. Patrick Larkin was honored as the library award winner.

For the Stewardship Award, the Library Data Strategy Team was honored as the library award winner. Team members include Shannon Adkins, Kat Debertin, Phil Feilmeyer, and Katy Schulz.

## President's Report

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

Kraft noted the 2024 Conference Fund Update included in the packet and encouraged members to attend conferences in 2025.

Kraft reminded the Board about Board applications opening, new per diem requirements, and a change in the March meeting location to Plymouth Library.

## Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. These updates included service statistics, the new library app, capital projects, the 2025 budget, and upcoming events.

## Staff Dialogue

Deputy Director of Library Support Services, JR Genett, provided a staff dialogue on book challenges and how they relate to the Collection Development and Management Policy. Genett discussed the difference between book challenges and bans, the importance of intellectual freedom, procedures when responding to requests for reconsideration, and the history of book bans.

## Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is January 2, 2024, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee shared its 2025 meeting schedule and updated the November meeting date to November 6. Chair Aune, Jr. requested to add two additional committee members. Kraft appointed Jane Brissett and Lynn Stetler to the committee.

The Policy Committee shared its 2025 meeting schedule. A revised Collection Development and Management Policy was discussed and approved by the Board.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Erin Carney

Motion passed.

The Friends of the Hennepin County Library ex officio Jane Brissett had no updates, noting the next Friends meeting will be in December.

### Unfinished Business

Duimstra informed the Board that previous bookmobiles were discontinued primarily due to the high cost of maintaining a specialty vehicle. Instead, Hennepin County Library has an All Are Welcome van meant to support patrons in obtaining library cards and services and connecting them to their local library.

### New Business

Brissett shared the impact of the Board's letter in supporting Bloomington Public Schools who faced an increase in book challenges during November 2023. Following the letter, a student book club was formed to encourage reading banned books. This club will receive the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award during the January Bloomington City Council meeting.

Ashley Krohn encouraged attendees to continue to support school libraries. Brissett noted that the Board could use its Resolution on Book Banning to support schools facing challenges similar to Bloomington.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, St. Louis Park Library, Meeting Room.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Motion: Erin Carney

Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

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Amal Karim, Secretary



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## **Hennepin County Library funding recently received from the Friends of the Hennepin County Library**

Friends of the Hennepin County Library

Current Support - \$200,000

**Current Total = \$200,000**

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## **Friends of the Hennepin County Library 2025 Support Summary**

Current Support - \$200,000

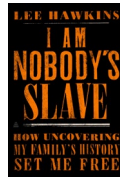
Prior Support - \$0

Total Support - \$200,000

## Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 1/6/2025

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

**Pen Pals** continues for its 28<sup>th</sup> season with ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts, and **Talk of the Stacks** begins its 2025 season of FREE events on Zoom and at the Minneapolis Central Library.



### Talk of the Stacks with Lee Hawkins

FREE Event – Virtual Only

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.



### Talk of the Stacks with Georgia Hunter

FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, Mar. 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

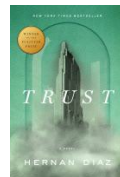
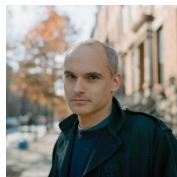


### Pen Pals with Ann Napolitano

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 14, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.



### Pen Pals with Hernan Diaz

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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# events



## Cargill Gallery: Flora and Fauna Illustrata

**Through January 26**  
**Minneapolis Central Library**

Visit the Cargill Gallery to view the latest exhibit: "[Flora and Fauna Illustrata](#)." This collection is an ongoing project to document and celebrate the diversity of life at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum – from the tiny green frog to the great green ash tree.



## Golden Valley Book Club: No Time Like The Future

**Monday, February 10**  
**Online event**

Join an online book club discussion, hosted by Golden Valley Library. The group will be discussing No Time Like the Future by Michael J. Fox.

The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 24 hours of the event). [Sign up online](#).



## Poetry Lovers Converge

**Monday, February 10, 2pm**  
**Rogers Library**

Rogers Library meets once per month to find inspiration and/or inspire others with poetry. Read your poem or listen to poems from others and share in the experience.