

# HENNEPIN COUNTY




## LIBRARY BOARD

The public is welcome at all library board meetings

January 25th, 2023, 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 Minutes of November 16, 2022
  - B. Donations
5. Public comment
6. President's report
  - A. Announcements
7. Interim Director's report, Dan Rogan
  - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
  - B. Urban Libraries Council's Declaration of Democracy
8. Library Staff Dialogue
9. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. FHCL
  - C. Budget Committee
  - D. Policy Committee
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
-  12. Adjourn\*

 \*Denotes board action item.

### Library Board

Adja Kaba, President | Jane Brissett, Vice President | Lynn Stetler, Secretary | Tim Dolan | Erin Vrieze Daniels | Briana Eicheldinger | Gordy Aune, Jr. | Michael Hogan | Amal Karim | Keegan Xavi

Interim Library Director  
Dan Rogan



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## Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Eden Prairie Library, Meeting Room.

### Attendees

**Present:** Adja Kaba, Lynn Stetler, Erin Vrieze Daniels, Gordy Aune, Jr., Briana Eicheldinger, Jane Brissett, and Mike Hogan.

**Hennepin County Staff:** J.R. Genett, Amy McNally, Josh Yetman, Ali Turner, Jeannette Lewis, Kelli Koob and FHCL Director, Kristi Pearson.

### Call to Order

President Adja Kaba called the Hennepin County Library Board meeting of November 16, 2022, to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

### Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board clerk Jeannette Lewis took role call and the board met quorum with 7 members present.

**Approval of Agenda:** 1 amendment to Agenda. No board action required for Art Selection committee

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.,

Seconded: Erin Vrieze Daniels

Motion passed.

### Approval of Consent Items

Approval of the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022, and Acceptance of Donations.

Motion: Erin Vrieze Daniels

Seconded: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

### Public Comment

No Public comment was made.

### President's Report

President Adja Kaba highlighted a couple Hennepin County Library events. The History Day Hullabaloo is happening Saturday, December 3, 11am-3pm at Minneapolis Central Library. Macrame' Hmong Motif Ornaments is happening Saturday, December 3, 2pm-3:30pm at Brooklyn Park Library.

President Kaba appointed Keegan Xavi to the Art Selection committee for the Hosmer Library project.

President Kaba discussed the planning of the Library Board Winter Gathering.

#### Interim Director's Report

Interim Director Dan Rogan was absent due to attending the Urban Libraries Council's annual forum. Deputy Director of Support Services J.R. Genett spoke to the Library Board on Library, Community, and County updates.

#### Library Staff Dialogue

Nadia Akhtar from TerraLuna Collaborative shared an update on the strategic plan and some feedback received from the library board and library staff. TerraLuna Collaborative is a consulting agency assisting the library with its strategic plan.

#### Break (30 min)

#### FHCL Annual Presentation

Kristi Pearson, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer of the Friends of Hennepin County Library presented the Friends of Hennepin County Library annual presentation.

#### Committee Reports

The next Executive Committee meeting is January 11, 2023, at Augsburg Library.

The Friends of Hennepin County Library (FHCL) ex officio Jane Brissett gave an update on the FHCL events happening.

The Budget and Long-term Planning Committee had no updates.

The Policy committee presented the Patron Data Privacy Policy for discussion. The board voted to approve the Patron Data Privacy policy. Motion: Jane Brissett. Seconded: Lynn Stetler. Motion passed.

#### Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

#### New Business

No new business.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Gordy Aune, Jr. Motion passed. The next meeting of the Hennepin County Library Board will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Meeting Room.

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Lynn Stetler, Secretary



**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 2023 Support Summary**

Current Support - \$200,000

Prior Support - \$0

Total Support - \$200,000



## ULC DECLARATION OF DEMOCRACY

Democracy is under siege throughout the world and close to home. Daily, we witness assaults on basic freedoms and human rights we've long cherished as books are banned, programs and events are canceled, disinformation and misinformation spread unchecked and racism is institutionalized. Democracy's future is diminished when people's access to power, information, a diversity of voices and the ability to influence policy are restricted. As cornerstones of democracy, it is incumbent upon libraries to stand up against all efforts to impede the democratic process and limit the full participation in civic life.

Banning books through policy and legislation is one such example of the challenges facing us. These efforts have unfortunately met with success in some parts of the United States as lawmakers codify restrictions on reading material – and we strongly stand against the furtherance of such restrictive policymaking.

As leaders of North America's public libraries, we are committed to preserving, protecting and advancing the highest hopes and ideals of democracy so all members of our communities may fully participate in the democratic process. To meaningfully participate in society, people need access to a broad range of information and ideas, as well as opportunities for open, uncensored discourse to hear, read, debate and learn from each other's perspectives.

It is for this reason that libraries as trusted institutions in their communities join to advance this Declaration and commit to the following:

- Educating and informing the public about the rights afforded to them in the *United States Constitution* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, among them the freedom of religion, thought, speech, expression, belief, the press, peaceful assembly and association.<sup>1</sup>
- Encouraging an active citizenry where all are engaged in creating an equitable and just society where everyone may realize their potential as individuals within the community.
- Serving as a convener for and facilitator of civic engagement and civil discourse, where all voices may be heard and respect is displayed for community members' diverse opinions, thoughts, histories and cultural heritage.
- Increasing efforts to fight misinformation and disinformation, providing reliable resources and seeking new ways to help patrons find verifiable and accurate information.

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<sup>1</sup> See *First Amendment in the United States Constitution* and *Section 2 in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

- Leveraging programming, collections and other resources to promote human dignity, open dialogue and respect for diverse viewpoints, civil rights, and all other protections and freedoms fundamental to democracies, and based on the conviction that “laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind”<sup>2</sup>, holding fast to the expectation that “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice”<sup>3</sup>, and that “*the Just Society will be one in which the rights of minorities will be safe from the whims of intolerant majorities.*”<sup>4</sup>

We resolve to continue to create spaces where entering our doors is an act of participating in democracy, where people can read and learn freely from all points of view, make up their own minds and engage in their communities. We stand as proud leaders of libraries, and as such, we will continue to guard democracy’s great promise and ensure all those we serve are included in its fulfillment.



**Sign the ULC Declaration of Democracy**

[urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/declaration-of-democracy](https://urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/declaration-of-democracy)

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<sup>2</sup> Thomas Jefferson, from a letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816, enshrined on Southeast Portico of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C.

<sup>3</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington National Cathedral, March 31, 1968, enshrined on South Wall of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Washington, D.C.

<sup>4</sup> Pierre Elliott Trudeau, as cited in *The Essential Trudeau*, ed. Ron Graham. (pp.16 – 20).

## Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 1/12/23

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

**Pen Pals** continues its 26<sup>th</sup> season with ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts, and **Talk of the Stacks** returns to Minneapolis Central Library’s Pohlad Hall with FREE events.

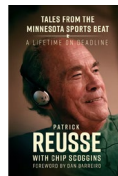
Both series provide a virtual option should patrons be unable to attend in person.



### **Talk of the Stacks with Charlayne Hunter-Gault**

**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.



### **Talk of the Stacks with Patrick Reusse**

**FREE Event – In-person + Virtual**

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.



### **Pen Pals with John Irving**

**Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual**

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 24, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.



### **Pen Pals with Kristin Hannah**

**Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual**

Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Individual tickets to Pen Pals events are now on sale 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)



# HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY events



## TESTIFY: Americana from Slavery to Today

**Wednesday, February 1, 5-8pm  
Minneapolis Central Library**

Building on the success of the original exhibit in 2018, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and NFL Hall of Famer Alan Page and his daughter Georgi, the director of the Diane and Alan Page Collection, are again presenting their exhibit of Americana from slavery to today – with renewed calls to action. Visit the skyway-level galley at Minneapolis Central Library from February 1 through March 29.

Join Friends of the Hennepin County Library for an opening reception on February 1, beginning at 5pm.

*Sponsored by Friends of the Hennepin County Library.*



## Chinese Papercrafts

**Saturday, February 11, 2-4pm  
Arvonne Fraser Library, Minneapolis**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year by learning the art of Chinese papercraft. Practice various folding and cutting techniques to create your own paper decorations. Materials provided. Presented in partnership with the Minnesota Taiwanese Cultural Services Center.

*Funded in part by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Fund and Friends of the Hennepin County Library.*



## TESTIFY Talk: Race, Justice, and the Economy

**Thursday, March 2, 5-6pm  
Minneapolis Central Library**

Join MPR News host Angela Davis will moderate a conversation on race, justice and the Economy with Justice Alan Page and Neel Kashkari, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Experts say racial wealth disparities are a drag on our economy, preventing us from achieving our full potential. This program will focus on causes of chronic wealth gaps, and how to close them, as well as the ways that racism and educational disparities contribute to ongoing systemic inequities. Join us for this dialogue on why our country must move toward economic opportunity and inclusion for all.