

HENNEPIN COUNTY



LIBRARY BOARD

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March 19, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Plymouth 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 January 22, 2025
 - B. Donations
5. Introduction of new Library Board Members
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 Plymouth Staff
8. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
9. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
 - A. Library, Community, and County Updates

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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
 - I. Policy Review Policy*
- D. Friends of the Hennepin County Library
 - I. 2024 End of Year Update
- E. Nominating Committee



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, January 22, 2025, at the St. Louis Park Library, Meeting Room, 3240 Library Ln, St. Louis Park, MN, 55426.

Attendees

Library Board members: Gordy Aune, Jr., Jane Brissett, Erin Carney, Michael Hogan, Amal Karim, Randy Klauk, Jessica Kraft, Ashley Krohn, Lynn Stetler.

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Michael Boe, Matt Dahl, Kat Debertin, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Kate Nelson, Dana Strahnsen, Ali Turner, Josh Yetman.

Call to Order

Vice President Lynn Stetler 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 nine Board members present.

Code of Conduct for Hennepin County Library Board Members

President Jessica Kraft reminded Board members of the Code of Conduct. She encouraged members to remain respectful and engaged during presentations.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Randy Klauk

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Jane Brissett

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

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Public Comment

None.

Welcome from St. Louis Staff

St. Louis Park Patron Experience Supervisor Matt Dahl welcomed the Board with a playful video showcasing library staff and services.

President's Report

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

Kraft reminded the Board about new per diem requirements and the March meeting location at Plymouth Library.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. These included comparing Hennepin County Library service statistics to peer institutions, renovation projects, Special Collections projects, and events.

Staff Dialogue

Strategic Services staff member Kat Debertin presented the findings from the 2024 Annual Patron Survey. Debertin discussed patron satisfaction, overarching themes, and how the survey has changed, including strategies used to extend its reach.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is February 27, 2025, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee's next meeting is February 13, 2025, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Policy Committee shared its policy review order for 2025. The committee will review the Policy Review Policy during its next meeting on February 12, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Friends of the Hennepin County Library ex officio Jane Brissett shared that Executive Director Kristi Pearson will present their year-end findings during the March Board meeting. Brissett also highlighted positive year-end statistics and shared the Friends' updated strategic plan.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Randy Klauk asked about communication regarding the new library app. Director Duimstra clarified that the app was announced during the November Director's Update and there was a rollout campaign.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Plymouth Library, Meeting Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Erin Carney

Motion passed.

Amal Karim, Secretary

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

Hennepin County Library Board Meeting: March 19, 2025
Current Total = \$300,000

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

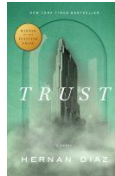
Current support:	\$300,000
Prior support:	\$200,000
Total support:	\$500,000

Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 3/1/2025

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

Pen Pals closes its 28th season with a final ticketed event at Hopkins Center for the Arts, and **Talk of the Stacks** continues its 2025 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library.

Both series offer a virtual option for patrons who are unable to attend in person.



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.



Talk of the Stacks with Katie Kitamura

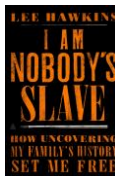
FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Replay these recent events in the Talk of the Stacks Archive:



Talk of the Stacks with Lee Hawkins

The Pulitzer Prize finalist discusses his debut memoir

www.supporthclib.org/lee-hawkins



Talk of the Stacks with Georgia Hunter

The latest from the bestselling historical fiction author

www.supporthclib.org/georgia-hunter

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

events



Black Maternal Health Week Panel

Wednesday, April 16
Minneapolis Central Library

This panel will explore the state of maternal health and access in Minnesota, what progress has been made since Minnesota passed the Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act in 2021, why there is still pregnancy loss and what Minnesotans can do to improve outcomes in the state.

The panel, moderated by MPR host Angela Davis, will feature Rachel Hardeman, PhD MPH; Dr. Nathan Chomilo, MD; and the co-editors of *What God is Honored Here: Writings on Miscarriage and Infant Loss* by and for Women of Color, Kao Kalia Yang and Shannon Gibney. Register online at hclib.org/events.

Mary Ann Key Book Club: A Conversation with Junauda Petrus

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30pm
Minneapolis Central Library

Join the Mary Ann Key Book Club for an exclusive evening featuring Junauda Petrus, author of *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them*. The author will be joined in conversation by Star Tribune columnist and book club partner Myron Medcalf. The conversation will conclude with a Q&A and book signing with the author.

Register online at hclib.org/events for [in-person](#) or [live stream](#) options.

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

Japanese Taiko Drumming

Sunday, May 4, 3pm
Rocford Road Library

(First of 4 sessions, Sundays in May)
Experience driving rhythms and movements inspired by martial arts. Taiko ("big drum" in Japanese) is a joyful and expressive way to experience Japanese-American culture, move your body, and have a great time!

Participants are not required to attend all 4 sessions, but highly encouraged to get the best experience. Register online at hclib.org/events.

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

Collaborator: TaikoArts Midwest.

Policy Review Policy

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the regular review of Hennepin County Library Board policies and to ensure that new policies are developed as needed.

Principles

- Library Board policies articulate the underlying principles that guide and support Hennepin County Library.
- Library Board policies reflect the Hennepin County Library's mission and its innovative reputation.

Policy Review

Each Library Board policy will be reviewed at least once every five years. Newly-created Library Board policies will receive an initial review after one or two years of their adoption.

Roles and Responsibilities

- As needed, the Library Director (or designee) will consider whether any new Library Board policies should be developed and will forward any recommendations to the Library Board for action by a Library Board Committee.
- The Library Board Program/Policy Committee reviews and revises policies as necessary, endorses the draft policy revision and advances to the full Library Board for approval.
- The full Library Board reviews the new or revised policy and may move to adopt, defer action to the Library Board's next meeting, or return to the committee for further revision.

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every five (5) years who then makes recommendations to the Library Board Program/Policy Committee. The committee reviews and revises as necessary and advances to the full Library Board for approval. Library Board members may initiate a policy review at any time.

Policy History

Next Review Date: ~~01/2024~~ 2030

Date ~~Last Reviewed~~ Approved: ~~01/2020~~ [Date Board approves]

Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date:

Name:

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board:

Position(s) held:

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit