

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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May 14, 2025, 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 Meeting Minutes for March 19, 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 Minneapolis Central Staff



7. Commendations
 - A. Briana Eicheldinger, Library Board*



- B. Xaiyo Chang, Library Board*

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8. Election of Officers*

Library Board

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

Library Director
Scott Duimstra



- 9. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Committee Appointments

 10. 2026 – 2027 Meeting Schedule*

- 11. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
 - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
 - B. Presentation by Maggie Snow, Director of Minitex
 - C. Resolution in Support of the Minitex Library Services*



12. Library Staff Dialogue

- 13. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Budget Committee
 - C. Policy Committee
 - I. Internet Public Use Policy*
 - D. Friends of the Hennepin County Library



14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business



16. Adjourn*



*Denotes board action item.

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Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the Plymouth Library, Meeting Room, 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Attendees

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

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Antonio Backman, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Friends of Hennepin County Library Director Kristi Pearson, Stephanie Steinwedel, Ali Turner, Ann Woodson-Hicks, Josh Yetman.

Call to Order

President Jessica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board Clerk Lillian Albrecht took roll call and the Board met quorum with ten Board members present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Meeting minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Randy Klauk

Second: Amal Karim

Motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

Welcome from Plymouth Staff

Library Board

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

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Plymouth Patron Experience Supervisor Stephanie Steinwedel and Librarian Antonio Backman welcomed the Board and shared information on Plymouth Library's accolades, programming, and community partnerships.

President's Report

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

Kraft shared information regarding the upcoming American Library Association annual conference. She encouraged members to contact the Board Clerk before April 7 if they're interested in attending.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. Topics discussed included capital project timelines, art events, family shelter play space renovations, strategic plan projects, staff accomplishments, and MLA Legislative Day. Duimstra and Commissioner Debbie Goettel also shared potential impacts to Hennepin County Library following federal changes to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Staff Dialogue

Library Services Division Manager Ayanna Muata presented a staff dialogue regarding updates to the Patron Rules of Conduct. Muata shared her considerations in reviewing the policy, her community engagement processes, an overview of the revisions, and the rollout of the policy.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is April 24, 2025, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee's next meeting is June 11, 2025, 5:30-6:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174. The date was moved to give the committee greater input earlier on in the budget process.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is April 16, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Room 174 to review the Internet Public Use Policy. Chair Mike Hogan led the review of the Policy Review Policy, noting its role in guiding the Board's policy development process. The committee proposed no changes to the policy, and a motion was made to approve the policy with updated policy history.

Motion: Amal Karim
Second: Ashley Krohn
Motion passed.

The Friends of the Hennepin County Library ex officio Jane Brissett welcomed Executive Director Kristi Pearson to present the Friends year-end update. Pearson reviewed the Friends' structure, strategic plan, and funding commitment, and shared information on fundraising campaigns, donor engagement, and events.

The Nominating Committee's next meeting is on April 24, 2025, following the Executive Committee meeting at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room. All Board members should submit a statement of interest form to the Clerk no later than April 4.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Ashley Krohn

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: May 14, 2025
Current Total = \$400,000

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

Current support:	\$400,000
Prior support:	\$500,000
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Total support:	\$900,000

Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 5/5/2025

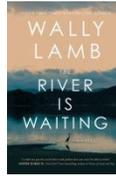
Friends of HCL proudly presents our nation’s most thought-provoking voices in our two events series.

Pen Pals returns for its 29th season with ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts this fall, and **Talk of the Stacks** continues its 2025 season of FREE events at Minneapolis Central Library’s Pohlad Hall.

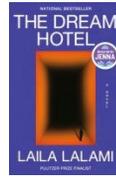
Pen Pals events are CONFIDENTIAL until our season announcement on May 6, 2025



Talk of the Stacks with Katie Kitamura
FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.



Pen Pals with Wally Lamb
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.



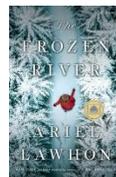
Pen Pals with Laila Lalami
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.



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.

Full series subscriptions to Pen Pals events are on sale June 27 at www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals

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

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events



Author Talk: Brian Lutterman

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30pm
Penn Lake Library

Minnesota mystery/thriller author Brian Lutterman will talk about his writing process and discuss the first book in his exciting new series Incel. Registration not required. Collaborator: Friends of the Penn Lake Library Mystery Book Club.

Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.



Artist Talk: Susan Gangsei

Saturday, May 31, 1pm
Hopkins Library

Artist Susan Gangsei will exhibit her tapestries and give an artist talk about her series, "The Sacred Journey of Aging." She will talk about her artistic journey as a textile artist, guide the viewing of her art, and facilitate a group discussion that draws on audience experiences and insights regarding their own journeys.



Stories Together: Pride

Friday, June 13, 10:30am
Nokomis Library

Wednesday, June 18, 11am
Eden Prairie Library

Saturday, June 28, 10am
Ridgedale Library

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Celebrate family and self-expression during Pride month through books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

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2026

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 28, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Brooklyn Park, Mississippi Meeting Room
March 18, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Eden Prairie, Bluestem Room
Annual Meeting May 20, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Minneapolis Central, Doty Board Room
June 17, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Golden Valley, Meeting Room
September 16, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Maple Grove, Meeting Room
November 18, 2026	5:30 – 7:30	Edina, Meeting Room

2026

Executive Committee Meetings – Thursday evenings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 8, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
February 26, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
April 30, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
May 28, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
August 27, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
October 29, 2026	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room

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2027

Library Board Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Northeast Library, Meeting Room
March 24, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Arvonne Fraser Library, Meeting Room 003
Annual Meeting May 19, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Brookdale Library, ABC Meeting Room
June 23, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Augsburg Park Library, Meeting Room
September 15, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	North Regional Library, Meeting Room 205
November 17, 2027	5:30 – 7:30	Rockford Road Library, Meeting Room

2027 Executive Committee Meetings -- Newly proposed schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 7, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
February 25, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
April 22, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
June 2, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
August 19, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room
October 28, 2027	5:30 – 6:30	Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room

Resolution in Support of the Minitex Library Services

Whereas, Minitex provides invaluable library services that enhance access to a vast collection of resources for patrons and libraries across Minnesota;

Whereas, Minitex facilitates access to a collection of more than 10 million resources from Minnesota's public, academic, and special libraries, available to patrons and libraries in every corner of the state via MNLINK.org;

Whereas, Minitex supports eLibrary Minnesota, a collection of education and research online resources essential to the success of Minnesota learners from grade school through graduate school, which was searched 55 million times last year;

Whereas, Minitex contributes to the digitization of historical content from Minnesota's cultural heritage organizations, with the Minnesota Digital Library containing 60,000 items that depict history from all 87 Minnesota counties and are sourced from the collections of 204 historical societies, libraries, archives, and cultural organizations from across the state;

Whereas, Minitex supports Minnesota's statewide ebook collection, eBooksMN.org, which offers nearly 10,000 books to readers of all ages with no need for checkouts or returns, and allows most Minnesota K-12 schools to add all 10,000 books to their local collections;

Whereas, Minitex supports library staff with continuing education to collectively meet the educational needs of Minnesota residents at every stage of life;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hennepin County Library Board fully supports Minitex Library Services and recognizes the critical role they play in providing equitable access to information, fostering educational success, and preserving Minnesota's rich cultural heritage.

Be it further resolved, that the Hennepin County Library Board commits to advocating for continued funding and support for Minitex Library Services to ensure these vital resources remain available to all Minnesotans.

Internet Public Use Policy

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the library's role in providing public access to the Internet and to clarify patron responsibilities associated with Internet use in the library.

Internet use in the library means using the library's network to access the Internet either on library workstations or through a wireless connection.

Principles

Public access to the Internet is integral to Hennepin County Library's mission to **inspire, facilitate, and celebrate lifelong learning** ~~nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together.~~

Public access to the Internet allows patrons to:

- Access online resources and services
- Communicate and engage with others
- Create content
- Complete transactions with public, nonprofit, and private entities

Hennepin County Library provides public access to the Internet in accordance with state and federal laws and the policies of Hennepin County and the Hennepin County Library Board. Collection, retention, handing and disclosing of patron data is covered under the [Patron Data Privacy Policy](#).

Scope of Access

Public access to the Internet is available at all library locations via library workstations and wireless access. Software is used to filter out proxy sites, and sites that pose a security risk to the network. It is also used to filter out obscene materials as defined by Minnesota Statute 617.241. Filtering is imperfect and may restrict access to legitimate research sites. Also, filtering does not guarantee that all proxy sites, obscene materials, and sites that pose security risks will be blocked. Patrons can request that a website be reviewed to be blocked or unblocked by first speaking to a staff person.

Library workstations support a variety of software programs that expand a workstation's capabilities and increase a patron's ability to utilize the Internet. The library ~~may~~ **establishes** time limitations to ensure fair and equitable access to library workstations.

The Hennepin County Library Board, Hennepin County, and its employees assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from patron use of the Internet through the library's network.

Patron Responsibilities:

Patrons acknowledge that the content on the Internet is not managed or governed by any entity and therefore they may encounter materials that are inaccurate or that they consider offensive.

Patrons recognize that their use of the Internet is conducted in a public place shared by many. Patrons are subject to the [Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy](#).

Patrons acknowledge that the library cannot protect the privacy of data that is transmitted to third parties via the Internet.

Patrons shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws including but not limited to:

- Library patrons may not use the library's Internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, or graphics of material that violates laws relating to child pornography
- Library patrons may not knowingly exhibit or display any material which is harmful to minors in its content or material that is obscene in any place of public accommodation where minors are or may be present and where minors are able to view the material
- Library patrons must adhere to all copyright laws and may not copy or distribute materials (e.g. with the use of file sharing software) without the permission of the owner. Patrons who do so may be subject to criminal and civil liability.

Failure to follow this policy may result in eviction from the library, and may include a trespass order or arrest. Violation of state and federal laws will be referred to the proper authorities for legal action.

Parent and Guardian Responsibility

Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring Internet access for their children who are minors. Any additional restrictions placed on a child's access to the Internet on the library's network is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Associated Policies and Laws

- Hennepin County Library Board. [Patron Use of Library Spaces](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Freedom to Read](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Freedom to View](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Library Bill of Rights](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Patron Data Privacy](#)
- Minnesota Statute 134.50. [Internet Access; Libraries](#)
- Minnesota Statute 617.293. [Harmful materials](#)
- United States. [Children's Internet Protection Act](#)
- Minnesota Statute 617.241. [Obscene Materials and Performances; Distribution and Exhibition Prohibited; Penalty.](#)

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee), the library's legal counsel and the Library Board Policy Committee at least every four years. The Committee reviews and revises as necessary, endorses and advances to the full Library Board for approval.

Policy History

Next Review ~~Date:~~ 2029 3/2025

Date Reviewed ~~Approved:~~ 5/2021 [Insert date Board approves]