



HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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June 25, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Augsburg Park 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 May 14, 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 Augsburg Park Staff
7. Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel
8. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Library Board Conference Fund Update

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

10. Library Youth Advisory Committee Report

11. Library Staff Dialogue

12. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Budget Committee
- C. Policy Committee
 - I. Patron Services Policy*



13. Community Connections

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, May 14, 2025, at the Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Attendees

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

Hennepin County Staff: Director Scott Duimstra, Shannon Adkins, Lillian Albrecht, Elizabeth Cole, Tonya Depriest, J.R. Genett, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Toni Miller, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, Christy Mulligan, Jess Shaykett, Jeff Wojciechowski, 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 eleven Board members present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Randy Klauk

Second: Lynn Stetler

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Minutes from the March 19, 2025, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Jane Brissett

Motion passed.

Public Comment

There was one public comment.

Welcome from Minneapolis Central Staff

Minneapolis Central Library Supervisors Toni Miller and Elizabeth Cole provided a staff welcome discussing their unique departments including Special Collections, the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, Patent and Trademark

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Research Center. They also overviewed the variety of programs and events hosted at Minneapolis Central including weddings, the opioid response program, the Coming Home Resource Fair, and more.

Commendations

Kraft presented Commendations honoring former Library Board members Briana Eicheldinger and Xaiyo Chang for their service to the Board.

A motion was made to approve the Commendation for Briana Eicheldinger.

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Amal Karim

Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the Commendation for Xaiyo Chang.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Ashley Krohn

Motion passed.

Election of Officers

Nominating Committee chair Amal Karim led the 2025 election of officers. The committee nominated Jessica Kraft for President, Lynn Stetler for Vice President, and Amal Karim for Secretary. The Board approved each nomination as submitted.

President's Report

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

Kraft reminded Board members to reply individually to messages from Library Administration regarding library business to avoid violation of open meeting laws.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. Topics discussed included capital project timelines, the Appreciation of Service and State of the County events, and a brief budget update regarding the Board conference fund.

Duimstra welcomed Maggie Snow, Director of Minitex Library Services, to discuss the history and importance of Minitex in facilitating interlibrary loans and information access, especially for rural libraries. A motion was made to accept the Resolution in Support of Minitex Library Services.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Second: Ashley Krohn

Motion passed.

Staff Dialogue

Library Data Practices Contact Shannon Adkins presented a staff dialogue on data practices and information requests. Adkins reviewed the data request process and timeline and common types of requests.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is June 3, 2025, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

The Budget and Long-Term Planning Committee's next meeting is June 11, 2025, 4:30-5:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, room 174.

The Policy Committee's next meeting is June 11, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Room 174 to review the Patron Services Policy. Chair Mike Hogan led the review of the Internet Public Use Policy, noting the updated mission statement and language explicitly permitting the establishment of time limits for public computer use. A motion was made to approve the policy as proposed.

Motion: Kimberly Connolly
Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.
Motion passed.

The Friends of the Hennepin County Library ex officio Jane Brissett shared the Friends are considering creating an endowment fund to facilitate continued donations. Duimstra noted that he is now the primary library contact for the Friends.

Unfinished Business
None.

New Business
Commissioner Goettel provided brief remarks regarding her experience touring the renovated Augsburg Park Library, expressing appreciation for the resolution in support of Minitex, and reassurance that County Commissioners will continue supporting the library.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Augsburg Park Library, Meeting Room.

Adjourn
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.
Motion: Amal Karim
Second: Lynn Stetler
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: June 25, 2025
Current Total = \$400,000

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

Current support:	\$400,000
Prior support:	\$900,000
Total support:	\$1,300,000

Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 6/9/2025

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 FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library in September with two additional programs TBA later this summer.

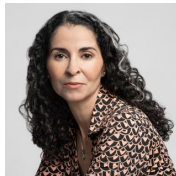


Pen Pals with Wally Lamb

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

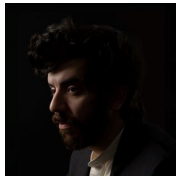


Pen Pals with Laila Lalami

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

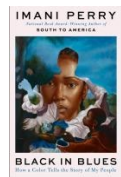


Pen Pals with Kaveh Akbar

Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option

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

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

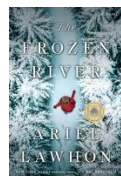


Pen Pals with Imani Perry

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
View the Talk of the Stacks video archive and learn more about the series at www.supporthclib.org/talk-stacks

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Library Board June 2025 Budget Updates

Total 2025 Budget - \$9,500

Remaining Balance - \$9,500

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events



Siama's Congo Roots: Feel-Good Music From the Heart of Africa

Thursday, July 3, 10am
Augsburg Park Library

Join renowned musician Siama Matuzungidi and singer/storyteller Dallas Johnson for an engaging musical journey to Siama's happy hometown in rural Bas Congo.

Brimming with catchy songs and captivating stories, this interactive program features spirited singing, Siama's masterful acoustic guitar and traditional African instruments like thumb piano and balafon.

This charming show is great for kids and enjoyed by all.

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



Connor's Gonna Tell: The Táin Bó Cúailnge

Tuesday, July 8, 6pm
Oxboro Library

Experience an ancient Irish myth brought to life through the dramatic storytelling of the Cattle Raid of Cooley, better known as the Táin Bó Cúailnge. This program is for adults.

Collaborator: Connor McEvoy and Brad Kallhoff. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Author Talk: Jeannie E. Roberts

Thursday, July 31, 6:30pm
Nokomis Library

Author Jeannie E. Roberts will read from and discuss her work. Her latest full-length poetry collection, *On a Clear Night, I Can Hear My Sing*, was released in March.

This is her ninth book which explores the body as a container; how corporeal form interacts with its surroundings; absorbs the beauty and sensitivity of the natural world; navigates the joys, wonders, and complexities of family, ancestry, and the human condition.

Patron Services Policy

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the overarching principles and objectives which guide the development, delivery, and evaluation of patron services.

Principles

We endorse the American Library Association's Equity of Access principle which states, in part:

*Libraries **in America** are the cornerstones of the communities they serve. Free access to the books, ideas, resources and information in America's libraries is imperative for education, employment, enjoyment, and self-government.* Hennepin County Library operates on the principle of equity of access, which means providing all people the information they need without exception.

We recognize the critical role public libraries play in a democratic society.

Hennepin County Library's services embrace the human desire to imagine, explore, and grow. We value the vast dimension of human experience and uphold the principles of intellectual freedom.

Hennepin County Library delivers its services in myriad ways to maximize access and minimize barriers to service. We are good stewards of public resources and seek to make cost-effective and productive use of limited resources.

Service Objectives

The services provided by Hennepin County Library are designed to advance the library's mission and achieve its vision.

Our mission is to inspire, facilitate, and celebrate lifelong learning.

Shaped by the information needs and aspirations of our residents, we envision the library as a shared space of enrichment and connection.

Library Services are an important part of thriving and interconnected communities. We believe that every Hennepin County resident should have a library card and use it regularly.

~~Our mission is to nourish minds, transform lives and build community together.~~

~~We envision a Hennepin County where library services ensure every person has the opportunity and resources to read, graduate, engage, work and learn.~~

Our services ~~nourish minds.~~ **We:**

- Help patrons access library collections and services
- Assist ~~them~~ **patrons** in their efforts to satisfy their informational, educational, and recreational interests
- Keep new and experienced readers engaged and excited about reading and learning

- Support families as they help their children develop into readers and become ready for school

~~Our services transform lives. We:~~

- Increase the level of digital literacy and access to technology in the community
- Support language learners, multicultural populations, and those seeking citizenship
- Engage residents of county correctional facilities so they may build reading, work, and other life skills

~~Our services build community. We:~~

- Encourage and assist children and teens to develop their interests, succeed in school, and build foundations for lifelong success
- Help patrons develop job skills and knowledge to pursue their entrepreneurial ideas
- Ensure residents have the opportunity to remain active and vitally engaged in their communities

Service Delivery

Hennepin County Library services are delivered in libraries, online, and in the community. They may be delivered to individuals or groups.

Hennepin County Library provides patrons access to:

- Places and spaces for learning, exploration, and conversation - formal and informal, physical, and virtual
- A diverse collection of books, movies, music, and online content
- Technology with opportunities to view, create, and transmit content
- Knowledgeable staff who guide patrons in and through our services and enable them to be self-reliant

Service Development and Evaluation

In order to deliver relevant library services that are responsive to change, Hennepin County Library will:

- Recognize and respond to changing communities and demographics
- Solicit and act on patron feedback
- Seek local, national, and international insights, perspectives, and experience as new services are designed and delivered
- Establish formal and informal relationships to innovate and develop services

- Provide services that are community-based - reflecting both the Hennepin County community as a whole as well as the individual communities that reside within it
- Continually evaluate services to ensure they remain relevant to the community, are cost effective, and meet desired outcomes

Service ~~Limitations~~ Modifications

Hennepin County Library ~~The library~~ may ~~establish~~ **modify** service ~~limitations~~ levels to ensure the effective use of limited resources and to provide patrons with fair and equitable access to library services.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Library Director (or designees) may establish administrative level policies that articulate:

- The scope and ~~limitation~~ **modification** of service that is available for specific service areas
- How those services are evaluated
- General service guidelines to ensure the fair and consistent provision of service to patrons

Associated Policies

- Hennepin County Library Board. [Collection Development and Management Policy](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Patron Use of Library Spaces](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Internet Public Use Policy](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Lending Policy](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Library Bill of Rights](#)
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Reserving and Using Public Gathering Places](#)

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every four (4) years, making recommendations to the Library Board Policy Committee. The Committee reviews and revises as necessary, endorses and advances to the full Library Board for approval.

Policy History

~~Date Approved: 2021~~

Next Review Date: ~~2025~~ 2029

Date ~~Last Reviewed Adopted: 2016~~ [Insert date Board approves]