

HENNEPIN COUNTY



LIBRARY BOARD

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September 17, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Brookdale Library, ABC 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 June 25, 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 Brookdale Library 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

Library Director
Scott Duimstra



7. Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel
8. President's Report
 - A. Announcements
9. Director's Report, Scott Duimstra
 - A. Library, Community, and County Updates
10. Library Staff Dialogue
11. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Budget Committee
 - C. Policy Committee
 - D. Friends of Hennepin County Library
12. Community Connections
13. Unfinished Business
 - A. Library Youth Advisory Committee Engagement
14. New Business
-  15. Adjourn*

 *Denotes board action item.

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Hennepin County Library Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at the Augsburg Park Library, Meeting Room, 7100 Nicollet Ave, Richfield Minnesota, 55423.

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, Sam Begley-May, Tonya Depriest, Jeff Desannoy, J.R. Genett, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Samantha Jekot-Graham, Char Kimber, Kelli Koob, Amy McNally, Ayanna Muata, 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

Interim Library Board Clerk JR Genett took roll call. The Board met quorum with eleven Board members present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lynn Stetler

Second: Gordy Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Items

Minutes from the May 14, 2025, meeting, and donations.

Motion: Ashley Krohn

Second: Jane Brissett

Motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

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Welcome from Augsburg Park Staff

Augsburg Park Library Supervisor Sam Begley-May provided a staff welcome discussing the library's programs, community, and recent renovation, including staff and patron feedback.

Dialogue with Commissioner Goettel

Commissioner Debbie Goettel reiterated the role of the Library Board, provided updates on the County's budget approach for 2026, and shared information regarding County Administrator David Hough's retirement.

President's Report

Kraft highlighted upcoming Hennepin County Library and Friends of the Hennepin County Library events featured in Board packets. She notified the Board of the upcoming 2026 MLA Conference and requested members indicate interest to the Board Clerk by August 29.

Kraft updated the Board on the Library Board Conference Fund, stating there is \$9,500 remaining to cover conference and training expenses in 2025.

Director's Report

Library Director Scott Duimstra discussed Library, Community, and County updates. Topics included Westonka and Southdale capital project updates, summer learning programs, Let's Read celebrations, Pride displays and resources, Friends of Hennepin County Library events, changes to copying machine fees, and budget updates.

Library Youth Advisory Committee Report

The Library Youth Advisory Committee provided their annual report to the Board. They discussed how they used consensus activities to develop ideas to connect students with the library, feedback on library internships, sustainability in Capital Projects, and input on the Patron Conduct Policy.

Staff Dialogue

Outreach Library Supervisor Jeff Desannoy presented a staff dialogue on outreach services. Desannoy reviewed options for patrons to connect with the library when they cannot get to the library in person, including at home services, senior services at care homes, At Home Reader, shelter collections, and services to adult and juvenile correctional facilities.

Committee Reports

The Executive Committee's next meeting is Thursday, August 21, 2025, 5:30-6:30pm at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room.

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

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at Ridgedale Library, Room 174 to review the Patron Use of Library Spaces Policy. Chair Mike Hogan led the review of the Patron Services Policy, noting a restructured service objective, less restrictive language on service levels, and grammatical corrections. A motion was made to approve the policy as proposed.

Motion: Gordy Aune, Jr.
Second: Amal Karim
Motion passed.

Community Connections

Board members shared ways they connected with Hennepin County Library outside of their existing Board duties. Stories shared included attending Friends of Hennepin County Library events and book sales, connecting schools with hclib.org, discussing Westonka renovations with patrons, and sharing articles encouraging straight men to read fiction novels.

The Board will continue to discuss how they would like library administration to share lists of relevant events with them at future meetings.

Unfinished Business

The Board Clerk will email information regarding the MLA Conference to the Board before the next meeting.

New Business

The Board discussed how to better engage the Library Youth Advisory Committee in addition to existing annual updates.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Brookdale Library, ABC Meeting Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Motion: Lynn Stetler
Second: Ashley Krohn
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: September 17, 2025

Current support: \$600,000

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

Current support: \$600,000

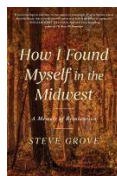
Prior support: \$1,300,000

Year-to-date support: \$1,900,000

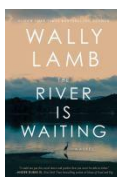
Upcoming Events Calendar – UPDATED 9/2/2025

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

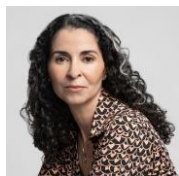
Pen Pals begins its 29th season of ticketed events at Hopkins Center for the Arts this fall, and **Talk of the Stacks** continues its 2025 season of FREE events at the Minneapolis Central Library.



Talk of the Stacks with Steve Grove
FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.



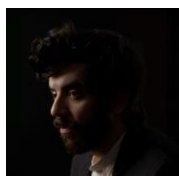
Pen Pals with Wally Lamb
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.



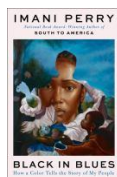
Pen Pals with Laila Lalami
Ticketed Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.



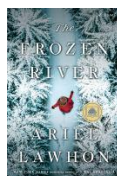
Talk of the Stacks with Mitch Albom
FREE Event – In-person + Virtual Option
Monday, November 3, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.



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.

Tickets to Pen Pals events are on sale at www.supporthclib.org/pen-pals
Free registration for Talk of the Stacks events is available at www.supporthclib.org/talk-stacks

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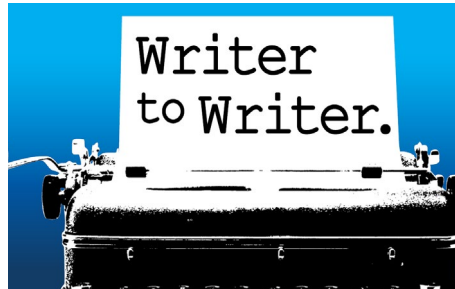


SEEN: In the Stacks

**On Display Through September 28
Minneapolis Central Library**

Visit the Cargill Gallery to experience SEEN, an exhibition featuring seven installations of collaborative work between currently-incarcerated and Twin-Cities-based artists, activists, and academics.

The exhibit explores issues of incarceration, isolation, healing, and coming home. To bring healing to the cycle of harm, participants connect with their families, the community, and each other through this exhibition.



Marian Hassan and Ahmed Ismail Yusuf: Writing to Survive

**Tuesday, September 23, 6:30pm
Online Event**

Join Somali American writers Marian Hassan and Ahmed Ismail Yusuf in a conversation of how their writing is a way to remember, resist, and make meaning of stories shaped by migration, tradition, and the shadow of war.

They will explore language as both a bridge and barrier and discuss the challenges of transferring fragmented oral stories to the page, balancing truth with craft, and searching for home in memory and language.

Register for this online event at hclib.org/events.



Author Talk: Victoria Blanco

**Thursday, October 23, 6:30pm
Washburn Library**

Local author Victoria Blanco will read excerpts from and discuss the writing process of her book, "Out of the Sierra: A Story of Rarámuri Resistance."

Recognized as a 2025 ALA Notable Book, an Indies Introduce title, and a 2024 Booklist Editors' Choice title, "Out of the Sierra" follows a displaced family of the Rarámuri people of Chihuahua, Mexico, as they persevere through colonization and numerous 21st century hardships.