

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – April 13, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Jean Greenlaw, Rebecca Fridley, Patricia Peters, Kerol Harrod, Kathryn Pole, and Ellen Sullivan

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-013 Consider approval of the minutes of March 9, 2026.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

B. LB26-014 The Board received an informational report regarding library collection development processes.

Rachel Reeves, Technical Services Manager, provided an overview of collection development processes at Denton Public Library.

Collection development includes a variety of aspects from selection to procurement to collection assessment. Library staff follow the Denton Public Library Collection Development Policy, City of Denton procurement policies and procedures, and industry standards to provide current, relevant, reputable, and appealing materials in a variety of formats within allocated budgets.

C. LB26-015 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends first fundraising ball, An Evening of Friends & Fables is Sunday, April 26 2-5 p.m. Tickets are available online.

D. LB26-016 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

There are two potential Foundation nominees for Foundation membership. After they confirm their interest, nominee information will be provided to the Library Board for review and a vote regarding their membership at one of the next Board meetings. There have been no other updates since the last meeting.

E. LB26-017

The Board received a report, held a discussion regarding the library's 2026 Summer Classes & Events:

Denton Public Library observes three programming seasons, Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. Prior to each programming season, proposed classes and events are presented to the Library Board for discussion and approval. Library programs are developed by professional library staff members and follow the library's mission to transform lives, strengthen community, and inspire imagination. The library offers a wide range of programs for all ages and interests with events representing and responding to the needs of the diverse community it serves.

The proposed draft of 2026 Summer Classes and Events list includes proposed programs for May-August, 2026.

Kerol Harrod motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded, all in favor.

F. LB26-018

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Budget Planning - The City's annual budget preparation process kicked off this spring. Staff have been preparing budget reports in alignment with strategic planning and workforce development long range planning exercises. Department submissions will be reviewed with the departments, City Manager's Office, and Budget throughout April and May. A City budget package will be proposed and discussed with City Council in work session presentations throughout the summer, with public hearings and a final budget approval in September.

Annual Report for Accreditation - The annual report for public library accreditation has been completed and submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The report collects information about library facilities, staffing, collections, programming, usage, revenue, and expenditures. The submitted report is reviewed by TSLAC and accreditation status is shared in late summer. At the end of the year all public library report data is available on the TSLAC website. The data can then be used by libraries to compare services and resources to peer or area libraries in the state.

Professional Conferences - Four Librarians attended the Texas Library Association Conference in Houston, TX March 28-31. All four serve on professional committees. Two Librarians attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN April 1-3. Library staff attending conferences provide written reports of the training they receive to share what they have learned with the rest of the department.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Kathryn Pole, Vice-Chair, acting as Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____