

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – May 11, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 502 Oakland Street, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-019 Consider approval of the minutes of April 13, 2026.

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

B. LB26-020 The Board received an informational report regarding the Legacy Lab at Emily Fowler Central Library.

Dawn Terrizzi, Special Collections Librarian, provided an overview of the Legacy Lab.

The Legacy Lab is located at the Emily Fowler Central Library. It includes equipment to digitize multiple types of media, including photographs, photo negatives, 8mm film, VHS, cassette tapes, slides, large documents and certificates, and more. The equipment is free to use with an appointment.

C. LB26-021 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends cancelled their fundraising ball, An Evening with Friends and Fables, due to low ticket sales. Ticket charges were refunded to those who purchased the tickets.

The Friends Big Book Sale is May 8 (members only) and May 9.

D. LB26-022

The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

The Foundation currently has rolled the \$100,000 CD into a brokerage account for \$50,000. The other \$50,000 is set aside in their checking account for Special Collections projects, as the funds were specified for use. The Foundation checking account has a balance of \$11,626.08 as of the latest statements in February, 2026.

E. LB26-023

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Summer Reading Challenge June 1-July 31 - The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge literacy initiative is in the final stages of planning. The theme is “Unearth a Story,” featuring dinosaurs, paleontology, and archeology. The reading program runs during the months of June and July. Starting June 1, readers can log into the ReadSquared software to register and begin tracking reading. After 5 hours of reading, participants earn a certificate and a drawing entry into a prize pack of their choice. Once participants complete the program by reading an additional 5 hours (10 hours total), they receive a book and another entry for a prize pack of their choice. Readers earn an additional entries for prize pack drawings for each additional 5 hours they read to continue building the habit of reading.

Splish Splash Story Time - The library is partnering with Denton Water Works Park to offer Splish Splash Story Times each Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in June and July. Admission is waived and attendees can enjoy the Children’s Play Pool until 10:45.

DISD Photography Interns - Two photography interns from Denton ISD’s LaGrone Academy spent three weeks photographing the library and editing photos. The photos will be used in various library marketing and informational materials.

Staffing Update - The library is in the process of posting, interviewing, and hiring for a variety of positions that will lead to full staffing levels across the system. A full-time Adult Services Librarian at Emily Fowler, a part-time Library Specialists in Technical Services, and six part-time seasonal page positions are in various stages of being filled.

2026 Game On! Grant from American Library Association - Denton Public Library has been awarded the American Library Association’s 2026 Game On! grant for \$1,000. The grant funds a project to work with teens in the Juvenile Detention Center.

The project aims to build communication, collaboration, creativity, empathy, and problem-solving skills in a fun environment by teaching them to play tabletop role-playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons. The program will also build literacy skills as it requires reading and writing to

develop characters and understanding complex rules. The grant program and submittal were developed by Haley Phillips, Outreach Librarian, Ross Scoggin, Teen Librarian at South Branch, and Robbie Sittel, South Branch Manager.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Patricia Peters, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____