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Agenda Item #4 (a)

Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
The Julia F. Burnham 3rd Floor Conference Room • Main Library • 200 W. Green Street • Champaign
August 19, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Blakeman.

2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, Minnie Pearson, and Chaya Sandler

   Members absent: None

   Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Amy Al-Shabibi, Iris Ashby, Jill Bouvet, Lauren Chambers, Tricia Duzan, Salem Gebil, Terry Goode, Thea Green, Linda Kupferschmid, Sam Lechowicz, Jordan Neal, and Jennifer Sutton

   Visitors present: Natalie Frankenburg

3. Approve the Agenda:

   - MOTION by Lansford to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

4. Approve the Minutes:

   a. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2026

      - MOTION by Foellmer to approve the minutes of July 15, 2026, as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.

5. Director's Report:

   - Millington reported on a wonderful kickoff to the author series with Maggie Su on August 13 and a well-attended Summer Reading finale. Author Sonali Dev will join us on September 10, and James McBride will be here on October 8.

      a. Fall Programs Presentation (Salem Gebil, Marketing Manager)

         - Gebil presented the fall program lineup.

6. FY2027 Revised Adopted Budget:

   - MOTION by Lansford to approve the Revised Adopted Budget as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.

7. FY2025/26 IPLAR (Illinois Public Library Annual Report):

- MOTION by Malik to approve the FY2025/26 IPLAR as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

8. FY2027 Board Committee and Liaison Assignments:

- Blakeman presented the committee and liaison assignments for FY2027.

9. Financial Reports:

a. Approve Check Register for July 2026:

- MOTION by La Due to file the check register for July 2026 as presented; seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

b. FY2026/27 Financial Statements for July 2026:

- MOTION by Foellmer to accept the July 2026 financials as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

- Millington reported that the board welcomed another new member and approved its slate of officers. The campaign and portfolio are both progressing well. Their budget will be reviewed in September.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- Millington reported that the Friends have three new board members.

11. Comments from the Audience:

- No comments.

12. Comments from the Board:

- La Due asked how selections are made for books including best sellers and keeping the collection current. Millington stated the Materials Selection Policy has parameters used to select materials, publishers, and reviews. Customers can recommend items, suggest a purchase, or make a recommendation to staff. They are welcome to visit any desk to have that conversation.

- Andersson commented that on a recent trip to Sweden, she talked about our library's amazing

content, richness of our e-resources, and is glad we are investing in that area.

13. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, September 16, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Douglass Branch Library, 504 E. Grove, C
- Regular Meeting, October 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, November 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- December 2026 – No Meeting

14. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Malik to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Blakeman, President

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Michael La Due, Secretary

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Jill Bouvet, Recorder