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Agenda Item #4 (a)

Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Large Meeting Room • Douglass Branch Library • 504 E. Grove Street • Champaign
September 16, 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, and Minnie Pearson

   Members absent: Rajeev Malik and Chaya Sandler

   Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Kristin Astorina, Ari Sterling, Iris Ashby, Jill Bouvet, Tricia Duzan, Elise Feltman, Terry Goode, Heather Sheahan, Thea Green, Jordan Neal, and Jennifer Sutton

   Visitors present: Natalie Frankenburg and Kirk Kreiter

3. Approve the Agenda:

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

4. Approve the Minutes:

   a. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2026

      - MOTION by Foellmer to approve the minutes of August 19, 2026, as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

5. Director's Report:

   - Millington shared that September is recognized as Library Card Sign-Up Month. In celebration of the 150th Anniversary, commemorative library cards have been designed and are available for customers who wish to upgrade their current card. The new cards provide a unique way for customers to commemorate this significant milestone in the Library's history. There will also be fun activities including Kindle Paperwhite giveaways.

     a. DBL Presentation (Thea Green, Douglass Branch Manager)

        - Green provided an overview of programming at Douglass Branch.

6. FY2027 Holiday and Closing Schedule:

   - MOTION by Lansford to approve the FY2027 Holiday and Closing Schedule as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

7. Surplus Property:

- MOTION by Foellmer to approve the Resolution for Surplus Property as presented; seconded by Lansford. All: Aye.

8. Financial Reports:

a. Approve Check Register for August 2026:

- MOTION by Foellmer to file the check register for August 2026 as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

b. FY2026/27 Financial Statements for August 2026:

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

9. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

- Millington reported that the budget was approved as well as the Operating Fund policy.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- La Due reported that the Friends received an overview of programming by Gebil. Sales are going well and the Friends maintain a high level of enthusiasm.

10. Comments from the Audience:

- No comments.

11. Comments from the Board:

- Foellmer asked about attendance at Douglass Branch programs.

- Millington noted that the lower range of attendance may be associated with a new door counter. It is something they are keeping track of.

12. Next Meetings or Events:

- 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

13. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Foellmer to adjourn at 5:51 p.m., seconded by La Due. 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