MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library – June 9, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, June 9, at 5:36 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library at 3020 North Locust, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Rebecca Fridley, Kathryn Pole, Patricia Peters, Eva Poole, and Kerol Harrod
ABSENT: Ellen Sullivan

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB25-040 Consider approval of the minutes of May 12, 2025.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes of the May 12, 2025 meeting. Patricia Peters motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

B. LB25-041 The Board received an informational report regarding the Interlibrary Loan services at Denton Public Library.

Kat Estill, Library Specialist, provided an overview of Interlibrary Loan services.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a patron-initiated service allowing libraries to lend and borrow materials with other libraries to provide materials to patrons. Denton Public Library (DPL) patrons with full-service accounts can request materials that are not owned by DPL. DPL will request titles through the state-wide ILL system software and a library that owns the title can accept the request and ship the item to DPL. The DPL patron will then check out the item at one of our three branches and return it to any DPL location. Library staff will then process the item for return and shipping to the owning library system. DPL also lends materials to other libraries.

C. LB25-038 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- The Friends held a Big Book Sale on May 10, 2025. The sale raised a total of $3,923.75.

D. LB25-037 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting. Library staff is coordinating with Foundation Trustees to schedule a meeting in the new year.

E. LB25-039 The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

North Branch Facility HVAC replacement (August 2025) - The North Branch Library HVAC units will be replaced August 16-20. The building will be closed and the parking lot inaccessible while the cranes are working. Library staff will work at other branches during the closure. The closure posting along with information about extending holds due to the closure will be made available several weeks before the facility improvement.

2025 TLA-HEB Summer at the Library Grant Award - The library has been awarded $2,000 from the 2025 TLA-HEB Summer at the Library Grant. Dawn Terrizzi, Adult Services Librarian, wrote and submitted the grant to support literacy. The grant project allows children and young adults who may not have access to the library to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge and receive prize books at one of three local non-profit agencies serving youth and families. Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton Juvenile Detention Center, and Explorium Denton will support the program by having participants read at least 30 minutes for five days. Once they complete the program, participants will be able to select a free prize book, funded by the grant. In addition, approximately 30% of the grant funding would purchase books for babies, early readers, and elementary and middle-grade students to provide books for clients of those agencies.

Ticketing at Story Times and Large Audience Events - To meet safety requirements, the library has begun ticketing for Baby-Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time programs as well as any programs expecting large audience attendance. Ticketing is based on the maximum occupancy of the meeting and program rooms:

- Emily Fowler Meeting Room-82
- South Branch Meeting Room-88
- North Branch Program Room-88
- North Branch Meeting Room-100

Storage Units – The library rents storage units to house shelving components. There is no storage space available at any library facility to

house the components. With the help of Facilities Management, the shelving in the three storage units will be moved into another storage facility and organized to maximize space. The move will consolidate items and reduce costs.

Summer Activity at DPL - Summer is the busiest season for the library. Library visits, program attendance, and circulation are the highest of the year in June and July. A few summer library event and program highlights are below:

- **Summer Reading Challenge** - June 1-July 31 - All ages are encouraged to register, log reading, and earn prizes
- **Splish Splash Story Time** - Thursdays June and July (no program 6/19) - a special Story Time in the Children's Play Pool at Water Works Park, for ages 1-5 with their caregivers
- **Denton's Public Art: Adding Color to Your World** - Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m. @ Emily Fowler, for ages 18+
- **A Journey Through African Dance** - Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m. @ North Branch, for ages 6-10
- **Denton Jazz Workshops Family Jam** - Saturday, June 14, 2:30 p.m. @ Emily Fowler, for all ages
- **Juneteenth 101 with Donald Cox** - Wednesday, June 18, 3 p.m. @ South Branch, for all ages
- **Music & Magic in Polka Color** - Saturday, June 21, 2 p.m. @ North Branch, for all ages
- **Murder Among the Mateys** (registration required) - Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. @ South Branch, for ages 11-17
- **Chalk Color War & Popsicles Summer Reading Challenge Event** - Wednesday July 16, 6-8 p.m. @ South Branch, for all ages

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Kerol Harrod, Chair

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: July 14, 2025