

MINUTES  
CITY OF DENTON  
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
South Branch Library – October 13, 2025

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

PRESENT: Kathryn Pole, Patricia Peters, Rebecca Fridley, 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. LB25-066**

Consider approval of the minutes of August 11, 2025.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes of the July 14, 2025 meeting. Kathryn Pole motioned, Patricia Peters seconded, all in favor.

**B. LB25-067**

The Board received an informational report regarding Story Time early literacy classes.

Youth Services Librarian's Nanya Jackson and Stacy Slattery provided an overview of the purpose for and planning and presentation of Denton Public Library's Story Time classes.

Story Times are literacy programs for children ages 1-5 and their caregivers. The programs support early literacy skill development and prepare children to learn to read. Each library branch offers weekly Story Time programs for an 8–14-week period each program season. Breaks are taken in May, August, and December to plan and prepare for the next season's classes. Additional special Story Time classes, such as Spooky Story Time, Santa Story Time, Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos Bilingues, etc., are also scheduled each program season. Youth Services Librarians and Youth Services Library Specialists present each Story Time, which includes reading two or three books, songs, movement, activities, and puppets.

**C. LB25-064**

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

Philip Baker, Friends Executive Board Member, secured a significant donation of \$25,000 from ENS Management Trust to the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries. The funds are to be used to support Denton Public Library educational and reading programs.

Library staff members are gathering information to make recommendations for funding proposals for the ENS Management Trust donation to the Friends and the annual Friends donation for 2026. The funding proposals will be presented at the October 9, 2025, Friends Executive Board meeting.

The Friends hosted their first "Members Only" early shopping day at their August 9th Big Book Sale. The extra shopping day was a success, earning \$1,130.75 during the two-hour event.

**D. LB25-063**

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

Foundation Trustees met on September 10 to discuss creating updated bylaws. The Foundation currently has articles of incorporation that were last updated in 2009 when the Foundation became a separate entity from the City of Denton. Jennifer Bekker provided Trustees with example bylaws via e-mail after the meeting from other public library Foundation organizations and resources from American Library Association's United for Libraries group. Trustees will draft a preliminary document for discussion at a future meeting, with the goal to have new bylaws finalized and approved by the end of 2025. Haley Phillips provided ideas for future flash tattoo fundraiser events. The Foundation will meet again in October. The date and time are to be determined.

**E. LB25-062**

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following:

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 2025 Fall Classes and Events list includes proposed programs for September-December, 2025.

Patricia Peters motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

**F. LB25-065**

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Filming and Photography Operating Policy
- Surveys and Petitions Operating Policy
- Food and Drink Operating Policy
- Volunteer Operating Policy
- Outreach Services Operating Policy
- Program Operating Policy

Rebecca Fridley motioned, Patricia Peters seconded, all in favor.

**G. LB25-061**

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

*FY25/26 Budget Impacts* - Library department proposed budget changes have the following impacts to the department in the new fiscal year.

- Library training and travel reduced to only required training for staff already serving on state or national committees or as required for accreditation.
- Hoopla Digital Services cancelled. CloudLibrary eBooks and digital audiobooks remain funded at the same amount as FY24/25.
- ~10% reduction in physical collection budget.
- Cancellation of CollectionHQ and ESP collection analysis software. • Adding a room management software solution.
- Retaining Brainfuse Homework Help online tutoring service.
- Minor updates to the Schedule of Fees reflecting increased supply costs. The approved schedule of fees is attached as Exhibit 2 with redline edits to show the changes.

*Halloween Library Cards* - The library is offering Denton Halloween themed library cards again this year. Two designs were available starting October 1. The library has purchased 500 of last year's design and 500 of the new Halloween design. Patrons with existing accounts can purchase a replacement card with the design of their choice for \$2.00. New library cardholders will have the option to choose either Halloween design or the traditional Denton courthouse design when they create their accounts.

*DISD Back to School* - Library staff and volunteers participated in the Denton ISD Back to School Fair at LaGrone Academy, engaging with 1,050 students and family members. Staff shared information about

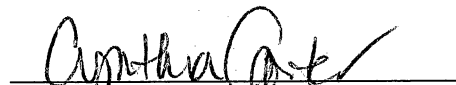
activation of student Books2Go accounts for parents who opted their students into the service, online resources and digital collections, and other library services to support students and families.

*Tonies® Tour* - Denton Public Library will be one of three Texas stops on the Tonies® Tour. Tonies are a screen free option for children to enjoy stories read by their favorite characters. Once a figurine is placed on the soft square speaker box, a story is read aloud. Children can listen or read along with favorite children's book City Hall 215 E. McKinney Street Denton, Texas [www.cityofdenton.com](http://www.cityofdenton.com) characters such as Pete the Cat, Elephant & Piggie, Llama Llama, and more. The Tonies® Tour features a van with a pop-up program demonstrating Tonies and providing early literacy tips for caregivers. Denton Public Library will also release new Discovery Kits with Tonies® for check out after the event. The event will be held this fall at the North Branch Library. The date and time will be announced once the event is finalized.

### 3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
Kerol Harrod, Chair

  
Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant  
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 11/19/25