

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – February 9, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 502 Oakland St., Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-001

Consider approval of the minutes of January 12, 2026.

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

B. LB26-005

The Board received an informational report regarding library print, copy, and fax services.

Kimberly Wells, Branch Manager of the Emily Fowler Central Library, provided an overview of library print, copy, and fax services.

All library branches provide printing from library public use computers as well as mobile printing from personal devices. Copy machines are available for public use at all library facilities as well for black and white copying. The library's copy machines are networked to provide faxing also. Patrons may fax documents or receive faxed documents for free. All three services are heavily used by community members, especially as many households no longer maintain home printers.

C. LB26-002

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

The Friends Executive Board is planning a costume ball fundraiser on Sunday, April 25, 2026, 2-5 p.m. at Rubber Gloves Rehearsal Studio. The event is An Evening of Friends & Fables. They are seeking raffle

and food donations for the event and are currently planning marketing and logistics. Tickets for the event will go on sale February 15, 2026.

D. LB26-003

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

The Foundation currently has a \$100,000 CD that will come to maturity in April 2026. The Foundation checking account has a balance of \$9,091.51 as of the latest statement in November 2024. The Foundation's goal is to focus on bequests or planned giving donations that can be used for large scale Library initiatives or capital projects.

Foundation Trustees meet on February 4, 2026. Trustees will discuss banking updates, a spring flash tattoo fundraiser, seeking additional Trustees to serve, and progress on hiring a graphic designer to create a logo for the organization.

- The Board agreed with Foundation Trustees' decision to remove an inactive Trustee member. Kathryn Pole motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

E. LB26-004

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

- *Rules of Conduct Operating Policy* – Jean Greenlaw motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded. All in favor.
- *Circulation Services Operating Policy* – Kerol Harrod motioned, Kathryn Pole seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-006

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Exhibit Operating Policy Refresh - After review, the library will be drafting a new Exhibit Operating Policy, creating a staff Exhibit Committee that will seek out and schedule art and displays for exhibit in library facilities. While local art organizations may request consideration, the exhibits will be curated, scheduled, and coordinated by library staff.

Winter Weather Closure - All City facilities were closed Saturday, January 24-Wednesday, January 28 due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. Library staff who were able to work remotely did so during the closures to continue with remote services or support when possible. Digital resources were promoted to encourage individuals and families to continue accessing library materials remotely.

Library Speakers Consortium - Denton Public Library has offered virtual events through the Library Speakers Consortium for one year. The service has proven to be very popular based on the following statistics:

- Live virtual events: 40 live events with 277 attendees
- Recordings of archived events: 16,599 views
- Cost per live virtual event: \$87.50
- Cost per total attendance/viewing: 21¢

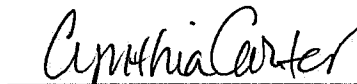
Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award - Denton Public Library has been awarded the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award. The award by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA), recognizes Texas public libraries that demonstrate outstanding contributions to their communities. With this award, Denton Public Library is in the top 20% of all public libraries in the state.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Patricia Peters, Chair


Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 3-9-26