

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library – March 9, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, March 9, at 5:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust, Denton, Texas.

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

Also present: Jennifer Bekker

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-007 Consider approval of the minutes of February 9, 2026.

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

B. LB26-009 The Board received an informational report regarding the Forge Makerspace at North Branch Library.

Kasey Fanucchi, Assistant Branch Manager of North Branch Library, provided an overview of equipment and services available at the Forge Makerspace.

The design and fabrication Makerspace includes equipment such as 3D printers, laser engravers and cutters, vinyl cutting machines, a heat press, and more. The Makerspace is used by entrepreneurs, crafters, educators, and anyone interested in creating or designing using equipment or technology. The library also offers several classes each season to teach users how to use equipment and software.

C. LB26-010 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. The Friends are meeting with library staff about additional fundraising opportunities and are

planning to participate in National Library Giving Day on April 1, 2026.

The February 6 Friends Big Book Sale raised \$4,608.35. The Director of Libraries also met with the Friends President, Vice President, and Treasurer to discuss 2026 approved funding projects and procurement timelines.

D. LB26-011

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 \$11,626.08 as of the latest statements in February, 2026. 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.

E. LB26-008

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

- *Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Operating Policy* – Rebecca Fridley motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-012

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Texas America250 Reading Challenge - Denton Public Library has launched a year-long reading initiative celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The event is in coordination with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) and runs through the rest of the year. Participants will register online: <https://denton.readsquared.com> and participate by reading, attending library programs, visiting a state park (or any park), or volunteering in the community. The reading goal is 2,500 minutes (41.5 hours) and readers will earn a digital badge in the reading software and be entered in a drawing for every 250 minutes they read. Additional library observation of the Texas America250 celebration includes the introduction American history themed Discovery Kits and special classes and events this summer and fall.

Staff Development Day - Library facilities will be closed Friday, March 20 for a staff development day. All library staff will participate in a full day of training, discussion, and team building activities. Staff will tour area libraries in the morning to see facilities, discuss operations, and see how best practices are applied at other library systems. Staff will discuss what they learned and share with others upon return to the library. Staff will also complete two required safety classes in the afternoon.

Meeting Room E-mail - A new meeting room request e-mail has been created to facilitate a smoother room reservation process. Instead of guessing which staff member to e-mail for a room reservation or to submit reservation forms, the new e-mail: libraryrooms@cityofdenton.com is the centralized e-mail account that is monitored by all three branch room coordinators.

Library Social Media - Library social media is now being managed by an internal team made up of one librarian from each branch and the South Branch Manager. The team solicits content from branch staff, reviews for branding, standardization, and error checks, and schedules content on the library's Facebook and Instagram accounts. They also monitor and respond to questions submitted via social media.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Patricia Peters, Chair



Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on:

4-13-26