MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library – June 8, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library at 3020 N. Locust, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Patricia Peters, Jean Greenlaw, Rebecca Fridley, and Kerol Harrod

ABSENT: Kathryn Pole, Ellen Sullivan

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-030 Consider approval of the minutes of May 11, 2026.

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

B. LB26-029 The Board received an informational report regarding Teen Services at the Denton Public Library.

Rachel Yzaguirre, Teen Services Librarian at North Branch Library, provided an overview of Teen Services offered throughout the Denton Public Library.

Teen Services is a vital aspect of teen engagement at the Denton Public Library. The presentation included collection development, teen programming, and volunteering.

C. LB26-027 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends raised $3,675.05 from the Big Book Sale held May 8-9. The additional Member's Only day on Friday remains popular, earning 28% of sales for just two hours of operation.

D. LB26-026 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

The Foundation now banks with PNC. The Foundation currently has $50,000 in an Athene brokerage account with a 4.6% interest account. The remainder of funds are in a money market account for Special Collections projects.

The Foundation met on May 13, 2026. Trustees voted and approved minutes from the February 4th meeting. They also discussed membership recruitment and fundraising opportunities. A formal Agreement between the Foundation and the City of Denton will need to be created now that the Foundation is becoming active.

The Foundation meets again on August 5, 2026.

E. LB26-028

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

- *Internet and Computer Use Operating Policy* – Board approved with minor correction. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded. All in favor.
- *Lost and Found Operating Policy* – Rebecca Fridley motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded. All in favor.
- *Study Room Operating Policy* – Kerol Harrod motioned, Jean Greenlaw seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-025

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Leadership Training - The Library Leadership team is embarking on a 3-month strategic planning journey to refresh and develop leadership values and norms. Discussions will include identifying leadership norms, strategic planning, workforce planning, and change management. These norms and goals will be shared with each branch in August. Each location will have a half-day closure for the trainings. Dates are 8/7 for North Branch, 8/14 for Emily Fowler Central Library, and 8/21 for South Branch.

Staffing Update - The library is in the process of onboarding a full-time Adult Services Librarian at Emily Fowler and a part-time Library Specialist in Technical Services. Six part-time seasonal page positions are in the process of being filled. Two part-time Library Assistant positions became vacant at Emily Fowler and North Branch.

Practicum Students - Three Library Science students from the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University are fulfilling their practicum requirements with the Denton Public Library in May, June, and July. Students will receive hands-on training in all aspects of librarianship. Staff will receive supervisory experience as they mentor students.

Voting Locations - North Branch and South Branch Libraries are voting locations for the Primary Runoff Election and the May Joint Runoff Election. Both elections run throughout May and June.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Patricia Peters

Patricia Peters, Chair

~~Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant~~
City of Denton, TX Jennifer Bekker, director of Libraries

Minutes approved on: 7-13-26