MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – July 13, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Susan Keller

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB26-032 Consider approval of the minutes of June 8, 2026.

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

B. LB26-033 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

There have been no changes since the last meeting. The Friends meet on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

C. LB26-034 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

There have been no changes since the last meeting. The Foundation meets again on August 5, 2026.

D. LB26-035 The Board received a nomination and appointed a new Trustee to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

The Emily Fowler Library Foundation currently has three members of the Board of Trustees, including Treasurer Alexis Clingan, and Trustees Lisa Jenkins and Charlie Hunter.

The Foundation seeks to expand membership to support fundraising activities. Madison Reeves Clingan has expressed interest in serving on the Emily Fowler Library Foundation. They have been invited to introduce themselves and bring a brief resume or summary of their work, volunteer, and community engagement experience.

The Library Board voted to appoint Madison Reeves Clingan as the new Trustee to the Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board of Trustees. Kathryn Pole motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded, all in favor.

E. LB26-037

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

- *Meeting Room Operating Policy* – Board approved with a minor correction. Kerol Harrod motioned, Rebecca Fridley seconded. All in favor.

F. LB26-036

The Board received a report and held a discussion regarding:

Preservation Month – The fifth annual Denton Revealed: Preservation Month programming series took place in May in honor of National Preservation Month. A collaboration between the City of Denton and Denton County, the series includes programs that focus on historic preservation. This year, there were ten events held throughout the month of May that took place within Denton and the greater county. A variety of events were offered, including historic walking tours, story times, and professional presentations. A total of 653 community members attended the events and helped celebrate the past, present, and future of Denton. To see the full schedule of programs or to get more information on Denton Revealed, please visit https://www.cityofdenton.com/1012/Denton-Revealed-Preservation-Month.

Summer Reading Challenge – The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge continues through the end of July. As of July 6, 1,783 people had registered for the program. Participants have logged 995,363 reading minutes.

2023 Bond – A presentation about the 2023 Bond projects will be a work session item at the July 14 City Council meeting. The presentation provides status updates about each of the projects.

Staffing updates – The new Adult Services Librarian at Emily Fowler Central Library, Meghan Sprabary, and the North Branch Part-Time Library Assistant, Jackie Schwier, have joined the library team. Both come with strong library backgrounds and community service and engagement experience.

Recognition of Cindy Carter's years of service - The library recognizes the upcoming retirement of Cindy Carter, Library Administrative Assistant III, in August, 2026. We appreciate the years of service, expertise, and kindness she has brought to the library. Cindy has been vital in creating a welcoming environment, both for staff and visitors. We thank her for her incredible contributions and wish her the best in her next chapter.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Patricia Peters

Patricia Peters, Chair

~~Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant~~

City of Denton, TX Jennifer Bakker, Director of Libraries

Minutes approved on: 8-10-