MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – October 12, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, October 12, 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, and Kerol Harrod

ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker, Rachel Reeves

## 1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

## 2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**A. LB26-050** Consider approval of the minutes of September 14, 2026.

The Board accepted and approved the minutes of September 14, 2026. Dr. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Kerol Harrod seconded. All in favor.

**B. LB26-051** The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends had their Executive Board Meeting on October 8, 2026.They are preparing for their next Big Book Sale on November 13,2026.

**C. LB26-052** 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 Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

**D. LB26-053** The Board received a report and held a discussion to give staff direction regarding the Texas Library Association (TLA) Public Opinion Poll and Return on Investment (ROI) Study about public libraries in Texas.

TLA poll and research findings demonstrate support public libraries and the economic impact of public libraries across the state. TLA has offered to join a future Library Board meeting to answer questions about the study. A discussion was held to see about sharing the poll and study results to showcase the importance of Denton Public Library. Discussions about posting information on the library website, library and City social media, and reaching out to local newspapers to share the information.

**E. LB26-054** The Board received a report and held a discussion to give staff directions.

*New Fiscal Year* – The new fiscal year started October 1,2026. An updated schedule of fees was approved by the City Council. The only changes were to update Discovery Kit replacement costs and Miscellaneous Makerspace Material costs.

*Forge Makerspace Hours* – The Makerspace reopened with new hours. Tuesdays 5-8:30 pm, Thursday 12-4 pm, and Saturdays 1-5 pm.

*Plot Twist Donation* – The Plot Twist local bookstore held a fundraiser and matched the funds in honor of Dolly Parton. They are donating $1,048 to the library, which will be used to purchase materials for the Discovery Kits.

*Photography Interns* – Three LaGrone Academy students are performing their photography intern ships at the library. They will be taking photos of Staff, facilities and activities that will be used in library marketing. Plans are in place to have the interns do employee headshots as well. It was suggested to coordinate with Denton ISD to have a newspaper article written about the program.

*New Book Scanner*- The Special Collections area at Emily Fowler has a new overhead book scanner to allow fragile documents to be laid open without pressing the book spine.

*Library Halloween* – All three branches have decorated for Halloween and has many Halloween themed activities and events planned. The special edition Halloween cards have not yet arrived, but after talking to the supplier they should be rush delivered by 10:00 am on 10/13/26. It was mentioned that the library is looking to do additional custom library cards including Denton legends such as Sly Stone.

**3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Patricia Peters

Patricia Peters, Chair

Kaylen Ward, Administrative Assistant III,
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 11-9-26