

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEKALB PUBLIC LIBRARY
BILDER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Hunt, Laura Anderson, Deborah Booth, Andrea Dahlberg, Rhiannon Gruber, Ann Shult, Alex Tobias, Betsy Zimmerman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelli Meserole

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Emily Faulkner, Geralyn Ignarski

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Hunt at 6:32 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Change to Announcement B: Annual building walkthrough will be June 17th, 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next upcoming after-hours program: Saturday, May 16 – Jazz in Progress; Friday, June 5 – Pangelic Duo
- B. Annual building walkthrough June 17, 6:00 p.m. (as changed).

MINUTES

- A. Approve April 8, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes: Shult moved to approve April 8, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Dahlberg. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- A. Director's Report –April. New part-time Youth Services Specialist Joi Bradley's first day was April 29, 2026; new Head of Adult Services, Lynnanne Pearson, and new Adult Services Librarian, Barb Possinger, will both join us on May 18, 2026.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review Trustee Facts Files – Chapter 5: Reviewed.
- B. Review Standards for Libraries – Chapter 5/Finance and Budget: Reviewed.
- C. Update on Courtyard Project: Faulkner presented two updated options for the courtyard design project. After discussion, all board members present expressed a preference for Option #2. Faulkner also presented three methods of shading the courtyard as an alternative to umbrellas. The methods were 1) metal panels, 2) metal louvers/slats; and 3) fabric panels. Some board members present preferred Option 1, metal panels. Others expressed a preference for umbrellas. All board members agreed that a final decision will be made after reviewing the cost estimate for the metal panels.

FINANCE

- A. Approve April 2026 Monthly Bills: Zimmerman moved to approve. Seconded by Shult. Motion carried via roll call, 8-0.
- B. Review Financials: Reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Gruger moved to adjourn. Seconded by Zimmerman. Meeting adjourned **at 7:14 p.m.**