



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes - Final

Library Board.

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

4:30 PM Main Library - Gold Room, 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN
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Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Bill Arezzo, President.

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Bill Arezzo, Lori Steinbach, Ellen Hatfield, Carlee Bladl, Sarah Kessler, Michelle Foshay, Kati Annis
Also in attendance: Library Manager Carla Powers, PPL Director Erik Birkeland, City Council Liaison Jordon Johnson, DPL staff members Carmella Hatch and Cameron Herrity
Absent: Jose Gonzalez, Sue Henke

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Foshay, seconded by Steinbach, to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes of May 5 meeting

Motion by Bladl, seconded by Annis, to approve minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Reports

[LB25](#)

Library Manager's Report June 2026

The popular Kaleidoscope summer series is getting a refresh thanks to a sponsorship secured by the Library Foundation. Work is aimed at generating fresh enthusiasm and growing community engagement now and into the future. The Summer Reading Program kicked off at the beginning of June.

[LB26](#)

Library Usage Report April 2026

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026.04 Usage stats spreadsheet](#)

[LB27](#) Friends Report June 2026

The Friends held their annual meeting in May.
A new slate of officers was approved and the Board voted to approve a new member.

[LB28](#) Foundation Report June 2026

Highlighted the May 20th visit from Mac Barnett, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. There were events at an elementary school, a session for educators, and a public event. Duluth was one of five locations nationwide selected for him to visit.

[LB24](#) Library Staff Report

- Carmella Hatch and Cameron Herrity gave the Board a progress update on the Every Child Ready Duluth early literacy initiative. They shared about the work they're doing with community partners at various locations, including at many elementary schools.

Old Business[LB15](#) Safety Updates

The number of safety incidents currently is low, which is typical for the summer season.

[LB16](#) Main Library Facility/Regional Library Services District

Staff engaged with HUD grant manager and is working through next steps of paperwork.
Will be working on scope of the study. How do we want to serve the community (Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, Rice Lake) now and into the future?
Goal is to be open minded throughout the process and be open to what the results yield. Plan is to consult in early Fall with the Library Board on the scope of the RFP.

[LB21](#) Advocacy Update

No update this month.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 5:34 PM

Next Meeting: August 4, 2026, Evergreen Senior Center