

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BOARD BRIEFS
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

**This is a summary of Board action not part of the consent agenda items
(routine monthly business approvals). Regular session minutes will be approved
according to Open Meetings Act guidelines and posted at frgml.org.**

The IMRF Employer Contribution Rates for Calendar Year had a slight decrease from the previous year.

Director Komala returned the levy confirmation for Tax Year 2024 to the McHenry County Clerk. The tax extension amount should be available mid-March.

The 2025 CPI rate is 2.9%, down from the previous year's 3.4%.

The amount of insurance required in lieu of a treasurer's bond was reduced to not less than 10% of the average amount of the Library's operating fund, from the previously required 50%. The Library may see some cost savings from this statutory change.

The Library will have a full slate on the April 2025 consolidated election ballot. Incumbents Christianson, Augle, Miller, and new candidate Meshes are running uncontested for 4-year terms. Incumbent Cooper is running uncontested for an unexpired 2-year term. Director Komala has received one public library trustee election questionnaire back. Trustees running in the election are encouraged to return completed questionnaires to Komala by March 3 so she may post them to the Library's website before early voting begins on March 17.

Director Komala is prepared in the event of an I-9 audit and will notify staff to follow procedures in the event of Immigration and Custom Enforcement presence in the Library.

President Augle asked about the intergovernmental agreement with Fox River Grove District 3. Director Komala noted that in the event that District 3 should need to evacuate the schools, the Library is willing to be a relocation center. The Library has the capacity to hold both schools if necessary.

Secretary Miller wanted to know how staff schedules are handled in the event of an emergency closing. Director Komala noted any staff scheduled during an emergency closing get paid for their scheduled hours.

Secretary Miller asked if the new Redwood housing development on IL Route 22 was in the Library district. Komala confirmed that it is not within the Fox River Grove Public Library District boundaries.

Director Komala noted the Winter Reading Challenge boosted the Library's digital resource numbers for users and circulation. Youth Services Manager Johnson and Youth Services Programmer Dimmick visited both District 3 schools to promote the challenge.

Library Lovers Expedition started February 1. There are 1,700 registered participants so far.

The youth and adult services programmers are teaming up to promote Free Comic Book Day on May 3. Crafts and activities will be family-focused but open to all ages. Trustees were asked to consider volunteering to judge a costume contest as part of the event.

Youth Services decorated the department in a circus theme for Library Lovers Expedition (LLE). Youth Services Manager Johnson noted that LLE adults are welcome to check out the department decorations.

Secretary Miller complimented the open feel of adult services with the reconfiguration of the furniture.

Director Komala noted that mobile app usage doubled in January.

Director Komala noted that 2 more patron computers were replaced. All 4 patron computers are now connected wirelessly to the internet, making it more flexible to relocate the workstations. The wireless connections are faster than the past ethernet connections.

The Board approved to open closed session minutes from meetings on January 16, 2024 and February 20, 2024.

Trustees were emailed on February 3 their Statement of Economic Interests form from McHenry County. Reminders will be emailed on March 3 and April 3. Forms must be submitted by April 30.

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The Board approved a 5% salary increase for Komala in addition to the library covering 80% of medical insurance Plan B for employee + children and 100% of family dental insurance for Komala starting the following fiscal year, effective July 1, 2025.

Vice President Bunton reminded the trustees to check their email for information on LLE staff appreciation.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.