

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Bunton. Cooper, Miller, Christianson, Gipson, Meshes, and Director Komala. Augle absent.

INPUT FROM CITIZENS – Bridgett Kaiser, Adult and Technical Services Manager, and Kelly Johnson, Youth Services Manager, were present.

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS – All correspondence discussed.

- 1) PW: Proposed IMLS Budget Passes Committee – Komala noted this is a good step in the right direction for the IMLS. The proposed budget is about the same as 2024's budget. The budget now advances to the full Senate and full House of Representatives for consideration and a vote.

Komala noted the three following news articles are all related to the closing of Baker and Taylor (B&T), the largest library wholesaler, by January 2026. B&T was the Library's largest book and DVD vendor. With B&T's closing, Komala is looking at other library wholesalers to use for purchasing. The managers are currently using Amazon for their orders. Amazon's pricing is competitive, but the ordering software is not ideal.

- 2) PW: ReaderLink, B&T Call Off Deal
- 3) Shaw: Momen's Baker & Taylor to Close
- 4) PW: Baker & Taylor Prepares Plan to Shut Down

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Items to be included in Consent Agenda
  - a. Treasurer's Reports Including Transfer of Funds of up to \$47,000 for September Bills and Payrolls
  - b. Minutes from the August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Consent Agenda Approval (voice vote) – Cooper asked about the large plumbing expense and the adult program budget being almost 50% spent in the first quarter. Komala answered that plumbing work was done in June but not invoiced for a few months following the company's merger with another. Kaiser noted that the first quarter of the year included paid presenters for adult programs. Meshes moved to approve the consent agenda. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle absent.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1) Trustee Liaisons – Bunton updated that the staff pre-Thanksgiving luncheon in November will be catered rather than potluck, following discussions with managers, and board members will not need to donate anything for the luncheon. The board will be invited to attend as well.
- 2) Library Director + District Calendar – Komala continues to update job descriptions and the organization chart. Adult Services removed the programmer and clerk positions. There will now be three adult services associates instead. Youth Services will be looking to make changes to their organization structure as well.
- 3) Youth Services – Bunton praised the Night at the Library program. Cooper noted the great partnership Johnson has initiated with the Cary Area Library youth services manager. Johnson hopes to learn how Cary gets their tweens and teens engaged at their library.
- 4) Adult Services – Kaiser noted the Thin Mint Sprint and Fox Chase unfortunately had bad weather, but the Running Club still showed up. Bunton thought the watercolor class was amazing and the instructor had a great presentation with QR codes for supplies used. Kaiser updated the board on the progress of the makerspace.
- 5) IT Services
- 6) Mobile App

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (all possible action items)

None

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NEW BUSINESS (all possible action items)

- 1) Ordinance 2025-02: Tax Levy Ordinance – Bunton noted there were no changes from the draft ordinance. Komala noted that a Truth in Taxation was not required. Gipson moved to approve. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle absent.
- 2) Resolution 2025-03: Authorizing the Adoption of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) – Komala provided the board with background on the reason for this resolution to be adopted as our standard. The Library has an April 2027 deadline to become compliant and is trying to get ahead of it. Komala noted that Library vendors need to be compliant with their products as well. Meshes moved to approve. Cooper seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle absent.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – Miller commended the staff on customer service, helping him through a dropped call and downloading an audiobook on Hoopla. Christianson commented that a new coworker is moving back to Fox River Grove and showed her a picture of her son at a FRGML program from years ago. The coworker is looking forward to returning to the Library, and Christianson is excited about and proud of the Library and truly believes in its mission. Komala provided the board with the Friends of the Library Book Sale volunteer registration binder and noted that volunteers are needed to help with set-up November 17-20 and at the book sale on November 21 & 22. Miller noted that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

ADJOURNMENT – Christianson moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Miller seconded. All in favor. All ayes. Augle absent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie Augle, President

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Stephen Miller, Secretary