

## MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - 6:31 p.m. by President Aogle. Gipson, Meshes, Bunton, Miller, Cooper, Christianson, and Director Komala present.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS – All correspondence discussed.

- 1) ATLAS Library Trustee Day: Last call for registration! – Komala will register Miller and Meshes at the end of the week. Any other trustees are to let Komala know if they want to attend.
- 2) ALA: Trump administration withdraws appeal, securing historic victory for libraries and IMLS
- 3) ALA: American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom unveils new and update resources to protect the freedom to read
- 4) ALA: "Dangerous" bill inviting government censorship passes House committee

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Items to be included in Consent Agenda
  - a) February 2026 Financial Reports, Disbursements, and Transfer of Funds of \$47,300
  - b) March 2026 Financial Reports, Disbursements, and Transfer of Funds of up to \$52,600
  - c) Minutes from the January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Consent Agenda Approval (voice vote) – Meshes moved to approve. Bunton seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1) Trustee Liaisons – Bunton showed the board the gifts given to staff for National Library Workers Day during National Library Week.
- 2) Library Director + District Calendar
- 3) Youth Services – Bunton noted the Chompsaw is a big hit. Komala said Off to See the Wizard mosaic activity was very cool.
- 4) Adult Services – Komala noted the crowd for What's the Buzz? and Yahtzee is growing each month. Bunton noted that Adult Services has come a long way as a hub for adults.
- 5) IT Services
- 6) Mobile App

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) 2026 Statements of Economic Interests – All trustees have completed their Statements of Economic Interests.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Summary 2026-2027 Insurance Policy Renewals – Komala noted all the Library's current carriers had the best rates. Rates increased approximately 10% overall over last year. Komala will need to increase next year's budget to allow for increased rates.
- 2) Tax Computation Report – The Library levy was a 2% increase over the previous year's tax extension, which is what will be taxed on our behalf. The new tax rate is lower than last year's.
- 3) Non-Resident Library Cards Policy: Annual Tax Rate Updated – Illinois House Bill 42 (HB0042), passed in May 2025, allows libraries to offer quarterly or biannual payment plans for non-resident fees, replacing the mandatory upfront annual fee. Komala noted that the Library is not prepared logistically to offer these additional payment options for non-resident patrons at this time, so language in the policy was not updated to reflect that. The Library does not have systems in place to ensure accurate collection. Komala will consult with other McHenry County libraries to see how they are implementing this policy. Gipson moved to approve. Cooper seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes.

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

- 4) Multi-Function Printer Lease Options - Komala reviewed the three multi-function printer lease options. Cooper moved to approve the Konica Minolta proposal. Christianson seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes.
- 5) Library Operating Hours – Komala opened discussion on expanding the library hours. Options include opening earlier and/or closing later. Trustees debated various possibilities. Komala noted this summer a new strategic plan community survey will be sent to all Fox River Grove residents. Ideas were put forth to introduce the survey at the Summer Picnic on August 1, 2026. Analyzing survey feedback and identifying the community need will help guide Komala and the board on making recommendations. Bunton offered to make buttons with a QR code for the survey to get more community participation.
- 6) Trustee Roles – Trustees requested discussion of liaison roles and how to play an active role and complete checks and balances as board members. Komala proposed to decrease the number of liaison roles from seven to four with trustees doubling up on some. The proposed roles would be policy, finance, facility, and personnel. Christianson stated she feels like she should be doing more and would like to have a more meaningful role as a trustee, as her liaison role does not require much from her. Christianson would like to table the discussion until next month so she has more time to review the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees. Trustees agreed to think about the topic more and bring their thoughts to the following regular meeting.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS - Miller noted the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

ADJOURNMENT – Cooper moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Bunton seconded. All in favor. All ayes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie Augle, President

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Stephen Miller, Secretary