FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:31 p.m. by President Augle. Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Bunton, and Director Komala present. Meshes arrived at 6:43 p.m. Cooper absent.

NEW BUSINESS: ATA Group 2025-2026 Audit Presentation from auditor Paul Inserra. Inserra said the Library ended the fiscal year in the black and that the audit process went smoothly. Miller asked about the building's value in the audit report. Inserra responded that for auditing purposes, historic cost is used, whereas fair market value is used only for insurance purposes. Meshes moved to accept the audit findings. Bunton seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes from Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Meshes, Bunton, Augle. Cooper absent.

INPUT FROM CITIZENS – Bridgett Kaiser, Adult and Technical Services Manager, and Alyssa Klusek, Youth Services Manager present. No public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS – All correspondence discussed.

1. ALA: Library Card Sign-Up Month 2026
2. Attorney Memo: Posting of Suicide Hotline Information

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Items to be included in Consent Agenda
    a. August 2026 Financial Reports, Disbursements, and Transfer of Funds of $25,000
    b. Minutes from the June 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
2. Consent Agenda Approval (voice vote) – Meshes moved to approve. Gipson seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes from Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Meshes, Bunton, Augle. Cooper absent.

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Library Director + District Calendar – Gipson noted a very positive reaction to new online registration for programs. Augle noted new employee Tony Peschke starting Thursday.
2. Youth Services – Gipson enjoyed Klusek's alcove message.
3. Adult Services – Augle enjoyed the photos.
4. IT Services
5. Mobile App

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Library Operating Hours – Komala said at the moment leaning toward expanding hours with a recommended effective date January 1, 2027, based on foot traffic data and strategic planning survey results. Komala urges board members to consider moving board meeting start time to 7 p.m. if library operating hours are expanded. Department managers are mocking up staff schedules to see if expanded hours can be accommodated. The discussion remains tabled.
2. 2027 Consolidated Election – Komala noted there are three x four-year-term open seats for the Library board in 2027 and that only one incumbent trustee is planning to run for re-election. Komala urged trustees to spread the word to neighbors and district residents to encourage them to run for the Library board and reminded them of the Monday, November 16-Monday, November 23 filing dates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-03 to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed – Komala provided information about how the estimated funds needed amount is determined and how it relates to the levy. Bunton moved to approve. Gipson seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes from Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Meshes, Bunton, Augle. Cooper absent.
2. DRAFT Levy Ordinance – Komala noted no change in the tentative levy request from the previous month's approval of a balanced budget. Miller moved to approve. Meshes seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes from Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Meshes, Bunton, Augle. Cooper absent.

3. Wold Proposal for Master Planning – Komala noted that it took longer than expected to receive the proposal but that there is money in the budget for this fiscal year if the board would like to move forward. Wold is planning to attend the October 20, 2026, regular board meeting to discuss the project and answer trustee questions.
4. Circulation Policy Updated – Komala noted that the expanded Library of Things collection brought updates to the internal structure of item types and collections and that the revised policy reflects these changes, which consolidates and simplifies the number of different item types. Gipson moved to approve. Christianson seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes from Gipson, Christianson, Miller, Meshes, Bunton, Augle. Cooper absent.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – Bunton announced that this would be her last term as Library trustee and that she would not be running for re-election. Miller asked if there were any bike items in the expanded Library of Things collection. Komala replied that a bike repair kit and bike locks have been purchased and would be added to the collection soon, with the intent that the bike locks will be used by patrons who ride their bikes to the Library. Miller noted the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library and will include the levy ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT – Bunton moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Christianson seconded. All in favor. All ayes. Cooper absent.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie Augle, President

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Stephen Miller, Secretary