

*Agenda Item #4 (a)*

**Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting**

**The Julia F. Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room • Main Library • 200 W. Green Street • Champaign  
January 21, 2026**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Blakeman.
2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Rajeev Malik, and Chaya Sandler  
  
Members absent: Minnie Pearson  
  
Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Iris Ashby, Amy Al-Shabibi, Tricia Duzan, Nicole Eveland, Salem Gebil, Kristina Hoerner, Rebecca Knaur, Linda Kuperschmid, Linda Wessels, Thea Green, Terry Goode, Heather Sheahan, Ari Sterling, and Jennifer Sutton  
  
Visitors present: Joe Laudont, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP - via Zoom
3. Approve the Agenda:
  - MOTION by Lansford to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
4. Approve the Minutes:
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2025
  - b. Closed Session Minutes, November 19, 2025
    - MOTION by La Due to approve both sets of minutes as presented; seconded by Malik. All: Aye.
5. FY2024-25 Audit Report (Joe Laudont, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP via Zoom)
  - Laudont presented the annual audit report.
  - MOTION by Andersson to receive the FY2024-25 Audit Report as presented, seconded by La Due. All: aye.
6. Director's Report:
  - Millington introduced the new Children's Services Manager, Jess Huffman.

- a. The Studio and Douglass Branch Makerspace Report:
  - Millington shared the statistics and usage in the report.
- b. Strategic Plan Progress Report (July – December 2025):
  - Millington provided the report.
7. FY2027 Library Board Meeting Schedule:
  - MOTION by Malik to approve the FY2027 Library Board Meeting Schedule as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
8. Financial Reports:
  - a. Approve Check Register for November and December 2025:
    - MOTION by Lansford to file the check register for November and December 2025 as presented; seconded by Foellmer. All: Aye.
  - b. FY2025/26 Financial Statements for November and December 2025:
    - MOTION by Malik to accept the November and December 2025 financials as presented; seconded by Andersson. All: Aye.
9. Committee and Liaison Reports:
  - a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:
    - Lansford reported that the Board met last week and things are going well. The Foundation voted on a new goal for the Anniversary campaign since the initial goal was obtained. The report on the audit was excellent.
  - b. City Council:
    - Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.
  - c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:
    - La Due reported that the Friends are excited for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and are discussing incentives. The Friends approved a request from the Library to help support the summer reading program which includes all ages.
10. Comments from the Audience:
  - Rebecca Knaur of Champaign addressed the Board.

11. Comments from the Board:

- Blakeman thanked the staff for the afterschool programming.
- Sandler shared appreciation for the great resources on Libby.

12. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, February 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Douglass Branch Library, 504 E. Grove St., C
- Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conf. Room, Main Library

13. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Malik to adjourn at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Foellmer. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Blakeman, President

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Michael La Due, Secretary

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Jill Bouvet, Recorder