

Agenda Item #4 (a)

**Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Large Meeting Room • Douglass Branch Library • 504 E. Grove Street • Champaign
March 25, 2026**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Blakeman.
2. Members present: Daly Andersson, Katie Blakeman, Charlisa Hart, Michael Foellmer, Michael La Due, Charles Lansford, Minnie Pearson, and Chaya Sandler

Members absent: Rajeev Malik

Library staff present: Brittany Millington, Jill Bouvet, Tricia Duzan, Elise Feltman, Salem Gebil, Rebecca Knaur, Thea Green, Terry Goode, and Jennifer Sutton

Visitors present: Shalini Manchi
3. Approve the Agenda:
 - MOTION by Lansford to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
4. Approve the Minutes:
 - a. Budget and Finance Committee Minutes, February 17, 2026
 - b. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2026
 - MOTION by Foellmer to approve both sets of minutes as presented; seconded by La Due. All: Aye.
5. Director's Report:
 - Millington gave a big shoutout to Elise and the Douglass Branch team who organized the Battle of the Books with over 700 community members attending. Congratulations to the Next Generation students who were the champions.
 - Millington announced a virtual event taking place with author Percival Everett, author of James, on IL Library Presents and in April, children's author of the Narwhal and Jelly books, Ben Clanton, will visit on April 22 at 6:30 pm during National Library Week. On April 23 at 7:00 pm, poet Michael J. La Due will talk about the art of poetry and share some of his work during National Poetry Month.

a. Douglass Branch Library Update (Thea Green, Douglass Branch Manager)

- Green gave an overview of programs held at Douglass Branch.

Pearson arrived at 5:37 p.m.

6. Surplus Property:

- MOTION by Foellmer to approve the Resolution for Surplus Property as presented; seconded by Sandler. All: Aye.

7. Financial Reports:

a. Approve Check Register for March 2026:

- MOTION by Foellmer to file the check register for February 2026 as presented; seconded by Pearson. All: Aye.

b. FY2025/26 Financial Statements for February 2026:

- MOTION by La Due to accept the February 2026 financials as presented; seconded by Andersson. All: Aye.

8. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Champaign Public Library Foundation:

- Lansford reported the meeting was last week and all is in order.

b. City Council:

- Foellmer provided an overview of the council meeting.

c. Friends of the Champaign Public Library:

- Duzan discussed the Library's 150th Anniversary events and the Friends gave a generous donation for the upcoming Juneteenth event.

9. Comments from the Audience:

- There were no comments.

10. Comments from the Board:

- Foellmer thanked staff for increasing his child's confidence when asking for help finding books.
- Lansford stated that Duzan did a wonderful job of leading the Foundation meeting.
- Blakeman appreciated the board meeting being moved to accommodate Unit 4's spring break.

- Andersson stated that her child was part of the Battle of the Books and appreciated such respectful parents and families. Also noting the staff were amazing and it was a lot of fun.

11. Next Meetings or Events:

- Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, May 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library
- Regular Meeting, June 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Burnham 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Main Library

12. Adjournment:

- MOTION by Andersson to adjourn at 5:52 p.m., seconded by La Due. All: Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Blakeman, President

Michael La Due, Secretary

Jill Bouvet, Recorder