



LIBRARY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 7:45 am
Minutes

Present: Gale Batsimm, Megan Butterfield, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Emily Copeland, Mary Danko, Chol Dhoor, Patrick Halladay, Cate MacLachlan, Amy Mellencamp, Wells Shelley, Lydia Spinner, Nick Tatakis, Rebecca Thompson, Mona Tolba.

Approval of minutes: from July 15. Patrick Halladay moved, Cate MacLachlan seconded, approved.

Approval of agenda: Cate MacLachlan moved, Patrick Halladay seconded, approved.

Public Forum: No public in attendance.

Friends of FFL Report: Friends fall book sale starts today and runs through the weekend. Friends Mini Golf committee is planning Mini Golf on March 19 & 20, 2027. The Friends are also planning for where they will be during the renovation. Capital Committee update is that they are hiring a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) as the BSD did. The Building Committee is meeting regularly. The Capital Campaign committee is working on a video. The goal is to have \$23M by January for the \$35M project.

Director's Report: Mary showed slides of the data from the first year of having an embedded social worker from the Howard Street Team at the library. This is the information she presented to City Council.

Staff Report: Megan presented on the 2026 Summer Challenge Program. There were many wonderful programs related to the Unearth A Story theme including Dino Dig, Dino Cakes, Dinoman, VINS (raptors), a Treasure Hunt, etc. A new site was added at the Intervale this year, which grew in popularity as folks learned the library would be present—families began bringing their children.

Subcommittee update:

Policy Committee will be meeting in October.

New/Other Business:

Green Mountain Book Festival speaker Ethan Tapper (author and forester) on September 19. Civic Reads series brings JJ Green, author of *The Noise War: How to Find the Truth When Everything Is Lying to You*, on Thursday, September 24.

Next meeting: November 18 at 7:45 a.m.

Adjournment: Becca Thompson moved, Cate MacLachlan seconded. Approved.