

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board met Wednesday, February 27, 2019, Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf meeting room.

ATTENDEES

Library Board: Katherine Blauvelt, Caitlin Cahill, Jonathan Gaw, Rahfat Hussain, Adja K. Kaba, Sheila Letscher, Margaret Ligon, Samuel Neisen, and Erin Vrieze Daniels

Hennepin County Staff: Interim Library Director Janet Mills, Amy Adelman, Susan Gleissner, Deb Johnson, Tracy Thompson, Cana Yang, and Husein Yussuf

Public: Janice Desirey, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Lesley McKintosh, Sharon Noble, Joanna Redman, Mary Steinbicker, Jane Shanard, and Lynn Stetler

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Erin Vrieze Daniels called the Hennepin County Library Board meeting of February 27, 2019, to order at 5:00 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Adja K. Kaba made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Samuel Neisen. Motion passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Caitlin Cahill made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 27, 2019; seconded by Sheila Letscher. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Hennepin County Library's Years of Service Brunch, now called Appreciation of Service Brunch, will be held Tuesday, May 21, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Ridgedale Library. If Board members are interested in volunteering at this event to help acknowledge staff celebrating milestone anniversaries please reach out to the Library Board Clerk.

Library Board

Katherine Blauvelt, President | Caitlin Cahill | Chris Damsgard | Tim Dolan | Jonathan Gaw | Rahfat Hussain
Adja K. Kaba, Secretary | Sheila Letscher | Margy Ligon | Samuel Neisen | Erin Vrieze Daniels, Vice President

Interim Library Director

Janet Mills



Appointment of the Nominating Committee

President Katherine Blauvelt appointed the following Board members to the Nominating Committee: Chris Damsgard, Chair; Rahfat Hussain, and Sheila Letscher. Adja K. Kaba made a motion to approve this nomination; seconded by Margy Ligon. Motion passed.

Director Selection Process Committee Report

With board approval, the Committee would like the Library Board finalist engagement to include two days of activities throughout suburban and urban library locations; comprised of tours, a meet and greet, a forum, and a board meeting to include discussion and finalizing recommendation.

Sheila Letscher made a motion to approve the Finalist Engagement Opportunity as presented and entrust the committee with handling the details and logistics, seconded by Samuel Neisen. Motion passed.

LIBRARY BOARD POLICIES

Policy Review, Johannah Genett, Resource Services Division Manager

Collection Development and Management Policy Review

Ms. Genett reviewed the highlighted changes on the policy draft in response to Library Board member's comments on January 23, 2019. She advised prior to the first read in May our attorney will review the policy.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library, Community and County Updates

MnSpin

MnSpin, HCL's local music streaming and download platform, supported by Friends of Hennepin County Library, is now accepting musician submissions. Minnesota musicians and bands of all genres are invited to submit one music recording, produced in the last five years, for consideration by March 27. A panel of local music experts and library staff will review all submissions, and invite selected artists to make one album available through the online platform. MnSpin artists will sign a license agreement and receive \$200. Currently, MnSpin features over 1,100 songs on more than 120 albums, covering 18 genres.

Hennepin Highlight – Abshir Omar

Cedar Riverside Community liaison Abshir Omar talks about his role and how important it is to him to give back to the community in a Hennepin Highlight video currently featured on the County's website. Omar's job is to build awareness of Hennepin County Library among the Somali community. By telling his story of going to high school and college, Abshir thinks he can inspire young students from his community to develop a lifelong love of learning that will help them succeed.

Student Collegiate Opportunities for Professional Employment (SCOPE)

Hennepin County Library is seeking two SCOPE interns who will work as librarians at Minneapolis Central and Sumner Libraries. Current MLIS students at St. Catherine University and/or other ALA accredited programs are eligible to apply and work in the position while attaining their MLIS degree.

Students are employed by Hennepin County, working at least 40 hours per pay period, while attending school.

This opportunity is designed for American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students and it aligns with the Library's 2019 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan goal of building a more diverse workforce of leaders at all levels. SCOPE, which stands for Student Collegiate Opportunities for Professional Employment, is a Hennepin County program to recruit and employ students from colleges and other post-secondary learning institutions as a method to identify future county employees.

Movie Screening

On March 17, HCL will screen the movie, "The Public" at Minneapolis Central Library. Seating will be general admission-style, first-come, first-serve. Emilio Estevez will be available for a question and answer session following the movie.

John F. Glanton Display

Nearly forgotten photos of 1940s Twin Cities by John F. Glanton were displayed this past month in the Hennepin Gallery, at the Government Center downtown. He captured dozens of family gatherings, social events, musical performances, church functions, sporting events, and individual portraits in the African American communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. His photographs provide a rare look into the personal, professional, and social lives of what was then a very small community in postwar, pre-civil rights era Twin Cities. You can view all of the John F. Glanton photographs in the library's digital collection on the public website. In celebration of Mr. Glanton, the County Board will recognize his achievements with a commendation.

Hosmer Library Winter Construction Update

New spaces are taking shape at Hosmer Library, including additional meeting rooms and an expanded entryway. Learn more and see photos at hclib.org/hosmerproject.

Oxboro Library Winter Construction Update

As construction continues, key building features are now visible at Oxboro Library, including the new entrance facing Portland Avenue. Learn more and see photos at hclib.org/oxboroproject.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friends of Hennepin County Library – Erin Vrieze Daniels

Vrieze Daniels provided an overview of the Friends of Hennepin County Library Strategic Plan Dashboard; a tool they use to track their strategic goals of awareness, appreciation, financial support and capacity building:

1. Increase awareness of Hennepin County Library programs and services
2. Grow appreciation of HCL as the institution offering free and open access to resources, programming and support in all communities across the county
3. Increase financial resources to support Hennepin County Library
4. Invest in FHCL internal structure for maximum external impact

DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

The Library Board invited members of the public to comment on what qualities they found important for the next library Director.

Janice Desirey, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Lesley McKintosh, Sharon Noble, Joanna Redman, Mary Steinbicker, Jane Shanard, and Lynn Stetler, addressed the board on their hopes for the attributes of the next Library Director, current concerns about Hennepin County Library, and what they value about Hennepin County Library.

Comments received support the Library Board in their role as an advisory board, charged with making a Library Director recommendation to the Hennepin County Administrator.

On behalf of the Board, Vice President Vrieze Daniels thanked all who spoke for sharing their thoughts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Vrieze Daniels shared her experience participating in Library Legislative day and encouraged Library Board members to attend in the future.

Citizen advisory board interviews have concluded. The County Board will appoint new Library Board members at a future meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Katherine Blauvelt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; seconded by Adja K. Kaba. Motion passed. The next scheduled meeting of the Hennepin County Library Board will be held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Meeting Room, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305.

Adja K. Kaba, Secretary