



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Library Advisory Committee

Date: 05/8/2025
Time: 5:30pm
Minutes prepared by: Chrissy Harrington
Location: Burnhaven Library

Attendance:

- Mary Janice Alongi District 1
- Ann Matthews-Baussion District 2
- Robin Cerio District 3
- Kari Cahn District 4
- Patricia Schoenecker District 7
- Shefali Meager At-Large Youth
- Margaret Stone Director
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson Deputy Director
- Chad Lubbers Branch Manager Burnhaven Library
- Chrissy Harrington Sr Library Administration

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Robin Cerio at 5:33pm. There were no public members in attendance during this meeting.

Consent Agenda

- The Consent agenda from March 13, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

Burnhaven Library: Chad Lubbers Branch Manager

- Chad Lubbers talked about being in the early stages of the upcoming renovations that will take place at the Burnhaven Library in 2027
- Burnhaven Library has a diverse customer base which includes Somalians, Ethiopians, and Latinos
- Burnhaven Library also has one of the most diverse staff with the Dakota County Library system
- Burnhaven Library has seen an increase of study rooms, meeting rooms, and Self-Service hours
- Burnhaven Library has also seen an increase of patron who live outside of Dakota County using the Burnhaven Library
- The two counties that are most representative is Scott County and Hennepin County
- The Burnhaven License Center has seen an increase of traffic to the Real ID law coming into effect
- Burnhaven has been in many different city-wide events including the following:
 - Juneteenth
 - MN Malayalee Association Indian Festival
 - Cinco De Mayo
 - Somalia Fest
 - And many more

Election of Vice-chair

- Lynette Cargill had to step down from her Vice-chair roll and the committee unanimously elected Kari Cahn to take over the Vice-Chair position in which she accepted

Director's Report

- Jennifer Reichert Simpson discussed the two events that were held at the Heritage Library and the Galaxie Library
- The Heritage Library hosted the Holi Festival which is the festival of colors
- 150 people attended and they had music, dancing, chai-tea, mango lassi, coloring, puzzles, learn the language and play activities
- The Galaxie Library hosted the Teen Job Fair this spring
- 750 people showed up for the job fair
- 14 local businesses were representative
- The Big Idea Trailer was present
- This is where students got to put on a pair of AR glasses to see how the job will be in real life

- The committee members made the decision to delay the suspension of a patron Self-Service card until the July meeting.
- Margaret Stone asked the committee members to send letter of support not to defund to the Inter Library Loan program to the local and federal officials that represent the State of Minnesota for the 2026 budget
- Margaret Stone also updated the committee members that the Public Conduct form has been updated and the new flyer will be in each branch soon

Updates from Committee Members

- Robin Cerio stated that her daughter and friends love to go the Galaxie Library after school for the snacks that they receive, and they really like the study rooms that the library provides.

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 6:30pm

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Date: July 10th 2025

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Heritage Library Lakeville