



## Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Library Advisory Committee

Date: 11/13/2025  
Time: 5:30pm  
Minutes prepared by: Chrissy Harrington  
Location: Galaxie Library

### Attendance:

- Mary Janice Alongi District 1
- Ann Matthew Baussan District 2
- Robin Cerio District 3
- Kari Cahn District 4
- Lee Knutson District 5
- Lynette Cargill District 6
- Patricia Schoenecker District 7
- Shefali Meager Youth at Large
- Olivia Tri Youth at Large
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson Library Director
- Heather Stephenson Assistant Library Director
- Russel Cogar Collections Manager
- Julie Dorn Materials Selection Manager
- Shawn Foster-Huot IT Manager
- Tyler Williams Galaxie Branch Manager
- Chrissy Harrington Sr Library Administration
- Andrew Kirsch Member of the Public

## **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by Robin Cerio at 5:30pm. There were 1 member of the public that attended the meeting.

## **Public Comment:**

- Public comment was received about the book The Holocaust by Clara MacCarald

## **Consent Agenda**

- Robin Cerio asked the committee to amend September 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 minutes to add to the Public Comment section that a written Public Comment was submitted.
- Kari Cahn moved to approve the September 11, 2025, Consent Agenda and Patricia Schoenecker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **iLab & Technology: Shawn Foster-Huot**

- Shawn shared all the different equipment and software that the Dakota County Library offers to the public
- Some of the equipment offered includes 3D printers, Creative Design-iMac, Sewing Machines, Paper Cutter, VHS to Digital Conversion, Button Maker and many more items
- The public can reserve this equipment online using their library card
- The iLABs do have volunteers at time to help the public with projects
- The library staff is also available to help patrons
- There is always ongoing training for staff when new equipment and software comes out
- The Library IT team manages maintenance of the equipment and software

## **Galaxie Library: Tyler Williams**

- The Galaxie Library has hired a Teen Service Coordinator and a new Youth Services Librarian this past year
- Galaxie has seen an increase of teens using the library
- Teens have responded positively to improvements in the teen area and events
- The new Teen Service Coordinator has implemented Somalia based programs and the teens have responded well to these programs and have express on how they love the library more
- The new Youth Services Librarian has implemented Storytime for new parents, babies and Kids

- The response on the Storytimes has been very positive and the attendance has grown in the past year
- The Adult Librarian has also been going out the Senior Living facilities within the community and has been great feedback and the older adults love to see the Librarian when they come to their facilities.
- Music in Kelly Park was a huge success this past summer a lot of people visited the library booth
- The Teen Job Fair this past Spring was a huge success with 750 teens attending the event and 20 Employers that were represented

## **Request for Reconsideration of Materials:**

- The committee members reviewed and listened to the request for reconsideration of The Holocaust by Clara MacCarald from the Children section of the library to the Teen/Adult section of the library
- The committee members discussed the book in relation to the library policy and Minnesota law
- The committee members did state content of the book is age-appropriate and the location of the book is in the older children's section of the library
- A motion by Patricia Schoenecker and seconded by Kari Cahn to keep the book in its current location was approved unanimously.

## **Committee Officers**

- Robin Cerio has service served has the Chair of the Library Advisory Committee for the last 2 years the maximum term for a chair
- The Committee members thanked Robin for her service
- The Committee members will vote in January 2026 for a Chair and Vice Chair

## **2026 Workplan Recap**

- The 2026 Work Plan will be going in front the Board of Commissioner in December to get approved.

## **Director Report**

- Jennifer thanked the committee members for their hard work with developing the 2026 Workplan
- The Budget cuts for the library will be finalized when the Board of Commissioners adopts the budget in mid-December

- Library priorities for 2026 include Customer Experience, Teen initiative, Learn to Read and management of budget and resources
- The Wentworth Library and Burnsville Library renovation work is progressing smoothly and remains on schedule
- The library will apply for a State Library Services Construction grant to create an outdoor meeting and event space
- The committee was informed that a public art piece is planned for installation at the Wentworth Library as part of their renovation

## **Updates from Committee Members**

- Lynette Cargill reported that the Heritage Library Book Sale was a huge success and raised over \$8,000.00 dollars

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 6:48pm

## **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Date: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Robert Trail Library- Rosemount