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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, January 15, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Decatur Public Library

Board Room

- I. **Call to order** – Karl Coleman
- II. **Consent Agenda— (Approval of Agenda; Approval of the December 11, 2025 minutes) (Action)**
- III. **Public comments**—15-minute time period for citizens to appear and express their views before the Decatur Public Library Board. Limit of 3 minutes per speaker; total of 15 minutes. **No immediate response will be given by the Library Trustees or Library staff members.**
- IV. **Written communications from the public (Discussion)**
- V. **Appeal of suspension (Action)**
- VI. **Division Head reports**—Becky Damptz, Alissa Henkel **(Discussion)**
- VII. **City Librarian’s report**—Rick Meyer **(Discussion)**
- VIII. **Reports of committees**

A. Personnel, Policy & Public Relations Committee-Samantha Carroll

- i. Ethics/Gifts Policy (Action)
- ii. Collection Development Policy (Tabled)
- iii. Emergency Succession Plan (Action)
- iv. Other

B. Finance and Properties Committee—Sofia Xethalis

- i. Capital Needs (**Discussion**)
- ii. December 2025 Check Register (**Action**)
- iii. December 2025 Actuals (**Discussion**)
- iv. Financial Policies (**Discussion**)
- v. Other

C. Foundation—Rick Meyer

- i. No Report

D. Friends of the Library – Samantha Carroll

- i. January 8 Meeting (**Discussion**)

E. Illinois Heartland Library System

- i. No Report

IX. Old Business

- A. Other (**Discussion**)

X. New Business

- A. Nominating Committee (**Action**)
- B. Election of Secretary (**Action**)
- C. Approval of 2026 Schedule (**Action**)
- D. Other (**Discussion**)

XI. Adjournment

If you have questions please contact: Rick Meyer, City
Librarian 421-9713