



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Library Board

The Manske Library
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Manske Library

Presiding:	Kristen Hansen
Present:	Kathy (Lee) Alvoid, Stacey Baker, Dawn Calzada, Paul Shulz
Absent:	John Paul Giolma, Zechariah Thompson, Neil Thomas
City Representative:	Michael Kaufmann-Lynch (Assistant Library Director), Robert Diaz (Parks and Recreation), Sue Considine (LS&S)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Hansen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Library Board.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 TMP-5481 Consider approval of Minutes for the May 14, 2026, meeting; and take appropriate action.

Accept the minutes as presented. Stacey Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Paul Shulz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C.2 TMP-5482 Receive an update on Library Policies.

The Board heard from Robert Diaz, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Policies to be reviewed at City Council Study Session on June 16, 2026.
- If policies move forward, place on agenda as consent adoption item for City Council Session at a meeting in July 2026.
- Policies may go to City Council on an annual basis going forward.

C.3 TMP- 5483 Receive Trustee Report

Kathy (Lee) Alvoid and Paul Shulz provided the Trustee Report. Discussion included:

- How libraries are adapting to fewer resources and AI challenges
- Important moments in American library history
- Sustainability and libraries in National Parks
- Public libraries look for price relief for digital materials

C.4 TMP-5484 Receive an update from Friends of the Library Re-Establishment Subcommittee.

Susan Considine from LS&S provided updates on services offered and called for a Subcommittee Meeting to discuss next steps with marketing materials and legal documents.

C.5 TMP-5485 Receive Patron Feedback

- No feedback in May from Listen360, but several Google reviews. 1-star review with no comment. Several 5-star comments.

C.6 TMP-5486 Receive Library Director's Report.

- 120% increase in Teen Program Attendance
- Summer Reading Kick-Off event well attended
- Increased interest from teens for craft-focused events, like crochet.
- Continued progress on Braille-Enhanced Bilingual StoryWalk, including launch event on June 26 at 10:30 a.m.
- New Innovation Zone Specialist, Jared Roncallo.
- Wonderful Wednesday performers at Branch Connection went well.
- Subsequent programs will be back in the Community Hub.
- Birds of Prey in June.
- Summer Reading Challenge Cards available for all ages now.

C.7 TMP-5487 Receive an update from Board Members on programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

- Summer Reading Program starts May 30.

C.8 TMP-5452 Discuss agenda items for future Library Board meetings.

- No July meeting, will reconvene in August.
- Jólabókafloð book drive discussion for August

D. ADJOURNMENT

Stacey Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dawn Calzada. The motion carried. June 11, 2026, meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Chair

Staff Liaison