



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Library Board

The Manske Library
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, January 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Manske Library

Presiding:	Kristen Hansen
Present:	Kathy (Lee) Alvoid, Zechariah (Zech) Thompson, John (Paul) Giolma, Neil Thomas, Dawn Calzada, Paul Schultz
Absent:	Stacy Baker
City Representative:	Tracie Kreighbaum (Library Director), Robert Diaz (Parks and Recreation), Tara Bradley (Parks and Recreation)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kristen Hansen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 TMP-5309 Consider approval of minutes for November 13, 2025, and take appropriate action.

A correction was noted to the attendance record. Zechariah (Zech) Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes with modifications. The motion was seconded by Kathy (Lee) Alvoid. Motion carried.

C.2 TMP-5310 Receive Trustee Report.

Kathy (Lee) Alvoid and Paul Shultz provided the Trustee Report. Discussions included:

- Reinstatement of federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grants following multi-state litigation.
- U.S. Supreme Court decision declining to hear a Fifth Circuit case regarding library materials as government speech.
- Status of pending national litigation related to library content restrictions.
- Reintroduction of federal legislation addressing librarian liability protections.
- Public Library Association created a task force on artificial intelligence and libraries.
- Libraries are important in times of natural disasters. Question on the need for library generators.

C.3 TMP-5311 Receive Patron Feedback

Updated feedback was distributed and discussed, including:

- Noise concerns within the library.
- Outside lighting issues, which were reported to Facilities and addressed.
- Potential solutions discussed, including acoustic treatments and a possible grant for this purpose.

C.4 TMP-5312 Receive an update from the Subcommittee on the annual Jolabokafloð Book Drive.

Dawn Calzada provided the Report. Discussions included:

- Approximately 400 books collected.
- Branch Connection will be taking the books for adults.
- Metrocrest offered to take children's books. Tracie will reach out.

C.5 TMP-5313 Receive an update from the Friends of the Library Re-establishment Subcommittee.

Paul Shultz provided the Report. Discussions included:

- Kathy (Lee) Alvoid, John (Paul) Giolma and Paul Shultz met to discuss re-establishment.
- Goal to create direction for the new Friends Group to begin.
- Friends Groups can serve as a fundraising arm.
- Discussion on existing bylaws and corporate filing of former Friends Group.
- Plans to contact former Friends members to gain information.

C.6 TMP-5314 Receive an update from Board Members on programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

Kathy (Lee) Alvoid provided the Report. Discussions included:

- Success of Santa & Cookies program in December.
- Library placement at Christmas Carnival will be changed for next year.
- Word Weavers and Tale Spinners Writing Groups that meet at the Library published a book, ARRAS. Holding a book launch on January 17 from 4-6 pm.

C.7 TMP-5315 Receive the Library Director's Report.

Tracie Kreighbaum provided the Report. Discussions included:

- Santa and Cookies event 339 people attended.
- Expanded kits to circulate. Binder at the circulation desk.
- Lucky Day collection has high circulation. Using place for "DOA" books as well.
- Collecting puzzles for redistribution program on January 29.
- Tiny Art Show Exhibit on 21st at 6pm.

C.8 TMP-5316 Discuss agenda items for future Library Board meetings.

- Update from Friends of the Library Re-establishment Subcommittee
- Grants for upcoming library projects. High dollar (more than \$10K).
- Recent grants: Rebuilding the board books collection and StoryWalk.
- Future grant ideas: Equipment for Innovation Zone. Soundproofing.
- Next meetings February 12 and March 12th.

D. ADJOURNMENT

John (Paul) Giolma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Zechariah (Zech) Thompson. The motion carried. The January 8, 2026, meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Chair

Staff Liaison