

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
LOCATED AT 9015 GRAND AVENUE
August 21, 2025**

Board Participants:

Kathy Antropik	Chair, Place 3
Staci Pope	Board Member, Place 1
Tyler Chambers	Board Member, Place 4
Erin Rodriguez	Board Member, Place 5
Deborah Smith	Board Member, Place 6
Stacy Herron	Board Member, Place 7
Lo Linford	Board Member, Alternate

Absent:

Holly Mitchell	Board Member, Place 2
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Staff Participants:

Cecilia Barham	Library Director
Kinsey Peresh	Librarian
Cathy McNeely	Library Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kathy Antropik called the meeting to order on August 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This meeting had no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rodriguez moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Smith seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCTION

Ms. Barham introduced new board members Staci Pope (place 1) and Lo Linford (Alternate), who briefly talked about themselves and met the board and library staff.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Barham reviewed the library's key performance indicators from May-July 2025 and answered questions.

REPORT ON PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Ms. Barham reported on the 2025 Mayor Summer Reading Club highlights:

- Over 95,000 hours read and a total of 6,612 people attended the programs, 81 of them exclusively for children. A survey was conducted with participants and 75% said they read more as a result of our reading program, 86% improved their reading skills, and 100% would return. Ms. Barham also announced the 2026 theme: Unearth a story.

And upcoming Library events, including:

- Mapping the Journey series on 9/8, 9/15, and 9/22 at 2:00pm.
- Pokémon Club on 9/9, from 4:00-6:00pm.
- Sombati World Music performance on 9/20 at 3:00pm.
- Joyful Paint Along on 10/28 at 6:00pm.

CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSAL

Ms. Barham informed that a bond proposal for 2026 is being considered by a capital project advisory committee. The capital improvements will possibly include expansion of the community room to accommodate larger events and programs, more study rooms on the first floor, shifting The Maker Spot to the first floor and all adult collection to the second floor. Ms. Barham will present the floor plan and proposed bond budget in the upcoming board meetings.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Ms. Barham introduced Kinsey Peresh, who will be the new Children department supervisor. The Adult Services department will open a position for Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2025 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

ATTEST:

Cathyanne McNeely
Library Clerk

Kathy Antropik
Chairwoman