

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 5:00 p.m.
Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board President Janell Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Janell Armstrong, Nicole Cox, Mike Cockrum, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Noel Gordon, Dennis Beeson, Elizabeth Hargrave, and Shelly Baldwin.

Board Members Absent: Michelle Moore

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

Minutes Approval: Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were approved at the August 13, 2025 meeting.

Director's Annual Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports 1) There has been a significant jump in Bridges/Libby ebook checkouts – thank you to the Friends of the Drake Public Library for generously funding this services, 2) there has also been a significant increase in attendance at library events and activities for both children and adults, 3) there have been more visitors to the library, increasing wi-fi usage as well, 4) New signage in the front of the library has been a great addition, with further improvements to come – grants are in process for improving the front steps, security lighting in parking areas, renovating the book drop, and replacement of the front brick sign, 5) Summer Reading Program has been a great success, 6) DPL has received state accreditation at the highest tier of services for the next 3 years, and 6) DPL staff will be adjusting and accommodating to the new 4 day school week of Centerville Community Schools. Goals for the next year: 1) Continue working with CCSD to provide programs and services, 2) continue to expand adult services and programs, 3) continued expansion of ebook service usage, 4) continuing education opportunities will be tailored to staff and patron interests, and 5) proceeding with exterior improvements to the beautiful library building.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers – Mike Cockrum moved to elect Janell Armstrong as President, Nicole Cox as Vice President, and Michelle Moore as Secretary, Kathy Cridlebaugh second, approved by all.

2. Committee Assignments – President Janell Armstrong informed the board members of their committee assignments she has made.

3. Approval of Public Meeting Notice Sites – Nicole Cox moved to designate the lower level glass doors as the site for posting public notices including Library Board meeting agendas, Noel Gordon second, approved by all.

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