

City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Library Board

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

started at 6:03

6:03 - Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Turek.

Present: 5 - Board Member Mason Randall, Vice Chair Laura Turek, Board Member Anna Runestad, Board Member Judith Schotzko and Board Member Sherry Mooney

Absent: 2 - Chair Kate Carlson and Board Member Joe Hargis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Schotzko, to approve the . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Runestad, Board Member Schotzko and Board Member Mooney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Mooney, to approve the . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Runestad, Board Member Schotzko and Board Member Mooney

1. Approval of The May 14, 2025 Library Board Draft Minutes

PRESENTATIONS

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Last subcommittee meeting we talked about how we have been getting lots of awards and this could lead us to be recognized as we already have been. Honorable mention and 2 movers and shakers. The Klien award, that would come with a prize that we could use. We a good start to this application. We can never have enough letters, and also any other ideas on how to highlight us

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Subcommittee report.
3. Library Board appoints SELCO Board Representative.

Mooney will be able to do August. Runestad is interested in running, will have to renew her term on the end of the year. Will be voted on for the next meeting in September.

4. Library Strategic Plan Report.

We are finally able to lend out state park passes. We made sure to emphasize that our outreach team will be taking it out to people in minority communities. capital funds;We

did end up getting the award, to help with the planning of the outside, shelving for children's area, more space better for programs as well, teen space is also going to be moving to the movie area, making it so that the old teen room is now another place to book for meetings or just study area, as well as some study pods that we will have available around the library for privacy working area, the new passport office will be also available for a room as well, back up generator (we are a cooling shelter in Rice County). We got a donation of about 9 Nordic walking poles.

Gave tours of the Oasis, about interesting community models, to two national audiences. Karin has been doing a lot with the older adults visits, one place made their own summer reading challenge in that area. second wednesdays podcast, this month bill north and pam oheara did a dive on the history of books, and what they are as an object, Bill very smart. Alexis very popular book club with brewery, she was invirted to tell her story about some city pages.

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We have been working with the Tarmakov family, to do something with sensory kits and collections. Another thing coming from this partnership is the social story; what they do is that they navigate unknown environment using pre made slides. It's a story that walks you through the library for anyone that is about to visit for the first time. Rocky Casillas, is working on making a little character that takes you around the library. The internship program in the summer couldn't have been done without the help of the FFNPL.

STAFF UPDATES

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Gary is the FFNPL representative this month; FFNPL is working on finding new members, they are down to 8. They would ideally like it to be 12. Need some more publicity for the group, explaining who they are and what do. Big places in town, including the colleges, could be giving more support to the library. The current financial situation from the FFNPL is great. Supports internships, pride programs, Hispanic Heritage Celebration and much more. Looking for 3-4 well rounded people, maybe someone that is good in social media or marketing. SELCO update: future changes in the delivery sorting, will make it cheaper and

faster to sort those items.

August 5th, 8:30 am, Rice County board of commissioners to present our budget request. We are asking a 4% increase. Anyone can go and fill the room, it's a pretty empty room. It will be in Faribault at the government center.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Mooney, to approve the . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Runestad, Board Member Schotzko and Board Member Mooney