



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Library Board

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Library Meeting Room

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*Others present: Alison Huang (Youth Representative), Natalie Draper (Staff Liaison), Karin Bartlett (Clerical Liaison) Diana Postlethwaite (FFNPL Representative), Cat Stricklan (Youth Services Librarian) left meeting 7:01 p.m., Adriana Perez (City of Northfield Interpreter)*

**6:04- Meeting called to order by Chair Jane Moore.**

- Present:** 6 - Mason Randall, Vice Chair Laura Turek, Board Member Pam Charlton, Chair Jane Moore, Board Member Thelma Estrada and Board Member Kate Carlson
- Absent:** 2 - Board Member Paola Torres-Bermundez and Board Member Nathaly Sanchez Hernandez

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Charlton to approve the April 12, 2023 agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 6 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Chair Moore, Board Member Estrada and Board Member Carlson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Charlton to approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 6 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Chair Moore, Board Member Estrada and Board Member Carlson

1. Library Board March 8 2023 Minutes Draft

**Attachments:** [Library Board Mar 8 2023 draft](#)  
[MeetingMinutes 3-08-23 draft. Spanish](#)

## PRESENTATIONS

*Cat Stricklan- Youth Services Librarian specializing in teen services- presented about their current projects.*

*Cat purchases all YA print, media and ebooks, also JNF and J media. Responsible for collection management and presentation, teen programming, Teen Advisory Board, creating and developing the new Teen Space, Cirrculating Technology, Teen Summer volunteers and the Summer Reading plan and implementation. Also plans school and community outreach including 7th grade school visits, Summer Blast and Summer Plus visits and activities at the Northfield Union of Youth. Recent success, Spring Break Pokemon Party, Gaming Afternoon for tweens and teens, Crafternoons, and 4 sessions of jelly plate printing over 2 weeks with Epic adults. Cat is grateful for their position at library and the work they get to do. Cat has developed all teen programming in the last two years.*

2. Presentation. Presentación.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comment.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion of Trends in Libraries. Debate sobre tendencias en bibliotecas.

**Attachments:** [March Northfield News Column 2023](#)  
[ALA book challenges 2022](#)  
[library journal sanctuary library](#)

*Discussion on the importance of book challenges and the library process for handling challenges. 2022 had a record number of challenges, almost twice as many as previous years.*

*Board Member Randall felt that creating a safe harbor library would benefit Northfield. The Chicago Public Library and branches have declared as sanctuary libraries. Proposed making a draft resolution to see what language would be like. Board Member Turek asked about the balance of comment in correlation to the number of challenges. Important to review the updated public comment portion of the rules of business so the Board can properly react. Board Member Turek suggested creating talking points for staff when communicating with parents; seconded by Board Member Charlton. Board Member Carlson recommended Common Sense Media; which is a parent oriented facts only source.*

4. National Library Week 2023. Semana Nacional de la Biblioteca 2023.

**Attachments:** [letter to editor draft](#)

*April 23rd-29th. Board Chair Moore drafted a letter to editor for Board approval. Board Member Charlton suggested highlighting expanded outreach including home delivery and bilingual services.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Carlson, seconded by Board Member Randall to approve the amended draft letter for the Northfield News. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Chair Moore, Board Member Estrada and Board Member Carlson

## STAFF UPDATES

*Circulation statistics up for first time since 2019; door count over pre-pandemic. Dia de los Ninos and book giveaway with author event end of April. Next year the event suitable for Library Oasis including NCRC providers. New Adult Programming and Outreach Librarian will begin in May. June 18th is Reading Day at the Dundas Dukes baseball game; kick off to all ages summer reading program.*

5. Staff Update.

**Attachments:** [Directors report](#)

[Directors report March.Spanish](#)

[Mar 2023 Circulation](#)

[Feb 2023 Circulation spanish](#)

## REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIR

*SELCO- Discussion of merging SELCO and SELS; Advocacy Committee Meeting April 18th. MN Park passes awarded using school free and reduced lunch statistic. Northfield does not qualify.*

*HCI- Need AmeriCore tutors in Climate/Environmental, Learning and Language, Math, and Early Childhood. Provides pay, tuition stipend, health insurance and child care. Positions available in Northfield and Faribault.*

*FFNPL- Editing Oasis letter to send to larger community donors. Entering the second phase, over half way to goal. Providing 3 scholarships for High School seniors. Not based on need, but library participation.*

*Board Member Carlson left the meeting 7:17p.m.*

*Library Director- Fundraising event at Imminent Brewing for Pride in the Park. May meeting Krista Ross((SELCO) will lead discussion on Mission, Vision and Value statements.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**7:21- A motion was made by Board Member Randall, seconded by Board Member Estrada to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Turek, Board Member Charlton, Chair Moore, Board Member Estrada and Board Member Carlson