



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, April 15, 2026 was held at 7:00pm, at the La Grange Park Public Library, 555 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

1. President Demes-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Demes-O'Brien, Vice-President Whitman, Treasurer Hightower, Secretary Snow, and Trustees Gies, Krall, and Sifuentes. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s): Blaine Teppema, Children's Services Librarian, and patron, Hugh Dellios.
5. Public Comment: Patron Hugh Dellios lives close by and has been impressed with how the library is organized. He also asked how the library is connected with the Village of La Grange Park.
6. Staff Reports: Blaine Teppema, Children's Services Librarian, informed the Board that the Children's Department is working on the 4th episode of their podcast. Soon-to-be retirees Margaret and Louise will be featured in the episode. Beth Skolba started on April 14, 2026 in the Children's Department. The Department is finishing up a video for the Birds of a Feather Summer Reading Program. Director Oppenheim asked the Board for volunteers to march in the Pet Parade in May. He also reminded the board that their Ethic Statements were due before the end of the month (to avoid being assessed a fine by the county). He mentioned that he and Diana also started phone interviews for the Technology Assistant position. He updated the Board on the shade in the MLH Community Room. The shade was still non-functional, but was soon due to be replaced. Finally, he talked briefly about National Library Week, April 19-25, and Zip Code Day, June 6 (6/05/26).
7. Trustee reports: None
8. Snow motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Snow, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Gies, Hightower, and Demes-O'Brien.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$32,973.72
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38267-38306
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Gies motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve Makerspace Policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
10. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of FY2026-2027 Draft Budget. Director Oppenheim explained why a few lines were increased significantly from the current budget, and then detailed some of the maintenance issues that he expects to be resolved in the next fiscal year.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None
12. No further business adjournment-Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Krall, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.