



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, May 20, 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 7:00 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Demes-O'Brien, Vice-President Whitman, Treasurer Hightower, Secretary Snow, and Trustees Krall and Sifuentes. Absent, Trustee Gies. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s):
5. Public Comment:
6. Staff Reports: Director Oppenheim informed the board that the sun shades in the community room are all finally working correctly. He also relayed that the technology in the MLH Community Room is being upgraded by Catie. He mentioned that Amy Hernandez started in Tech Services earlier in the day. She will be training briefly with Louise before the latter retires. He explained that the library received a grant from the Rotary Club of La Grange in the amount of \$1,300 to pay for half of the subscription of Reference Solutions. He will get the check at an awards luncheon in early June. Finally, he briefly spoke about Zip Code Day, which is June 05, 2026. Staff are still working the final edits for the community cookbook; it should have about 20 recipes. The library will have puzzles to decorate that day, and some staff members will be attending the Park District's talent show.
7. Trustee reports: President Demes O'Brien announced that she will be attending the ALA Conference at the end of June. Trustee Snow will be attending and teaching there as well. Staff member Tremonisha West will also be in attendance. Trustee Sifuentes attended the LACONI Banquet and enjoyed meeting, networking, and comparing what other libraries are doing or have done. Trustee Snow did a presentation for LACONI in Plainfield, where she showed our list of Library of Things from the website. Attendees were very impressed. Trustee Whitman mentioned speaking to a grandmother in the Children's Department who stated that she goes to other libraries in the area, but this library is her favorite to visit. She enjoys how friendly we are.
8. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Sifuentes, Krall, Hightower, Snow, Whitman, and Demes-O'Brien.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$91,930.82
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38307-38354
9. Unfinished business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. Whitman motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Approving Board Meeting Dates for FY27. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - b. Snow motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve Ordinance 2026-02 Declining Non-Resident Library Card Program Participation. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Snow, Hightower, Sifuentes, Krall, Whitman, and Demes O'Brien.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None
12. No further business adjournment- Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Hightower, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.