



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, July 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 7:00 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): None
5. Public Comment: None
6. Staff Reports: Oppenheim informed the board that the library had 500 participants for Summer Reading and 240,000 minutes read as of the date of the meeting; the community reading goal is 400,000 minutes. He said that Zip Code Day was a success and thanked participants for the recipes they submitted for the community cookbook. He also mentioned that the puzzle room received positive feedback for its relaxing environment. The Teen Improv team did a great job at the Zip Code Day event at the Recreation Center. Finally, he let the board know that Amber Johnson will send us a proposal for strategic planning.
7. Trustee reports: None.
8. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Snow, Gies, Sifuentes, Krall, Hightower, Whitman, and Demes-O'Brien.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$51,373.53
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38387-38432
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Gies motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve the Health Safety Guidelines and Procedures policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - b. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Identity Protection Policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - c. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Outstanding Check policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
10. New Business:
 - a. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve Ordinance 2026-03: Tentative Budget and Appropriations. Motion Passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Hightower, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
 - b. Krall motioned, seconded by Sifuentes, to set a date for the public hearing on the Budget & Appropriation for FY 27 on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:45pm. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - c. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve the Illinois Public Library Annual Report for FY 26. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - d. Appointment of library foundation committee –Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Whitman, to appoint Trustees Krall Gies to the library foundation committee. Motion passed. All in favor.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None



12. No further business adjournment- Whitman motioned, seconded by Sifuentes, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.