

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



March 26, 2025

Board Present: Andre Jordan, President; Helen Cox, Vice-President; Robert Banks; Kathryn Harris; Mary Mucciante; Chris Terry

Board Absent: Ann Mares, Marty Ryan

Staff Present: Emily Stone, Assistant Director; Denise Fisher, Operations Coordinator; Jeff Blazis, Fiscal Officer; Amy Anderson, Library Assistant IV; Ma'ayan D'antonio, Librarian I

President Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

The Board approved the minutes for the February 2025 meeting.

Financial Report: Jeff Blazis, interim Fiscal Officer, stated that he would be returning as our Fiscal Officer until a new hire is made. Blazis stated that end of FY25 wrap up is ongoing and completed February financials will be presented at the April meeting.

Director's Report: *(Presented by Asst. Director Stone)*

GENERAL UPDATES

- Asst. Director Stone stated that due to the Director's absence the review of Serving Our Public 4.0 – Standards for Illinois Libraries Exhibit 1: Chapter 12 (Technology) would be presented upon Director Harrison's return
- The Bookmobile arrived Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Its current location on the South Plaza will be its parking place while not in use. An Open House for the Library Board will be scheduled for May 28, 2025, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.
- New seating was added to the public computer lab on the second floor.
- The AFSCME Local 3738 contract expires in August so negotiations for the new contract have begun.
- Storytime is back, with events Monday and Thursday mornings through May 1. Beginning May 8, we will be at Lincoln Memorial Garden for 4 weeks of Thursday morning story times.

- Director Harrison wrote letters of support for Lincoln Land's Adult Volunteer Literacy Program and the Fishes and Loaves Outreach Program.
- All Board Members were signed up for L2: Library Directory & Learning Calendar and are encouraged to check out the trainings and events available.

NEW STAFF AND HIRING

- New Youth Services staff members Ma'ayan D'Antonio (Librarian I) and Amy Anderson (Library Assistant IV) were introduced to the board.
- Jeff Blazis will serve as Interim Fiscal Officer, but applications have been received for a permanent replacement for Matt Johnson.
- Public Relations Manager interviews were held this week, with many good candidates. A second round of interviews has been scheduled.
- SVC has posted a Summer Intern position to help with digitizing more of the collection.
- The Library Page position is still in progress.

PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

- Assistant Director Stone spoke at the Springfield Retired Teacher's Club last week for Director Harrison.
- Lincoln Library participated in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.
- Lincoln Library is promoting upcoming Illinois Libraries Present programs, including "The Art of Foraging."
- The Library will once again take part in an NEA Big Read program. This year the program is being spearheaded by the Illinois State Museum.
- Board members were encouraged to take part in the iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal Statewide Workshop on Saturday, April 5.
- Saturday, May 17—the Library will take part in Springfield PrideFest and the Alliance Book sale will be held.

President's Report: President Jordan voiced his approval that the elevators are currently in good repair and display helpful signage. He also offered kudos to staff for making things run smoothly as the weather changes and the library see an influx of visitors.

Alliance Report:

Chris Terry reported that the Alliance will host the annual book sale on May 17th.

The Alliance has approved the money for the library's Summer Reading Program. The Alliance and Springfield Rotary are working together to place a library at Helping Hands. The Rotary will be donating money while the Alliance will supply the books.

Chris Terry will follow up with the Alliance to get more information about the Fly-brary project.

Foundation Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

The election for the new Board of Trustees Secretary position was tabled until the next meeting so that Director Harrison and missing Trustees can be in attendance.

Building Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for April 23:

Public Forum:

- Becky Whitlow from League of Women Voters reminded everyone that there was a local election on April 1st and that early voting is available at the Sangamon County Building.
- Nathan Briggs, a trustee for the village of Southern View and a participant in the District 186 Real Men Read program, stated that he would love to have Southern View students be able to come to the library. He stated that he was aware that Southern View was not in Capitol Township and therefore not in our library district. Staff explained that Southern View was in the Rail Splitter Library District which, unfortunately, does not currently have a library.

It was clarified that residency boundaries were not set by Lincoln Library. However, it explained that despite being in another library district:

- Due to the Cards for Kids Act anyone under the age of 18 can get a card
- All District 186 students receive electronic cards automatically
- Individuals do not need a library card to partake in library programming
- There is an option of purchasing a non-resident card which covers the entirety of each household

Mr. Briggs was also encouraged to reach out to the Youth Services Manager if he would like a library tour for a classroom.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.

**ROLL CALL FOR
THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
Date 03.26.25**

Meeting called to order

Meeting adjourned

(Mark Y for yea and N for nay) First Motion Second Motion

Vote Results

Attendance		Minutes			Adjourn
<u>✓</u>	Banks, Robert	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
<u>✓</u>	Cox, Helen	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
<u>✓</u>	Harris, Kathryn	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
<u>✓</u>	Jordan, Andre	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
<u>∅</u>	Mares, Ann	<u>∅</u>	_____	_____	<u>∅</u>
<u>✓</u>	Mucciante, Mary	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
<u>∅</u>	Ryan, Marty	<u>∅</u>	_____	_____	<u>∅</u>
<u>✓</u>	Terry, Chris	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>

Staff in Attendance: Emily Stone, Asst. Director; Denise Fisher, Operations Coordinator; Jeff Blazis, Fiscal Officer; Amy Anderson, Library Assistant IV; Ma'ayan D'antonio, Librarian I