

MINUTES OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

December 17, 2025

Members present: Kevin Dorth, President
Rodney Ellis, Treasurer
Kathi Mattas, Secretary
Al Mattingly
Tim Kline

Others present: Erin Waller, Director
Ryan Henry, Collection Development Manager
Commissioner Janie Marksberry, Fiscal Court Liaison

At 5:00 p.m., President Kevin Dorth called the meeting to order in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Daviess County Courthouse.

President Kevin Dorth called for approval of the November minutes. Al Mattingly motioned to approve, Tim Kline seconded, and the motion carried.

Kevin Dorth called for the Treasurer's Report, which was presented by Rodney Ellis. With no further discussion or questions, Kathi Mattas made the motion to approve, Mr. Dorth seconded, and the motion carried.

Erin Waller gave the Director's Report, including:

1. The annual winter reading program began Dec. 1 and has about 600 registered so far. She noted that it typically has smaller enrollment than the summer reading program.
2. So far the 2nd floor construction is going smoothly.
3. The new website design is up. Erin asked for feedback if there were any questions or if anything appeared to be missing.
4. Helen Freeman of PA, who had previously done Dahl family genealogy research with the help of the DCPL KY Room, loves the library and gave a \$40,000 donation for local history research. At this time she desires no recognition for this gift.

Ryan Henry updated the Board on:

1. In addressing previous Board questions regarding parental controls to on-line services such as Libby, Hoopla, etc., Ryan provided a helpful hand-out on "website login" which explains how to set up parental controls for those who wish to control access, reminding all that the library does not control the content of these websites.
2. Ryan supplied a second hand-out, "DCPL Display Tally Report," to explain the results of a 21-day study, including the staff's tracking of restocking the displays based on the amount of usage by patrons. He gave a brief overview of the report, explained the displays' impact on circulation, and noted that the

first floor displays are used the most.

Kevin Dorth asked about the process and waiting time for checking out family passes from the library. That process was outlined, and it was also noted that there is no limit to the number of times patrons may check out the passes.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Second Reading of the Collection Development Policy

Tim Kline reviewed the changes made to the policy draft since the first reading and suggested excluding the section on displays for now, pending further review and consideration of the information provided by Mr. Henry, in order to get the updated collection development policy in place.

Al Mattingly expressed concern about how far the proposed policy goes with the addition of other subject since the first reading and questioned the standards outlined for materials placement in the library.

Kathi Mattas referred Mr. Mattingly to the MPAA guidelines referenced in the policy for clarification.

Tim Kline acknowledged that setting standards is difficult but necessary for the sake of minors and that the RFR process would be in place to address concerns on various content.

Rodney Ellis agreed with Al Mattingly that the sexually explicit content issue was clear, but that other subject matter is more “gray,” such as violence, which is also in some religious books. He felt including more than sexually explicit content was “questionable.”

Tim Kline noted that he was trying to address other board members’ questions and suggestions from the previous meeting’s discussion by incorporating these additional subject matter concerns in the policy. He stated that he does not view the board as “parenting,” but as stewards of the library who would have parents know that their kids are not exposed to graphic or explicit content, similar to such as outlined by MPAA. He stated that this is not parenting, but rather is providing guidelines about what is age appropriate – that it is not restricting materials from the library, but about what is best for youth, which is our obligation as the board. The decision to check out adult content materials from the adult department will be left up to the parent who chooses that for their minor children, while protecting other parents’ minor-aged children from stumbling across such material in the children or teen departments.

Al Mattingly made the motion to take out the graphic violence, suicide, self-harm, alcohol/tobacco/drug use section from the new draft of the policy because he viewed these additional topics are ill-defined.

Rodney Ellis seconded. The motion failed 3 – 2. The ayes included Al Mattingly and Rodney Ellis. The nays included Tim Kline, Kevin Dorth, and Kathi Mattas.

Erin Waller mentioned, to inform the board, that author John Green has brought lawsuits against libraries for removing his books.

Tim Kline made the motion to remove the display portion from the collections policy, Al Mattingly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rodney Ellis raised a question regarding clarifying the cataloging and shelving portion.

Tim Kline noted that the RFR process should work more efficiently with this new policy in place. He then made the motion to approve the updated Collection Development Policy, Kathi Mattas seconded, and

the motion passed 3 – 2. The ayes included Tim Kline, Kevin Dorth, and Kathi Mattas. The nays included Rodney Ellis and Al Mattingly.

Erin Waller made a procedural suggestion in light of the new policy, that any current RFR's awaiting a decision could be reviewed by herself and Ryan Henry based on the new policy guidelines. President Kevin Dorth stated that the Chair approved of this suggestion.

Kevin Dorth adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be held at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in the second floor Courtroom of the Daviess County Courthouse at 212 St. Ann Street.

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