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## DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 25, 2026

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Danielle Gabor at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Danielle Gabor, Maria Sargent, Dustin Sharp, Vanessa Schoon Smith, Susan Swaney and Susan Topping were present. Eric Gustafson, Library Director, Hannah Adamson, Assistant Director and Tami English, Office Manager also attended. Jamie Hollon was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Susan Topping moved to approve the agenda as written. Maria Sargent seconded and the motion approved unanimously.

**Public Forum:** None

**Approval of January 28, 2026 meeting minutes:** Vanessa Schoon Smith moved to approve the minutes as written. Susan Swaney seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Correspondence and Communications:**

- Director Gustafson reported on a concern raised by a citizen at a recent City Council meeting regarding the visibility of this year's Black History Month display. Gustafson has reached out to the patron for discussion and provided the Board with a three-year retrospective of monthly library displays for context.
- Board Chair Danielle Gabor led a discussion regarding the existing public forum policy and protocols for speakers attending Library Board meetings.

**Financial Reports:** January 2026 expenses tracked within normal seasonal averages. Consistent with Kansas state law, the budget includes funds carried over from the end of 2025. Additionally, the transition to a new book supplier has resulted in improved shipping and processing efficiency.

Susan Topping moved to approve the January 2026 financial report as presented. Maria Sargent seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Director Report:**

Our implementation of the Aspen Discovery system is complete and functioning effectively. Both staff and patrons have noted the system's ease of use and significant improvements to catalog navigation. This new interface streamlines the user experience by providing a unified search for all print formats, eContent, and library program offerings in one location.

During the past month, adult programming maintained strong attendance across a diverse range of offerings, including yoga, various book clubs, and the Library Lounge. Creative and educational sessions such as Saturday Crafternoon, Derby DIY, and the Genealogy class also saw consistent

engagement. Looking ahead, Alyssa LaRue will host screenings of the Academy Award Short Films during the second week of March.

Director Gustafson presented several legislative developments currently affecting Kansas libraries. He reported that a bill opposed by the Kansas Library Association, which would have allowed library taxing districts to withdraw from regional systems without State Board approval, has died in committee. Conversely, House Bill 2539, which permits the election of library board members for the Eudora Community Library District, successfully passed the House.

The Director also addressed Senate Bill 244 (the "Bathroom Bill"), which officially took effect on February 27, 2026. He confirmed that the library's facilities and signage are fully compliant with the new regulations. Furthermore, it was noted that the library has historically never encountered the specific types of incidents the legislation was drafted to address.

The facility maintenance report noted that Dawn Shelton replaced the teen area signage maintenance repainted the surrounding wall. Additionally, a water line in the staff break room was replaced to ensure continued operational efficiency.

### **Committee/Special Reports:**

The Derby Arts Council reported a high level of engagement at the recent double art reception and Kindness table, which saw over 160 attendees. These current exhibitions are scheduled to conclude next week to make room for the upcoming display featuring artwork from local Kindergarten and second-grade students. Additionally, the Hello Kitty "World of Pink and Kindness" exhibition remains in the lobby display case through March 10, to be followed by a showcase of 3D artwork from Derby High School students.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- **Library Annual Report:** Director Gustafson shared a summary of his annual presentation to the City Council, noting that 2025 marked the sixth year for the "Christmas in the Park" community event; however, record low temperatures likely impacted this year's attendance. Gustafson also highlighted the successful September 4 opening of Rhythm and Read Park, which remains a year-round amenity with the splash pad scheduled for seasonal operation from May 1 through September 30. The report also detailed a 10% increase in eMedia loans since 2023, while KanShare activity remains robust with print materials accounting for 60% of total loans. General library visitation has shown steady annual growth since 2020, and adult participation in the Summer Reading program continues to rise, reaching 636 participants in 2025. Council members provided positive feedback regarding the library's ongoing progress and community impact.
- **Kansas CIPA:** Director Gustafson conducted the annual review of the library's Internet Safety and Access Policy to ensure continued compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). This policy maintains the use of technological protection measures designed to filter and block visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. This annual

review serves to reaffirm the library's dedication to providing a safe digital environment for all patrons, particularly minors.

**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment:** Susan Topping moved to adjourn the meeting. Maria Sargent seconded. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes Approved March 25, 2026