

## **Ramsey County Library Advisory Board Meeting**

**April 15, 2026**

**Ramsey County Library – Roseville**

**2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113**

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT:** Sandra Doubek, Marissa Kirby-Stofferahn, Alex Kovarik, Megan Jacoby, Kami Miller.

### **NOT PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelsey Lied, Library Digital Services Manager, Ray Lockman, Library Deputy Director; Pang Yang, Library Director.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Melissa Nykanen, Executive Director, Ramsey County Library Friends.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Kirby-Stofferahn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of the April Agenda**

Doubek moved to approve agenda. Jacoby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of March Meeting Minutes**

Jacoby moved to approve minutes. Doubek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Acceptance of Gift Funds**

Jacoby moved to accept the gift of \$1000. Doubek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Appointment of Ramsey County Library Friends Liaison**

Miller shared the scope of the role of the Ramsey County Library Friends board liaison. Nykanen shared information about the Friends board meetings for the remainder of the year. Doubek nominated herself. Miller moved to recommend Doubek's appointment. Jacoby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Stofferahn appointed Library

Advisory Board member Sandy Doubek as the Ramsey County Library Friends liaison through the end of 2026.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Friends Report**

Melissa Nykanen, Executive Director of the Ramsey County Library Friends (RCLF), provided the Library Advisory Board with an update on recent activities and accomplishments. RCLF, November book sale, was successful. Second time doing a member's pre-sale successfully. Estimated 86,000 books were distributed in 2025. The Friends board also approved an increased gift for 2026: from \$130K to \$150K with \$20K designated for library improvements.

### **Ramsey County Library Advisory Board Bylaws and Evaluation**

Board identified edits for bylaws, to be voted on at next meeting. Board continued discussion regarding public comments and concluded that the question should be separated out into its own agenda item at a future meeting.

### **Ramsey County Library Board Advisory Membership Update**

West and Jansen have both resigned. Board discusses possible recognition of service.

### **Library Advisory Board Roundtable**

Members shared about encouraging neighbors to get their first library card, and the joy of discovering the library's collection of keyboard sheet music.

### **Library Director's Report**

Yang, shared RCL newly proud partner with the Somali Museum in their upcoming programs to celebrate the Somali culture. Yang also shared the success of in-service day, having Safety Officer Alfredo Hernandez-Schmitt from the Ramsey County Compliance and Ethics office facilitate a training on de-escalating difficult situations. She also discussed about the recent biennial Public Library Association Conference that took place on April 1-3, 2026 in Minneapolis. Ramsey County Library was able to send staff members to attend this event, as it is one of the largest public library conference in the nation.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.