

Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, Illinois 60561

**Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation & Friends Meeting
September 16, 2026 – 6:40 p.m.**

AGENDA

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| A. Roll Call | | |
| Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis,
Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab | | |
| B. Public Comment | | |
| C. Correspondence | | |
| None | | |
| D. Omnibus Consent Agenda | | Action |
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Indian Prairie Public Library
Foundation & Friends Minutes
March 18, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Vice-President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.

Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano (by telephone)

Absent: Samia Wahab

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski

Others: none

Vice-President Rodriguez asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Public Comment

C. Correspondence – none

D. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Foundation & Friends Meeting 11/19/25

2. Bills for Approval

Palmisano moved, Krupicka seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Wahab. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda

F. Report

1. Treasurer's Report – backup is in packet.

G. Unfinished Business - none

H. New Business

1. Welcome Baby Gifts Proposal – Staff would like to give a gift to children 0-2 when signing up for their first library card. The promotion would kick off during Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. We already do something for mid-kids and teens. Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Welcome Baby Gifts Proposal in the amount of \$275. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Wahab. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Family Night 2026 Proposal – Staff is requesting sponsorship of the Animals Around the World Family Night Program on June 16. Our summer family nights are extremely popular. In 2026 we will feature six family nights between June and July. The Board agreed that sponsoring the program is a great way to promote the Foundation and Friends. Damon moved, Raftis seconded to approve the Family Night 2026 Proposal in the amount of \$450.00. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Wahab. Motion carried unanimously.

3. \$5,000 Donation in Support of Maker Studio – Birmingham said that a regular library user made the donation and earmarked it for the Maker Studio. Raftis moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the \$5,000 Donation in Support of the Maker Studio. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Wahab. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Adjournment

At 6:40 p.m. Krupicka moved, Raftis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Wahab. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary

Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation and Friends Expenditures

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March through August 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Mar - Aug 26				
Bill Pmt Check	03/02/2026	2039	Impressions In Stone	166.12
Bill Pmt Check	03/02/2026	2040	RAILS	546.00
Bill Pmt Check	03/02/2026	2041	The Language Labs	782.00
Check	03/02/2026	ACH BOA2/26	Bank of America	828.44
Bill Pmt Check	03/19/2026	2042	Playaway Products	529.31
Bill Pmt Check	03/26/2026	2043	Hogan, Kathryn	150.00
Bill Pmt Check	03/26/2026	2044	Indian Prairie Public Library District	199.91
Bill Pmt Check	03/26/2026	2046	Logan, Ava C.	500.00
Bill Pmt Check	03/26/2026	2047	Motion Picture Licensing Corporation	353.07
Check	03/27/2026	ACH BOA3/26	Bank of America	109.94
Bill Pmt Check	04/13/2026	2048	Children's Plus Inc.	299.96
Bill Pmt Check	04/13/2026	2049	Goddard, Leslie	400.00
Bill Pmt Check	04/13/2026	2050	Ingram Library Services	3,023.71
Bill Pmt Check	04/13/2026	2051	Playaway Products	60.99
Bill Pmt Check	04/13/2026	2052	Ragged Blade LLC	500.00
Check	04/29/2026	ACH BOA4/26	Bank of America	259.34
Check	05/28/2026	ACH BOA5/26	Bank of America	112.94
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2053	Children's Plus Inc.	56.96
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2054	Incrediblebats, Inc.	450.00
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2055	VOID	0.00
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2056	Ingram Library Services	281.55
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2057	Scholastic Inc.	1,906.02
Bill Pmt Check	06/09/2026	2058	Secretary of State	10.00
Bill Pmt Check	06/16/2026	2059	Indian Prairie Public Library District	727.18
Bill Pmt Check	06/24/2026	2060	Norwegian American Genealogical Center	200.00
Bill Pmt Check	06/25/2026	2061	Indian Prairie Public Library District	1,931.34
Check	06/26/2026	ACH BOA6/26	Bank of America	536.68
Bill Pmt Check	06/30/2026	2062	Scholastic Inc.	225.00
Bill Pmt Check	07/14/2026	2063	Goddard, Leslie	400.00
Check	07/31/2026	ACH BOA7/26	Bank of America	3,008.93
Bill Pmt Check	08/19/2026	2064	Impressions In Stone	668.00
Bill Pmt Check	08/19/2026	2065	Ingram Library Services	744.46
Check	08/28/2026	ACH BOA8/26	Bank of America	866.75
Bank Fees				184.61
Mar - Aug 26				<u>21,019.21</u>

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March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as of 8/31/2026

Money Market Balance on February 28, 2026 Treasurer's Report	\$192,039.63
<u>Income from March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026</u>	
Money Market Interest Republic Bank 3/1/26 - 8/31/26 @ 3.75%	3,546.47
Donations	24,032.15
<u>Expenses from March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026</u>	-21,019.21
Money Market Account Balance as of 8/31/2026	\$198,599.04
 TOTAL FOUNDATION BALANCE	 \$198,599.04

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Donors

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March through August 2026

Name	Amount
Aliyah Miller	50.00
Andrew Webb	100.00
Angelo Lazzara	500.00
Anita Lavorato	166.00
Anne Wolf	100.00
Anonymous	1,197.22
ANONYMOUS	1,000.00
ANONYMOUS	5,000.00
ANONYMOUS	1,000.00
ANONYMOUS	5,000.00
Barbara Taylor	100.00
Benevity	638.75
Better World Books	824.33
Bimal Goel	25.00
Catherine Davis	100.00
Catherine Smith	50.00
Chris Gerrib	20.00
Dan Arlt	100.00
Daniel Bauer	25.00
Daniel Paul Dennison	75.00
Darien Garden Club	300.00
Darien Womans Club	1,509.00
Debra Anderson	30.00
Donna & John McCarthy	25.00
Emil Totonchi	25.00
Erik Medhurst	50.00
Gary & Linda Unverfehrt	100.00
Gary Kehl	100.00
Gina Salberg	25.00
Halyna A. Doktor-Fernandez	30.00
Heather Roskopf	158.00
Helen & John Galan	50.00
Hinsbrook Book Club	250.00
Indian Prairie Public Library	60.00
Jean Pauga	158.00
Jeanene Lavery	75.00
Jill Foster	75.00
Joe & Sylvia Frattaroli	100.00
John Kavanaugh	75.00
John W. Formento	125.00
Judith Toenings	500.00
Karli Hummel	50.00
Katherine Morris	75.00

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Name	Amount
Kaylene Fiala	25.00
Kim Koeller	150.00
Koreena Schroeder	120.00
Lowenthal, Jody	100.00
Lynn Sellers	25.00
Mary Seman	100.00
Matthew Owens	100.00
May Cheung	334.00
Michelle Pierson	100.00
Nancy Jih	25.00
Renne Vest	50.00
Sonia Zhu	80.00
Steven Szafranski	50.00
Sue Higham	25.00
Susanne G Riedell	2,500.00
Thomas Bernstein	150.00
Tiffany Helphingstine	50.00
United Way of Metro Chicago	31.85
TOTAL	24,032.15

Artwork Purchase

Artist Terry Whaley, who has displayed her art in the library and is a Darien resident, has created a series of paintings featuring animals reading books. She is offering us the set of 7 paintings for \$200.

The paintings would be installed in a cluster on a blank wall in the Kids & Teens Department, similar to the dinosaur painting cluster near Little Town.

I am requesting that the Foundation pay for the series of paintings.

Submitted by: Laura Birmingham

Kanopy Kids Proposal

We currently offer Kanopy Kids to our guests, but the pricing model is changing and has created an unexpected cost that was not allotted for in our current budget.

Cost: \$300.00 on November 1, 2026

What is it? Kanopy Kids is an offshoot of Kanopy, a movie/TV streaming service that the library pays for. Guests receive a limited number of tickets (15) that they can use every month on Kanopy's offerings. Different movies and shows can cost between 2-5 tickets and are available for up to three days. While on Kanopy, guests can click a button on the top right-hand corner to enter Kanopy Kids, which gathers all the shows and movies aimed at children into one spot so that children and their caregivers can browse age-appropriate media, with adult content filtered out. Kanopy Kids' offerings include popular TV series like *Arthur*, *Blippi*, and *Sesame Street*; children's movies; and animated storybooks, like *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late* by Mo Willems, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night* by Jane Yolen, and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin.

Why? Previously, Kanopy and Kanopy Kids were bundled together, and we were charged each month based on how many tickets our guests used. In November, Kanopy is changing their pricing model, and will be making Kanopy Kids cost an annual flat fee. One of the perks of Kanopy Kids changing to a fixed cost is that it will no longer require tickets and will instead be unlimited viewing.

Promotional Plan: Due to the unexpected cost of Kanopy Kids becoming a separate charge outside of our regular planned budget for Kanopy, we want to ensure that we're promoting Kanopy Kids and getting the most out of the money that we're spending on it. The promotional plan would emphasize that families now have unlimited viewing opportunities with Kanopy Kids – there are no check out restrictions limiting things like how many episodes a child can watch or how many times they can watch an animated story in a month.

Ideas for promotion include:

- Regular spotlights in eNewsletter/on social media highlighting specific TV shows/movies/stories
 - This could be particularly effective in winter, when the weather is bad and families might be looking for additional ways to keep themselves entertained at home.
- Inclusion in the quarterly Early Literacy eNewsletter that is geared toward parents and caregivers
- Promotion on the Mid-Kid monitor display (we include one database/digital resource slide each month)
- Promotion in storytimes and other early literacy programming (via promotional flier in an acrylic that staff members can promote or a bookmark families can take with them with information)