

**GILMAN-DANFORTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APRIL 9, 2026**

The Gilman-Danforth District Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Jan Elliott, Jill Cummings, Cindy Guttendorf, Judy Pree, Barb Uehle, Alissa Haase. Jan Villwock was absent from this meeting. Library Director Cole Daniel and Bookkeeper Beth Zirkle were also present. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the March 12, 2026 regular meeting were approved with corrections by a motion from Judy that was seconded by Barb. A voice vote carried. After a review of the Treasurer's report, Jill motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Alissa seconded the motion. A voice vote carried.

The credit card bill was as follows: telephone \$101.34, programs \$343.34, books and periodicals \$23.00, computer fees \$355.83, building and maintenance: cleaning supplies \$91.16 for a total of \$914.67. Judy motioned to pay the bills and Barb seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried.

A mowing bid was opened from Angel Lopez of Angel Landscaping. He will be charging us \$65 weekly for mowing and weeding. Judy motioned to accept this bid from Angel Landscaping which was seconded by Jill. A roll call vote carried.

Building and Maintenance Updates – We have received a quote for the generator in the amount of \$20,732.95. We still feel that cameras are more of a priority and are waiting on a bid from Protection Associates; the Watseka Library spent \$7,000 on their cameras. Cole said that he would have the safety grant done before the deadline. Grant was able to fix the sink and toilets. Price Tree Service came and removed the dead tree. Jon Harkins has trimmed bushes around the building. When Alissa was asked about anything she would like to add to items to be considered for the Library, she said play equipment by the Story Walk.

Cole has asked for \$2,000 from the Mary Helen Roberts grant for VOX books and we were given a list of the titles he is interested in getting with monies from this grant.

Cole talked with Cory about the color and high-speed black and white copiers from The Gilman Star and we let Jan Elliott know we are interested in getting them and also paper which we have storage room for. This will be voted on at our May meeting. Jan advised us that there will be a sale of the contents of The Gilman Star building on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

In the Director's Report, Cole advised us that: 1) The USA's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration went very well. 2) He was on WGFA recently to read an Easter book. 3) On Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Do Art Productions will have their Comic Book Workshop here; no registration is required. 4) The IW 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes will be here on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. 5) The Art Show will have their items at the Library starting next Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> with a program on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. 6) The Iroquois West Kindergarten classes visited the Library on April 1<sup>st</sup> during their Galavanting around Gilman event. 7) Monthly statistics for our programs were as follows: Bingo had twelve patrons, Book Club had five patrons attend, Coffee hour had 28 patrons throughout the month, Preschool story time had only 9 children present throughout the month due to Cole's vacation and Easter, 23 crafts were picked up.

With no further business to be discussed, Barb motioned to adjourn the meeting and Alissa seconded the motion. A voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be held on May 14, 2026 starting at 6:30 p.m. when we will start talking about the budget.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary/Treasurer *Cindy Guttendorf*

