

GILMAN-DANFORTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 8, 2026

The Gilman-Danforth District Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Jan Elliott, Jill Cummings, Cindy Guttendorf, Judy Pree, Alissa Haase, Jan Villwock. Barb Uehle 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 December 11, 2025 regular meeting were approved as read. After a review of the Treasurer's report, Jan V. motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Judy seconded the motion. A voice vote carried.

The credit card bill was as follows: telephone \$101.51, supplies showed a credit of \$13.05 for a tax refund for ink cartridges, postage \$234.00, building and maintenance \$87.78, computer fees \$341.06. Judy motioned to pay the bills and Jill seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried.

Prospect Bank had sent a letter indicating that we are over the FDIC limit on the total amount of funds we have with them. They pledge funds and it is important to note that our funds are not at risk. The amount we are over the limit is \$94,605.00. We decided to get a CD at Iroquois Farmers State Bank in Gilman for \$100,000. Jill and I will take care of this as Jan E. will be on vacation.

Open Meeting Act and Freedom of Information Act changes as of January 1, 2026 were reviewed on a sheet that Cole provided for us. These changes do not pertain to us and this information was for us to review.

Cole applied for a \$2,000 grant from the Milkweed Wind Community grant program. He hopes to hear from them soon and will be purchasing around 35 VOX children's books with these monies if he gets the grant.

In the Director's Report, Cole advised us that: 1) A light has been flickering in the parking lot and he is not sure if it has been fixed yet. 2) A urinal in the men's bathroom and a toilet in the women's bathroom needed to be looked at and Jason Scharp was contacted. Jason sent Grant Sparenberg to the Library and he will get prices to Cole to fix these issues. 3) The Angel Tree ended up having all of the angels selected off of it and there were enough books for all the children. Cole advised us that beanie babies were also given with the books which the children enjoyed. 4) Cole and a Librarian from the Watseka Library each read a book on WGFA recently (this was the second time Cole has done this). Both of them also promoted their libraries. 5) The Library will be closed on January 19th for Martin Luther King's Day. 6) Monthly statistics for our programs were as follows: Bingo had not been held yet in January, there was no Book Club in December, Coffee hour had 27 patrons throughout the month, Preschool story time did not meet much in December, but had 6 children present throughout the month.

With no further business to be discussed, Alissa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jan V. seconded the motion. A voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be held on February 12, 2026 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary/Treasurer *Cindy Guttendorf*

