

GILMAN-DANFORTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 14, 2026

The Gilman-Danforth District Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Jan Elliott, Jill Cummings, Cindy Guttendorf, Judy Pree, Barb Uehle, Jan Villwock. Alissa Haase and Bookkeeper Beth Zirkle were absent from this meeting. Library Director Cole Daniel was also present. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the April 9, 2026 regular meeting were approved as read. After a review of the Treasurer's report, Judy motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Jan V. seconded the motion. A voice vote carried.

The credit card bill was as follows: telephone \$100.27, supplies \$141.65, programs \$117.92, computer fees \$355.83 for a total of \$715.67. Barb motioned to pay the bills and Jill seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried.

A quote from Protection Associates was looked at next. It showed amounts of \$8,309.88 or \$9,508.24 for two different systems. We have explained to them that we are waiting on word back from a safety grant that Cole had applied for.

A verbal quote for a water heater was discussed next. The water heater we currently have has reached its limit due to the hard water in town. Jason Scharp quoted us a price of \$1,500 for a new one. A motion was made by Judy and seconded by Jan V. that we purchase the new water heater at a cost of \$1,500 from Jason Scharp from Gilman Plumbing and Heating. A roll call vote carried.

Copiers were discussed next. There is a black and white one that is for commercial use and would not be useful for us. The color copier is still being made but will be discontinued in a year. Jan E. said that John has decided to give the color copier to the Library. A verbal thank you for this generous donation was given.

A sheet showing the 2026-27 meeting dates was given to us.

A tentative budget for 2026-27 was then looked at. It was noted that June 30th is the end of our fiscal year.

Cole will be applying for the Lavina Trust Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for shelving for books. He will try to get it to look as close to the ones we have as he can.

A thank you letter from the local DAR chapter was read by Jan E.

In the Director's Report, Cole advised us that: 1) The IW 1st grade classes will be at the Library on May 18th. 2) The Summer Reading Program is coming up very soon. Registration will start on May 18th and runs through June 1st. Registration can be done at the Library or on-line. There will be different items to be discussed such as fossils, dinosaurs and archaeology. Story times will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Cole reading to the Preschool aged children, Chris Basham reading to the grade school aged children and Ellie Schunke working with the teen-aged children. On June 4th the topic will be fossils, on June 18th there will be dogs here to read to and on June 23rd in the IWHS gym there will be people in giant dinosaur costumes. 3) Jon Harkins will be called to remove a dead bush in the circle drive. 4) Monthly statistics for our programs were as follows: Bingo had eighteen patrons attend, Book Club had six patrons attend, Coffee hour had 56 patrons throughout the month, Preschool story time had 22 children present throughout the month, 20 crafts were picked up, three patrons attended the comic book presentation.

With no further business to be discussed, Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barb seconded the motion. A voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary/Treasurer *Cindy Guttendorf*

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