

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
7550 Lohmeyer Maplewood, MO 63143

Mission Statement *The Maplewood Public Library seeks to provide the community a diverse offering of print and electronic materials, services, and opportunities for learning, entertainment, and social interaction*

MINUTES
November 19 2025

1. Roll call of members
 - a. Present: M. Brenner (Zoom), C. Char, K. Gifford, A. Johnson, E. Loveless, D. Rubin, T. Scrivner, K. Spencer. Also present: A. Bryant, Library Dir.
2. Reading of minutes
 - a. Motion to approve 10/15 Minutes: A. Johnson. Second: E. Loveless. Approved.
3. Public comments – Introduction of new Maplewood / Richmond Heights Social Services Coordinator Celeste Grayer
4. Communications – None
5. Treasurer's report – Motion to approve September 2025 financial report and October 2025 financial report: D. Rubin. Second: E. Loveless. Approved.
6. Librarian's report
 - a. November Librarian's reports – A. Bryant presented.
7. Committee reports – None
 - a. Policy Committee met about the Gifts policy
8. Unfinished business
 - a. Renovation update
 - b. Amend bylaws to update standing committees, second reading. Motion to accept second reading of bylaws to update time and day of monthly meetings and standing committees: K. Spencer. Second: A. Johnson. Roll Call vote: M. Brenner (Aye), C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), E. Loveless (Aye), D. Rubin (Aye), T. Scrivner (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye).
9. New business
 - a. Employee benefits EAP policy discussed
 - b. Motion to approve Gifts Policy as written: D. Rubin. Second: E. Loveless. Approved.
10. Closed Session – Motion to move into closed session: D. Rubin. Second: A. Johnson. Roll Call vote to hold closed session: M. Brenner (Aye), C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), E. Loveless (Aye), D. Rubin (Aye), T. Scrivner (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye). Approved. Held closed session in which legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Pursuant to

subsection (1) of section 610.021, RSMo. Motion to end closed session: M. Brenner. Second: E. Loveless. Roll Call vote to end closed session: M. Brenner (Aye), C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), E. Loveless (Aye), D. Rubin (Aye), T. Scrivner (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye). Approved.

11. Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn: A. Johnson. Second: E. Loveless. Approved. Adjourned.

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DEIB Statement: The Maplewood Public Library Board of Trustees, comprised of community leaders, gives voice to its diverse residents, businesses, stakeholders, and consumers for the well-being of the City. In carrying out our duties, the Library Board commits to advance the City's mission for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB). We embrace and will attempt to adhere to the Welcome Maplewood DEIB Policy and 5-year Plan since it invests in our employees and future workforce, promotes access to City services, enhances the vibrancy of our neighborhoods, makes our community more welcoming, and creates a sense of belonging. We support Welcome Maplewood because we value diverse processes and seek to ensure that all voices are heard. Finally, as we deliberate on individual items within our Commission, we will incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging into our decision-making and within our recommendations.