

**MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
7550 Lohmeyer Maplewood, MO 63143

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**MINUTES**  
**August 19 2026**

1. Roll call of members
  - a. Present: M. Brenner, K. Gifford, A. Johnson, T. Scrivner, K. Spencer, K. Kern, B. Edghill. Also present: A. Bryant, Library Dir. Absent: T. Rodgers
2. Public Hearing Notice of the proposed property tax rates for 2026 provided
3. Reading of minutes
  - a. Motion to approve 7/17 Minutes (with typo correction of the year to 2026): A. Johnson  
Second: M. Brenner. Approved.
4. Public comments – None
5. Communications – None
6. Treasurer's report
  - a. Motion to approve July financials: C. Char. Second: T. Scrivner. Approved.
  - b. Motion to delay the approval of the June financials to the September meeting: A. Johnson. Second: M. Brenner. Approved.
7. Librarian's report
  - a. July Librarian's reports – A. Bryant presented.
    1. A. Bryant to provide additional information about the Excel Adult Highschool program
8. Committee reports
  - a. Friends of the Library
    1. Please join the Friends of the Library.
    2. Friends Annual Meeting is 9/22/26 at 6:30pm.
    3. Fall fundraiser books sale starts 9/30/26 - 10/3/26.
    4. The Friends will be hosting a fundraiser at the December Open House to gift a book.
9. Unfinished business
  - a. FYE 26 budget amendments - none needed
  - b. Move to accept the bid from STAAT for tuckpointing: A. Johnson. Second: K. Gifford. Approved.
10. New business
  - a. Patron ban
    1. Move to extend the patron ban from 7/3/26 to five years. A. Johnson. Second: C. Char. Approved.
  - b. Election of officers
    1. Move to approve the slate of potential officers (K. Gifford, President, T. Scrivener, Vice President, C. Char, Treasurer, and K. Spencer, Secretary) put forth by the nominating committee who will serve from present to July 2027: A. Johnson. Second: M. Brenner. Approved.

c. Determine monthly meeting dates

1. Motion to set the monthly meeting dates to the third Wednesday at 7:00pm with the exception of December and July: C. Char. Second: A. Johnson. Approved.

D. Maplewood Community Fund MOU - A. Bryant to speak with them

11. Closed Session

a. Motion to enter a closed session: A. Johnson. Second: C. Char. Approved.

b. Roll Call vote to hold closed session: M. Brenner (Aye), C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), T. Scrivner, (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye), K. Kern (Aye), B. Edghill (Aye). Approved.

c. Held closed session in which leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration will be discussed. Pursuant to subsection (2) of section 610.021, RSMo.

d. Motion to exit a closed session: K. Spencer. Second: C. Char. Approved. Roll Call vote to end closed session: M. Brenner (Aye), C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), T. Scrivner, (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye), K. Kern (Aye), B. Edghill (Aye). Approved.

12. Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn: C. Char.. Second: A. Johnson. 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.