Rockford Public Library
Policies & Services Committee
October 13, 2026
Boardroom, Main Library, 215 N. Wyman St.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Molly Brauns, Janet Moore, Jamie Getchius
Committee Members Absent: Stephanie Nissen, Dennis Horton
Staff Present: Anthony Cortez, Anne O'Keefe, Mary Pat Muzzarelli

1. Vice President Brauns called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Speakers: John Rindfleisch spoke to the Policies & Services Committee.

3. Vice President Brauns moved item 4 on the agenda to follow Public Speakers. Approve Policies and Services New Meeting Time [action]: A new meeting time of 4pm on the second Tuesday of each month has been proposed to the committee. 4 pm works better for committee members than the previous time of 12pm. A motion to approve the new meeting time was made by Janet Moore and Seconded by Jamie Getchius. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Library Statistics: Executive Director Cortez introduced August stats to the committee. Turn-Over rates from August 2025-August 2026 were also discussed.

5. RPL Foundation Report: Trustee Moore spoke to the success of Fall Art Scene, which took place on October 2 & 3 at The Terrace at RPL. The Foundation, in partnership with the Poet Laureate, Adam al-Sirgany, sponsored and ran the event.

6. Old Business - None
7. New Business - None

8. Staff Reports: Executive Director Cortez encouraged the committee to read the staff reports noting many good things taking place at all the branches. Anne O'Keefe spoke to the committee about recent partnerships that have created additional successful programming for RPL. Discussion followed.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm with a motion from Molly Brauns and second from Janet Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Pat Muzzarelli