Notice of Meeting of the Library Advisory Board of the City of Georgetown, Texas November 3, 2026

The Georgetown Library Advisory Board will meet on November 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Public Library, 402 W. 8th Street.

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Public Wishing to Address the Board

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Public wishing to address the board.

As of the deadline, no persons were signed up to address the Board.

Regular Session

1.A Introduction of new Library Advisory Board chair

Introduction of new Library Advisory Board chair Laura Helpert -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

1.B Introduction of new Library Advisory Board member

Introduction of new Library Advisory Board member Catherine Reiley -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

1.C Introduction of Assistant City Manager

Introduction of Assistant City Manager Jack Daly -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

1.D Vice Chair election

Consideration and possible action to elect a Vice Chair of the Library Advisory Board -- Laura Helpert, Chair

1.E LAB Minutes

Consideration and possible action to approve the September 1, 2026 Library Advisory Board minutes -- Laura Helpert, Chair

1.F Library Director's Report

Consideration of the Library Director's report -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

1.G Evaluation of library materials and recommendation of collection placement

Consideration and possible action to place titles on the attached list in the recommended collections -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

1.H Meeting schedule

Consideration and possible action to reschedule the next Library Advisory Board meeting -- Laura Helpert, Chair

Adjournment

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Certificate of Posting

I, Robyn Densmore, City Secretary for the City of Georgetown, Texas, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted at City Hall, 808 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Georgetown, TX 78626, a place readily accessible to the general public as required by law, on the _____ day of _____, 2026, at _____, and remained so posted for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Robyn Densmore, City Secretary

City of Georgetown, Texas
Library Advisory Board
November 3, 2026

SUBJECT:
LAB Minutes

SUGGESTED ACTION:
Consideration and possible action to approve the September 1, 2026 Library Advisory Board minutes -- Laura Helpert, Chair

ITEM SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUBMITTED BY:
Valerie Barber, Library

ATTACHMENTS:
Minutes_LAB_09.01.2026.pdf

Minutes of the
Library Advisory Board
City of Georgetown, Texas
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

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The following Members were in attendance:
Present were: Catherine Morales, Laura M Helpert, Dustin Lujan, Susan C. Raser, Thomas Sinwell, David Zeornes, Denise M Brown

Meeting started at 6:04.

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Public wishing to address the board.
As of the deadline, no persons were signed up to address the Board.
None were present

1. Regular Session

1.A LAB Minutes

Consideration and possible action to approve the July 7, 2026 Library Advisory Board minutes -- Catherine Morales, Chair

Moved by Susan C. Raser; seconded by David Zeornes to Approve July 7, 2026 .
Motion Approved: 7- 0
Voting For: Catherine Morales, Laura M Helpert, Dustin Lujan, Susan C. Raser, Thomas Sinwell, David Zeornes, Denise M Brown
Voting Against: None

1.B Library Director's Report

Consideration of the Library Director's report -- Sally Miculek, Library Director
MIculek reviewed library statistics, comments from the suggestion box and programs with the board. Gave update of the RFID (radio frequency identification device) tagging project and the Steinberg Hart planning meetings.

1.C Evaluation of library materials and recommendation of collection placement

Consideration and possible action to place titles on the attached list in the recommended collections -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

Moved by Laura M Helpert; seconded by Susan C. Raser to Approve Library material placement in the collections suggested by library staff..
Motion Approved: 7- 0
Voting For: Catherine Morales, Laura M Helpert, Dustin Lujan, Susan C. Raser, Thomas Sinwell, David Zeornes, Denise M Brown
Voting Against: None

1.D Meeting schedule

Consideration and possible action to reschedule the next Library Advisory Board meeting -- Catherine Morales, Chair
The next Library Advisory Board meeting will take place as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Adjournment

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Chair Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

These minutes were approved at the meeting of _____

_____ Chair

_____ Attest

City of Georgetown, Texas
Library Advisory Board
November 3, 2026

SUBJECT:
Library Director's Report

SUGGESTED ACTION:
Consideration of the Library Director's report -- Sally Miculek, Library Director

ITEM SUMMARY:
Miculek will review library statistics, patron comments, programs, and more with the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUBMITTED BY:
Valerie Barber, Library

ATTACHMENTS:
Statistics through September 2026.pdf
Director's report 11.03.26.pdf

2025-2026 Georgetown Public Library Statistics

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Annual Total
Patron Usage													
Visits 2025-2026	25614	26761	30210	28429	32376	49874	31605	29900	36803	24494	28293	27532	371891
Visits 2024-2025	27103	27726	19814	37064	31874	37459	29077	30557	29835	28832	30356	34444	364141
# of patrons who checked out	4539	4082	4064	4381	4340	4483	4338	4474	4888	4944	4484	4351	53368
New Members													
City Residents	373	225	279	379	349	304	319	367	474	506	343	413	4331
Non-residents	139	99	126	63	79	82	79	78	92	86	83	73	1079
GISD Student	11	6	8	4	12	11	29	9	21	17	9	16	153
Total	523	330	413	446	440	397	427	454	587	609	435	502	5563
Physical Collection Circulation													
2025-2026	39,673	32,254	35,989	39,606	34,610	39,492	37,118	39,619	44,444	44,489	36,812	35,924	**460,030**
2024-2025	41,858	39,570	35,967	39,612	36,476	40,388	38,391	42,074	46,183	46,684	43,482	40,012	490,697
WOW! Circs	1,560	1,352	1,194	1,600	1,398	1,773	1,422	929	1,322	1,460	1,100	1,414	16,524
Carver Circs	361	45	178	7	24	10	32	77	109	53	45	50	991
SC Circs	1,312	1,282	1,529	1,725	1,590	1,662	1,552	1,493	1,530	1,438	1,321	1,460	17,894
Digital Collection Circulation													
Ebooks	13,228	12,918	13,121	14,450	12,918	14,009	13,779	14,397	14,437	15,036	14,159	13,411	165,863
Streaming	575	518	463	711	479	645	741	671	708	850	666	675	7,702
Databases	7,900	7,986	6,617	7,570	7,736	5,692	5,610	8,324	11,846	9,275	7,703	8,126	94,385
Periodicals	300	220	312	235	306	373	331	215	295	363	312	236	3,498
Total Digital Circs	22,003	21,642	20,513	22,966	21,439	20,719	20,461	23,607	27,286	25,524	22,840	22,448	271,448
Library Collection Changes													
Copies Added	918	833	1,117	870	1,123	1,162	1,028	1,056	848	1,052	548	962	11,517
Copies Discarded	1,054	609	1,116	2,459	1,682	1,194	1,683	933	1,322	1,885	1,205	719	15,861
Donations Added	34	3	73	36	46	48	56	52	72	64	3	164	651
Interlibrary Loans													
GPL ILL Req. filled	133	42	78	118	109	98	106	90	80	134	81	172	1241
Outgoing ILL	12	7	10	13	13	9	15	13	7	9	3	6	117
Internet usage (sessions)	1870	1295	1565	1785	2005	2142	1967	1975	2145	2,041	1622	2061	22473
Volunteer Hours	780.00	652.00	670.00	683.00	1390.00	1378.00	1117.00	662.00	832.00	924.00	884.00	650.00	10622.00
Programs													
Children's Programs													
Programs	5	2	8	6	3	7	4	3	9	8	0	5	60
Storytime Programs	56	22	31	43	47	41	55	50	36	40	0	56	477
Attendance	2448	32	327	39	530	480	602	475	2832	2498	0	2110	12373
Teen Programs													
Programs	6	4	5	6	6	4	6	6	3	3	0	6	37
Attendance	50	25	60	58	68	60	50	93	22	34	0	71	371
Adult Programs													
Programs	33	17	25	34	38	39	30	31	30	35	20	39	371
Attendance	326	120	29	195	355	285	1324	443	166	477	171	1001	4892
Meeting Room Use													
# of reservations	117	124	94	116	144	121	126	134	106	104	102	109	1397
Study Room Use													
# of reservations	406	261	317	398	431	450	452	450	470	490	417	467	5009

September 2026 Highlights

- Youth programs (including but not limited to):
  - Tween Beadtastic
  - Wiggle Worms
  - Anime Club
  - Tio Toto

- Adult programs and activities (including but not limited to):
  - Live music featuring Trio Los Vigilantes
  - Jump in the Line: Line Dancing
  - GPL World Cinema
  - 1918: The End of Empires

October 2026 Highlights

- Youth programs (including but not limited to):
  - Special Storytime: Public Power Week
  - Tween & Teen Frankentoys
  - Teen Hangout
  - Silly Spooky Shorts

- Adult programs and activities (including but not limited to):
  - The Magic of Houdini
  - Live music featuring Livermore Bluegrass
  - GPL World Cinema
  - Roots, Records, Research

Upcoming highlights

- Library building party in January 2027.
- Library policy updates

Additional highlights

- The Library was closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day
- The following book(s) were donated to the Library's **Local Authors Collection**:
  - Success from Chaos by Scott Barnard (Adult)
  - A Plane Named Paul by Abigail Haefner (Children)
  - In the Whispers: A Prescriptive Memoir of Healing and Hope by Dr. Phyllis Books (Adult)
  - Beautiful Brain Beautiful Life by Dr. Phyllis Brooks (Adult)
  - Realized by Rohne (Adult)
  - Triad Flow by Varun Thazhathekalathil (Adult)
  - My Daddy Says, "I am a Princess" by Kathy Simmons-Davis (Children)
  - Inside the Singularity – The AI Industrial Revolution by Daniel Sisson (Adult)
  - Genesis and Reason by Margaret Ambrosino (Adult)

Patron Comments

1. **Patron Comment:** Thank you so very much all Library staff who patiently took time 2 help me. God bless u all.

   Director's Response: *The Library staff are always happy to help a patron!*

2. **Patron Comment:** [From a Gabbie text] Recommend including in the initial SMS automated notification WHY is the recipient receiving the message today. ("did I do something wrong?") and what the recipient needs to do to either update or validate the expiring information. Thanks again. Love our library…but still

surprised we only have one central library branch, considering how much our city has grown in the past 20yrs.

Director's Response: *Unfortunately, we are not able to update the way the Card Expiring message comes across to patrons. It encourages patrons to reach out to the Library, and in cases where a patron does not need to pay a fee, staff are able to verify and renew a library card over the phone, via email, or by text.*

As to additional library facilities, the Long Range Plan adopted in FY25 includes recommendations for expanding library services as Georgetown grows!

3. **Patron Comment:** I LOVE this plase [sic] 10/10 
   Director's Response: *It's always nice to hear from a fan!*

4. **Patron Comment:** It would be amazing if y'all offered video game discs. Video games are about to be all digital so the used game market is going to be greatly affected. Older games for the original xbox, xbox 360, playstation (1/2/3/4) will not be accessible for many. We would love to be able to check stuff like this out! Even older systems like Atari or other plug and play style games!
   Director's Response: *Unfortunately, space considerations and maintenance challenges prevent the addition of an obsolete games collection at GPL.*

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Titles for LAB recommendation 11.03.26.pdf

Title	Author	Collection Recommendation
Los conejitos saben mucho y crecen = Bunnies know & grow	Gehl, Laura (author.)	BB
We can't wait to hold you	Van Camp, Richard (author.)	BB
Go, trains, go!	Boswell, Addie K (author.)	BB
Sometimes families: a book about all kinds of families	Trounce, Charlotte (illustrator.)	BB
Red, white, and blue, I love you	Burton, Jeffrey B (author.)	BB
Gato de biblioteca	Ch'oe, Chi-hye (Children's author)	JSPF
Love stays strong	Schneider, Paula, (CEO of Susan G. K	EF
Ocean explorer: a search-and-find book	Jackson, Carlee (author.)	JNF
A black bear or a black mamba?	Pallotta, Jerry (author.)	BR
A tiger or a tiger shark?	Pallotta, Jerry (author)	BR
The ultimate secret builder's guide to Minecraft	Scholastic Inc	JNF
Rebel with a donut	Martin, Chrissy Q (author.)	YF