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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, February 20, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Decatur Public Library

Board Room

- I. Call to order – Karl Coleman
- II. Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda; Approval of the January 16, 2025 minutes) (Action)
- III. Public comments. 15-minute time period for citizens to appear and express their views before the Decatur Public Library Board. Limit of 3 minutes per speaker; total of 15 minutes. No immediate response will be given by the Library Trustees or Library staff members.
- IV. Written Communications from the public
- V. Division Head reports—Becky Damptz, Alissa Henkel, Carol Ziese
- VI. City Librarian’s report—Rick Meyer (Discussion)
- VII. Reports of committees
 - A. Personnel, Policy & Public Relations Committee-Samantha Carroll
 - i. Library Use Guidelines (Action)
 - ii. Management Personnel Handbook (Action)

- iii. Gates Lab Policy (Action)
- iv. Meeting Room Policy (Action)
- v. City Librarian Evaluation (Discussion)
- vi. Other

B. Finance and Properties Committee—Sofia Xethalis

- i. Capital Needs (Discussion)
- ii. Furniture Project Update (Discussion)
- iii. January 2025 Check Registers & Vendor Reports (Action)
- iv. January 2025 Budget Actuals (Discussion)
- v. Report from City Facilities Manager Mike Pritchett (Discussion)
- vi. Other

C. Foundation—Rick Meyer

- i. No Report

D. Friends of the Library – Samantha Carroll

- i. January 20 Meeting

E. Illinois Heartland Library System—Samantha Carroll

VIII. Old Business

- A. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Other

X. Adjournment

If you have questions please contact: Rick Meyer,
City Librarian 421-9713



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DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Decatur Public Library

4:30pm

Location: Board Room

Board President: Karl Coleman **Board Members:** Sofia Xethalis, Emily West, Paula Cross, Shiowa Karsten, Ashley Petty, Blake Allison, Samantha Carroll, Kaylee Ledbetter

Present:

Karl Coleman
Samantha Carroll
Paula Cross
Ashley Petty
Emily West
Kaylee Ledbetter
Sofia Xethalis

Absent:

Blake Allison
Shiowa Karsten

Staff: Rick Meyer, City Librarian, Alissa Henkel, Head of Programs, Resources, and Services, Rebecca Dampitz, Head of Archives & Special Collections

Guests:

Call to Order: Mr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda; Approval of December 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes) (Action) Mr. Coleman requested a motion to approved the consent agenda. Ms. Cross made a motion to accept the agenda and minutes, seconded by Ms. West. The agenda and minutes were approved by consent.

Public comments: Guest requested feed reader technology to be installed on the Library web page for news releases and updates.

Written Communications from the Public: Mr. Meyer has been in contact with the guest regarding the aforementioned technology.

Division Head Reports (Discussion)

Ms. Dampitz reported on the upcoming 150th Celebration event being held this evening. It's a Library history panel. The event will be recorded and presented on U-tube. A trivia event will be held on February 15, 2025 in the Madden at 6pm.

Ms. Henkel discussed the new teen area is being well utilized. This area will be marketed with teen service hours in the evening provided by the teen librarian, Alexis Tippitt. Young adult usage has increased by 18% in 2024.

Ms. Ziese reported that the circulation desk is still being built and walls are being painted. Mr. Meyer stated there are several quotes pending for the paint work. A new half-time clerk started and is being trained. Her name is Katina Hill.

City Librarian's Report November and December (Discussion) Mr. Meyer presented his report.

Artificial Intelligence in Libraries – (Discussion) Ms. Ziese showed a presentation on how AI is used in the Library. It can guide students on writing a paper, help staff with work flow and productivity, and employees writing a business proposal. AI has many uses and needs to be challenged at times for accuracy.

Reports of Committees:

- A. Personnel, Policy, & Public Relations Committee – Ms. Carroll
 - a. Library Use Guidelines (Action) No action taken.
 - b. Management Personnel Handbook (Action) No action taken.
 - c. Gates Lab Policy (Action) No action taken.
 - d. City Librarian Evaluation (Discussion) No discussion.
- B. Finance and Properties Committee – Ms. Xethalis
 - a. Capital Needs (Discussion) Mr. Meyer reported that there was a leak from the Clinic that damaged books. He is going to ask the City Facilities Manager to send the Board a report.
 - b. Furniture Project Update (Discussion) Mr. Meyer reported work will be completed next week on the circulation counter and in the Children's area.
 - c. December 2024 Check Register & Vendor Report (Action) Ms. West made a motion to hold off on approving the Check Register until corrections were made on a line item, seconded by Ms. Cross. All in favor. The motion was adopted.
 - d. December 2024 Budget Actuals (Discussion) Mr. Meyer discussed the budget actuals. The books are still open at the City, so there may be a few changes yet on the final budget.
 - e. FY2025 Employee Compensation Update (Discussion) City Council will vote on the raise for Library staff at the meeting scheduled for January 21, 2025.
- C. Foundation – Mr. Meyer – No report.
- D. Friends of the Library – January 9 meeting – Ms. Carroll reported that they had over

400 volunteer hours and a successful Christmas sale. The copy cost will be reduced to .15 cents to be consistent with the Library. Book donations are down. A few grants were approved for the Library.

- E. Illinois Heartland Library System – Ms. Carroll will have new orientation on January 21, 2025.

Old Business

- A. Other (Discussion) Ms. Cross stated the online training regarding sexual harassment has a glitch and will not be available until next week.

New Business

- A. Meeting Schedule (Action) Ms. Carroll made a motion to move the June 19th meeting date June 26, and December 18 meeting to December 11, 2025, seconded by Ms. West. All in favor. The motion was adopted.
- B. Nominating Committee (Action) Mr. Coleman and Ms. West will be the nominating committee.

Adjournment

Ms. Petty made a motion to adjourn at 5:52pm., seconded by Ms. Xethalis. The motion was adopted.

Scribe,
Michelle Whitehead, Executive Administrative Assistant
Final 1/16/25



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City Librarian's Report for January 2025

Administration

- On the 9th I met with Julie Martin and Alissa Henkel to discuss allocations for books and materials budget in 2025
- On the 23rd Julie Martin, Carol Ziese and I met with Curt Leppert of Baker and Taylor.
- I completed the Library's annual state certification process.
- I filed the DPL Foundation's annual report.
- I began all Library annual reports.
- I worked with furniture suppliers and installers to address a number of small problems.
- On the 14th I attended a demo of Library Calendar.
- Conducted all of my normal daily, weekly and monthly meetings.

Circulation

- Please see statistical spreadsheet/charts.
 - Katina Hill started January 7
 - Withdrawn periodicals (2022) were given away mid-month.

Technical Services

- See statistical spreadsheet
- Television programs on DVD are being moved from nonfiction to fiction. They will be filed by title and have a TV sticker on them. Hopefully they will circulate more.

Programs, Resources, and Services

- Please see attached spreadsheet for statistics
- Amanda Young is collaborating with Novel Ideas for Aaron Reynolds' 150th anniversary event
- Susan Bishop and Amanda coordinating with Millikin for "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" Musical Preview
- John Schirle is working with Unity teacher on Winter Reading Challenge participation
- Sarah Yepsen created Spanish translations of both children's and adult library card applications
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (managed by Susan): 457 children enrolled
 - 769 rewards earned
 - 84,854 books read total
- Story Time Live sessions: 53 and 57 participants
- Bilingual Story Time: 19 participants

- Baby TALK sessions: Multiple sessions with 9-18 participants each
Engagement: Alexis Tippit leading teen programming initiatives: Teen Craft Club (9 participants)
- Teen Anniversary Challenge (15 participants)
- Teen Winter Reading Program (28 participants)
- Adult & Community Programs:
 - Adult Winter Reading Program: 151 participants
 - Adult Anniversary Challenge: 60 participants
 - Community programs including: Looking Back Panel Discussion (34 participants)
- Book Release and Poetry Reading (50 participants)

Systems Administration

- See spreadsheet for statistical information.
- A new SPOT server wireless access point is in place. It has a stronger signal that will reach farther in the building.
- Upgraded dplstorage3 with 5-10 terabyte hard drives from old dplstorage1.
- A hearing loop was demonstrated for Rick and Matt.
- Still building a test ArchivesSpace server for Becky.

Archives and Special Collections

- Please see spreadsheet for statistics.
- Leeann Grossman and Sheri Keller worked on 11 in-depth research requests this month. We are starting to see an uptick in requests now that the holidays are over.
- Katy Coates started volunteering this month. She works on Fridays from 1 to 4pm. Katy's main focus will be on rehousing and box inventories. She will probably also do some digitization.
- Miranda Reyes started her InspirEd internship on January 22. Miranda is a senior at Eisenhower High School, and is interested in archives and IT. She is currently working on rescanning the board minutes.
- Becky Dampitz met with Joann Glacken from Macon Library on January 24 to discuss digitizing materials from Macon Library and the Decatur Genealogical Society.
- Sheri gave a presentation on historic homes to the A Step Forward group on January 28. There were 12 in the group. This group would like to come on a regular basis, and are looking at maybe coming once every other month.
- 150th Anniversary Committee:
 - Kathy from Decatur Magazine came on January 8 to take photos for the upcoming article.
 - The 150th committee met on January 9 and 30.
 - Janet Denton finished her research on the library's early locations. Her research was given to Jason to be written up.
 - Jason Butterick finished writing the Carnegie building piece at the end of the month.
 - The library history panel, our first event, was held on January 16. Mark Sorensen moderated a panel of former and current library employees and board members. 34 people attended.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rick Meyer
City Librarian*



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Library Use Guidelines

To aid all patrons of the Decatur Public Library in their use of Library facilities, the Library Board of Trustees has published the following use guidelines:

PATRONS SHALL:

- Engage in activities associated with the use of a public library.
Patrons not reading, studying, or using Library materials may be required to leave the building.
- Respect the rights of other patrons & staff.
Patrons shall not harass or annoy others by behaving in a manner which can be reasonably expected to disturb others.
- Turn cell phone ringers to silent or vibrate.

PATRONS SHALL NOT:

- Bring food into the Library, smoke, or use tobacco, tobacco products, or vapor devices.
Drink containers with a secure lid are allowed except in the computer area. Drinks without a secure lid are not allowed in the Library.
- Sleep anywhere on Library property.
- Interfere with the use of the Library by other patrons or interfere with Library employees' performance of their duties.
- Deface or mar Library materials.
Patrons shall not deface, mar, or in any way destroy or damage Library furnishings, walls, machines, or other Library property.
- Enter the building without a shirt or shoes.
Patrons must wear a covering of their upper body and shoes or other footwear. Patrons whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other patrons may be required to leave the building. Underwear should not be visible.
- Bring pets or animals into the Library.
(Other than authorized service animals.)
- Leave children under the age of eight years unsupervised.
Children under the age of eight years must be accompanied by a responsible adult or child over the age of 13.
- Sell products or services or solicit for charitable organizations.
Except the Library of Friends of the Library.
- Carry firearms on Library property.

The Decatur Public Library strives to make a safe and welcoming environment for the entire community. As such, we welcome all people but not all behaviors. We ask that you help us by

observing the following guidelines.

1. Interfering with the use of the Library or Library operations is not allowed. Harassing others or otherwise behaving in a way that could be reasonably expected to cause disruption is not allowed.
2. All personal devices must be set to silent or vibrate.
3. Children age 7 and under must have a guardian at least 14 years of age accompanying and supervising them at all times. Children age 8 to 13 must have a guardian at least 14 years of age inside the Library.
4. Eating is not allowed inside the Library, including the Library lobby. Beverages are allowed inside the Library in screw-top containers only.
5. Smoking, using other tobacco products, or using vapor devices is not allowed inside the Library. We ask that you keep any smoking, vaping, or tobacco materials and devices put away while inside the Library.
6. The use of alcohol, cannabis, or illegal substances is not allowed on Library property, which includes outdoor property.
7. Sleeping inside the Library is discouraged. For patron safety, patrons who appear to be sleeping may receive a wellness check.
8. Patrons must wear shoes and be fully clothed. Patrons who are not may be asked to adjust their clothing before reentering the Library.
9. Pets or other animals are not allowed in the Library unless they are service animals or for a specific library program.
10. Damaging, defacing, or marring Library property of any kind is not allowed.
11. Blades are not allowed inside the Library. Firearms are not allowed on Library property, which includes outdoor property.
12. Selling products or services or soliciting for charitable organizations is not allowed inside the Library, except by the Library itself or the Friends of the Decatur Public Library.

In accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes, (75 ILCS 5/4-7), the Board of Library Trustees of Decatur Public Library has the following powers:

“To make and adopt...rules and regulations...for the government of the Library...” and

“To exclude from the use of the Library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the Board.”

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Decatur Public Library adopts the following as its policy on patron behavior:

- The Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees has developed rules and regulations governing appropriate patron behavior. These rules are available for examination in the Library.
- Any patron who engages in any activity that materially disrupts the use of Library facilities, collections, or services by patrons or materially disrupts the ability of the staff to perform its duties shall be given a verbal warning that his/her behavior is unacceptable and informed of the consequences should the behavior continue.
- If, following this direction, the patron fails or refuses to comply, or responds to the request in an abusive manner, he/she will be required to immediately leave the Library property for the balance of that calendar day. If he/she fails to leave,

the Decatur Police will be summoned.

- Library staff will maintain a record of instances in which patrons are required to leave the premises.
- Library staff has the right to request to see identification of any person on the premises who is violating Library policies or rules governing patron behavior. Library staff are authorized to direct individuals to leave the Library premises immediately if they continue to violate the Code of Conduct rules after being warned to discontinue unacceptable behavior. Supervisors are authorized to ban the patron for a week. Anyone may, without prior notice or warning, be removed from the Library premises if his or her presence or conduct is threatening, willfully malicious or poses an immediate and imminent danger to any person or property.
- Parents or guardians of minors will be notified in writing, whenever possible, after the first recorded instance in which a minor is required to leave Library property, and advised of the consequences of any further recorded instances.
- Upon the second recorded instance within a four-week period in which a patron is required to leave the Library, the City Librarian shall ban the patron from Library property for a period of thirty days.
- In the event a patron banned from Library property attempts entry to Library property during any such period of exclusion, the police will be immediately summoned to respond to this trespassing violation.
- In the event the patron persists in abusive conduct or disruptive behavior following a period of exclusion, the City Librarian may determine that a long-term period of exclusion of that patron is in order. If an incident is the result of a repeat offender, or a very serious infraction of the Code of Conduct, the City Librarian has the right to ban up to a year. The Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees may extend the ban beyond one year.

- The Library is not required to go through the entire intervention process detailed in this policy. Intervention may begin at any step, including immediate involvement of the police and/or banning from Library property, depending upon the severity of the incident or behavior.
- Any person who is excluded from the Library for a period in excess of one month will be notified of such in writing by the City Librarian and has the right to appeal by requesting a hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Library, provided such hearing is requested by written notice addressed to "Board of Trustees, Decatur Public Library, 130 N. Franklin, Decatur, IL, 62523" or emailed to board@decaturLibrary.org or hand delivered to the Library. Exceptions can be made for oral requests.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees

11/20/14

Reviewed 5/17/2018

Amended by Board of Trustees

11/19/2020

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT STAFF
PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

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I. INTRODUCTION

This Handbook applies to all Library employees who are not members of the collective bargaining unit and subject to the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective May 1, 2017, or any replacement to such Agreement.

Each individual accepting employment on the management staff of the Library is required to read this Handbook and accepts the responsibility of abiding by the rules and regulations stated in this Handbook. No policy or employee handbook can answer every question or anticipate every situation. For that reason, the Library may reinterpret, change, supplement, or rescind any part of this Handbook or any of its other policies from time to time as it deems appropriate, with or without prior notice. This Handbook supersedes any earlier policy statements or protocols you may have seen or heard concerning the matters described in this Handbook. Nothing in this Handbook or in any of the Library's policies, practices, or representations to or about its employees who are not members of the collective bargaining unit is an express or implied contract.

This Handbook does not give any employee or potential employee a property or liberty interest in an employment position.

The Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, political affiliation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, sexual orientation, or other factor prohibited by law. The Library has an ongoing commitment to the creation of a workplace free of discrimination and harassment. Library recruits, hires, trains, and promotes individuals in all job titles without regard to race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, national origin, age, sex, physical or mental disability, being a disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era, or other eligible veteran. The Library is committed to being a fair and equitable workplace.

The Library may supplement its regular work force with temporary or substitute employees when necessary. Substitute and temporary employees are not eligible for paid absences, paid vacations, paid sick leave, paid holidays, participation in group insurance plans, paid personal days, merit increments, or participation in IMRF.

The Library requires that employees hired be either a U.S. citizen or authorized to be employed in the United States. The Library requires that employees provide appropriate documentation to establish both identity and authorization to work as set forth in applicable state and federal law and regulation.

II. TRAINING PERIOD

There is a six-month training period for all employees following an employee's initial hiring or any subsequent promotion. To assure that new and promoted employees are aware of the expectations and functions of their job and to answer any questions the trainee employee may have, a formal evaluation will be made at the end of the training period by the trainee employee's supervisor. The training period shall be extended on a day for day basis during any periods of approved leaves of absence.

As to new hire employees, in the event that employment is terminated during the training period, any accrued benefits, leave time, etc., with the exception of vacation, will be lost. As to promoted employees, benefits earned by them in their previous position are maintained during this training period.

III. HOURS OF WORK

A. Schedules:

The Library will establish working hours as required by work load and the efficient management of personnel resources. A work week for full-time employees is defined as 40 hours. A workweek is defined as beginning on Monday at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 12:00 midnight. A pay period is two workweeks.

The head of each division normally arranges schedules. An individual employee's work day or work week may be so arranged as to provide for the proper functioning of the Library at such hours and times as may be deemed necessary.

B. Work Shifts:

Work shifts are set within each division and reflect the staffing needs of that particular division.

Meals and Rest Periods: For any employee working a shift longer than seven and one half (7 1/2) hours, a meal break of at least twenty (20) minutes in length will be provided during the first five (5) hours of the shift. Employees are not compensated for bona fide meal breaks. There is no meal period for employees working four hours or less.

Employees are normally permitted a fifteen (15) minute rest period during each four hours (4) on duty. Time allowed for meals or rest periods may not be accumulated for future use. It is also to be understood that the fifteen (15) minute rest period is not guaranteed if Library services will be affected.

C. Breaks for Nursing Mothers.

The Library complies with applicable federal and state laws regarding breaks for nursing mothers. Generally, unless otherwise provided by law, the Library will provide nursing mothers unpaid reasonable break time to express breast milk for a nursing child for one year after the child's birth and each time the employee needs to express milk. The nursing mother will be provided a place, other than a bathroom, that may be used to express breast milk and that is shielded from view and free from intrusion by coworkers and the public.

D. Overtime:

"Overtime" means the time spent in the actual performance of work which is in excess of 40 hours in any work week.

Hourly staff that meet the federal and state wage and hour laws necessary to be considered overtime eligible will be paid overtime. Hours worked up to forty (40) hours in any work week are computed and paid at the normal hourly rate. Hours worked above forty (40) hours in any work week are computed and paid at one and one half (1 ½) times the normal hourly rate. All employees must receive prior approval from the City Librarian or his/her designee, before working in excess of forth (40) hours in any work week.

The overtime rate will not be paid to those employees in exempt positions.

E. Flexible Schedule:

With the approval of a Division Head, an employee may work a flexible schedule, provided that a flexible schedule will not interfere with normal Library operations. Employees working a flexible schedule may not work more than eleven (11) hours in any one (1) day.

F. Time Sheets:

Employees are required to accurately complete a time sheet indicating total daily hours worked and to complete it at the close of each workday. Employees shall submit their time sheets to the applicable Division Head biweekly. The Division Head shall verify the accuracy of each time sheet before it is submitted to run payroll. Failure of an Employee to submit a time sheet may result in a delayed paycheck.

IV. SALARIES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, PROMOTIONS, AND EVALUATIONS

A. Pay Periods:

Salaries for all employees are calculated on a biweekly basis. Salaries are paid on the Friday following the end of the two-week period for which the pay has been earned. Salaries are paid through a direct deposit into an employee's account at an approved bank or credit institution.

B. Cost-of-living Adjustments:

Cost-of-living adjustments, if any, will generally be determined in by November of each year by the City Librarian with Board of Trustees approval, based in part on budgetary considerations. Salary adjustments will generally take effect on January 1 of each year. Salary adjustments, including cost of living adjustments,

are in no way guaranteed or promised.

C. Job Descriptions:

Each position has a detailed job description that includes qualifications as well as information about duties and supervision. Job descriptions for all positions are appended to this policy.

D. Performance Evaluation:

All management employees will receive an annual performance evaluation, this evaluation will generally be scheduled in the November of the calendar year. The evaluation will reflect performance since the last annual performance evaluation. The results of the evaluation will be one basis for determining merit increases above the cost of living adjustment, if any. Merit raises will generally take effect on January 1 of the calendar year following the evaluation, but Library may change the effective date in its sole discretion. Merit raises and decreases are discretionary and Library may deviate from the below formula in its sole discretion.

V. HOLIDAYS

A. Days Observed:

The Library currently observes the following days as holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Eve.

Annually the Library determines on which of the above days it will be closed. If the Library is not closed on an observed holiday, then employees required to work on an authorized holiday shall be given equivalent time off on another day to be scheduled at the convenience of the employee and his/her division. Part-time employees working a minimum of twenty (20) hours a week will be given four (4) hours off on another day if they are required to work on an authorized holiday.

When an authorized holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday. To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must work his/her last scheduled work day before the holiday and his/her first scheduled work day after the holiday, or be on sick leave, bereavement leave, personal holiday leave, or vacation on the holiday.

With the approval of the City Librarian, up to two holidays (16 hours, full-time; 8 hours,

part-time) may be rolled over into the next fiscal year (January-December)
Employees that accrue holiday time may request payment for such time within
the fiscal year earned. An employee will have a maximum of five unused holidays
at any time. (40 hours, full-time; 20 hours; part-time).

B. Religious Holidays:

Religious holidays may be taken as annual vacation leave, bonus leave, leave without pay, or at the discretion of the Division Head or City Librarian, be scheduled as time off to be made up later.

C. Bonus Leave:

Full-time employees are entitled to sixteen (16) hours bonus leave per fiscal year. Part-time employees are entitled to eight (8) hours bonus leave per fiscal year. This leave may be taken in increments of one hour or more. All bonus leave must be approved in advance by the employee's immediate supervisor (except in an emergency situation), and is contingent upon adequate staffing.

New full-time employees who are employed between January 1 and June 30 are entitled to sixteen (16) hours of bonus leave that fiscal year; those employed between July 1 and December 31 receive eight (8) hours bonus leave for that fiscal year. New part-time employees who are employed between January 1 and June 30 are entitled to eight (8) hours of bonus leave that fiscal year; those employed between July 1 and December 31 receive four (4) hours of bonus leave for that fiscal year.

~~Bonus leave may accumulate up to a maximum of forty (40) hours and may carry over from one fiscal year to another.~~

Bonus leave must be used by the end of the fiscal year in which it is earned.

VI. VACATION LEAVE

Paid vacation leave is earned by all full-time employees and by part-time employees who work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week. Vacation leave is governed by the following regulations:

A. Vacation Rates:

Vacation leave is earned as follows:

For employees hired before January 21, 2016:

- Graduate (master degree) librarians – two hundred (200) hours of vacation

leave each year.

- Other employees – eighty (80) hours of vacation leave each year during the first four years of employment. One hundred and twenty (120) hours of vacation leave each year during the 5th through 9th year of employment. One hundred and sixty (160) hours of vacation leave in the 10th through the 19th years of employment. Two hundred (200) hours of vacation leave each year during the 20th and subsequent years of employment.

For employees hired after January 21, 2016:

- (Year 1): After 6 months of continuous employment the Employee shall have forty (40) hours of vacation leave.
- (Years 2-4): Eighty (80) hours of vacation leave each year during the 2nd through the 4th year of employment.
- (Years 5-9): One hundred and twenty (120) hours of vacation leave each year during the 5th through 9th year of employment.
- (Year 10-19): One hundred and sixty (160) hours of vacation leave in the 10th through the 19th year of employment.
- (Years 20 and forward): Two hundred (200) hours of vacation leave each year during the 20th and subsequent years of employment.

For employees hired after January 1, 2024:

- (Year 1): The Employee shall have forty (40) hours of vacation leave.
- (2-4): Eighty (80) hours of vacation leave each year during the 2nd through the 4th year of employment.
- (Years 5-9): One hundred and twenty (120) hours of vacation leave each year during the 5th through 9th year of employment.
- (Year 10-19): One hundred and sixty (160) hours of vacation leave in the 10th through the 19th year of employment.
- (Years 20 and forward): Two hundred (200) hours of vacation leave each year during the 20th and subsequent years of employment.

Part-time employees working a minimum of twenty (20) hours a week will be credited with half (1/2) of the vacation hours enumerated above.

B. Vacation Leave Accrual:

Vacation time is credited annually to the employee at his/her anniversary date of employment, or hire date. Part-time employees earn one-half (1/2) of the vacation time earned by full-time staff.

C. Accumulation of Vacation Leave:

A maximum of forty (40) hours of vacation leave may be carried over from one anniversary year to the next. Any vacation leave in excess of forty (40) hours that is not used prior to the end of an anniversary year shall be lost. Notwithstanding the foregoing, written permission from the City Librarian is required to carry over more than forty (40) hours of vacation leave and employee must have had leave denied during the anniversary year from which the carryover is requested.

D. Holidays:

If a holiday observed by the Library falls within an employee's vacation leave period, that day off will be charged to holiday time rather than vacation time.

E. Scheduling of Vacations:

The scheduling of vacations is subject to the approval of the City Librarian, or their designee. Requests for vacation should be submitted as far in advance as possible and will be accommodated if practical and consistent with the good operation of the Library. Vacation leave may be scheduled in increments of one-half hour or more. If, during vacation leave, an employee becomes ill or suffers the death of an immediate member of his/her family, the appropriate portion of the vacation leave may be changed to sick or bereavement leave.

F. Payment for Vacation Leave:

Employees will not be paid in lieu of vacation leave, except that terminating or retiring employees will be paid in lieu of accrued vacation leave and in the event of the death of an employee, said employee's estate will receive payment for accrued vacation leave earned. The maximum vacation leave payment would be the vacation leave accrued pursuant to this Article VII for the year of termination plus the forty (40) hours of carryover, if any.

G. Use of Vacation Leave prior to Termination.

An employee shall not be permitted to utilize vacation leave to extend their period

of employment with the Library and must return to work after completion of vacation leave. If the Library believes, in its reasonable discretion, that an employee will not return to work after vacation leave, the employee's termination or retirement date will be the first day of the scheduled vacation leave. This shall not limit the amounts due to employee pursuant to Article VI (G) above. For illustration, if an employee, employed for three (3) years has accrued eighty (80) hours of vacation leave and announces that they will retire or terminate on February 1, 2021, said employee will not be able to continuously use their vacation leave from the period from January 18, 2021 to January 31, 2021 and instead would be treated as terminated or retiring on January 18, 2021 and would receive payment for the eighty (80) hours of accrued vacation leave, pursuant to Article VI (G) above. This shall not restrict an employee from intermittently using leave during that same period.

VII. SICK LEAVE

The purpose of sick leave is to provide protection for employees when they are ill, or an immediate member of the family is ill or any medical or dental appointment for the employee or family member. All full-time employees and all part-time employees who work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week earn paid sick leave. Immediate member of the family is defined as employee's child, stepchild, spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or stepparent. New employees will be credited with forty (40) hours of sick leave on their date of hire.

A. Rate for Employees:

Sick leave accrues at the rate of eight (8) hours per month to a maximum of 1,920 hours for full-time employees. Sick leave accrual for part-time employees is four (4) hours per month to a maximum of 1,920 hours. No sick leave accrues during unpaid leaves of absence.

B. Accumulation of Sick Leave:

Sick leave may be accumulated up to 1,920 hours. Upon retirement from the Library, an employee shall be allowed to use accumulated sick leave days up to 1,920 hours for credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund so long as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund allows such accumulation for credit.

An employee who has accumulated 800 hours sick leave as of *January 1* of a given year shall be granted one additional personal holiday per fiscal year. At no time is any employee paid for accumulated sick leave time.

C. Use of Sick Leave:

Payment of sick leave will be contingent upon notification of illness or injury to the Administrative Office. An employee who is not going to report for work must

notify the Administrative Office as early as possible prior to the beginning of a scheduled work shift. In addition, the employee is required to call his/her immediate supervisor within two (2) hours of the beginning of the scheduled shift.

If an employee exhausts his/her sick leave credits and is still unable to perform his/her duties, he/she may apply for Family Medical Leave. Additionally, library administration may solicit donation of sick time from other library staff.

The City Librarian may require verification in the form of medical documentation for any sick leave taken.

VIII. SPECIAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Bereavement:

Paid leave of absence will be granted in the event of a death in the employee's immediate family. This leave, dependent upon funeral arrangements and travel requirements, shall not exceed four days. For the purposes of this policy, immediate family for bereavement leave includes: spouse, children, spouse of children, parents of the employee or his spouse, brothers and sisters of the employee and of his spouse, grandchildren and grandparents of the employee, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the employee, and anyone domiciled with the employee.

B. Jury Duty:

Employees who are called for jury duty shall be given time off from work to perform this duty. During absences for jury duty, employees will continue to be paid as if present and working, provided they return to work as scheduled when excused for the day by the court. Paid absence is contingent upon the employee providing a copy of the summons to the Executive Administrative Assistant. When an employee is required to serve under subpoena as a witness in a court proceeding, except when the subpoena is related to Library business, personal days, compensatory time, or vacation time must be used.

C. Military Service:

Leave without pay will be granted for military service in accordance with current Federal and Illinois laws.

D. Family Leave:

The Library will comply with the Family Medical Leave Act.

E. Weather Leaves/Building Emergency:

If the Library is closed due to severe weather or a building emergency, employees will be paid for the time they were scheduled to work during the period of closure. Closing the Library will be the decision of the City Librarian. If the City Librarian is unavailable, the named Deputy City Librarian will make the decision.

F. School Visitation Leave:

Unpaid leaves of absence will be granted as provided for under the Illinois School Visitation Rights Act to eligible employees, subject to employee providing appropriate notice and verification document to the Library after such leave within the time frames set forth in the Act.

G. Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act Leave:

Unpaid leaves of absence will be granted as provided in the Illinois Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) regarding leave for victims of domestic and sexual violence or family or household members (spouse, parent, child, or person residing in the same household) of a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

H. Civic Donation:

Employees may be given leave by the City Librarian to donate blood or to engage in comparable public health, civic, or charitable work during work hours, but no more than one request per month from the same employee will be honored.

IX. INSURANCE, WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS

The Library shall provide its management employees such benefits as are provided from time to time to all other management employees as such benefits are from time to time in effect, except that the foregoing shall not obligate the Library to maintain or contribute to any such benefit. Benefit plans are regulated by the applicable plan documents and contracts and those plan documents and contracts, not this Handbook, govern all provisions and policies related to specific benefits. The Library presently participates in the following:

A. IMRF:

The Library participates in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund ("IMRF") program. Coverage is compulsory for all employees who are hired for a position normally requiring performance of duty for 1000 hours or more per year. Contributions are withheld from each payroll.

B. ICMA Deferred Compensation:

Employees are eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan administered by the International City Management Association ("ICMA") Retirement Corporation. Under this plan, employees may defer a portion of their salary into a wide range of investment options. The Library makes no contribution to any employee's ICMA plan.

C. Group Insurance Plans:

The Library presently provides, through the City of Decatur, certain group insurance benefits and optional coverages for medical, dental, and vision to full-time employees and those others who qualify for such benefits under the terms of the applicable plan or state and federal laws.

Payment for Library group insurance benefits will be administered as follows:

1. Insurance premiums for which employees are responsible shall be deducted from their biweekly pays on an ongoing basis.
2. Individuals who remain employed by the Library, but for whom biweekly pay is insufficient to cover the portion of insurance premiums for which they are responsible, may continue to receive the benefits of the Library's group insurance programs for themselves and their dependents, provided the employee continues to pay the portions of those premiums due by the employee. Such individuals will also be responsible for continuing to pay the entire premiums to the Library for all optional benefits for which payroll deductions are regularly taken. These include optional life insurance (EOI), IMRF life insurance, and management add-on life insurance.
3. Individuals who are no longer employed by the Library will be treated as follows with regard to the administration of employee insurance benefits. Pursuant to contractual obligations agreed upon by the Library, employees who retire or who are placed on disability pensions may, in certain instances, retain the right to remain in the group health insurance program, provided the premiums for both employee and dependent coverage are paid in their entirety by the retirees or pensioners.
4. The Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) gives employees and their qualified beneficiaries the opportunity to continue health insurance coverage under the Library's group medical plan when a "qualifying event" would normally result in the loss of eligibility. Some common qualifying events are resignation, termination of employment, death, a reduction in hours, leave of absence, divorce, legal separation, and a dependent child no longer meeting requirements. Under

COBRA, the employee or beneficiary pays the full cost of coverage at the Library's group rates plus an administration fee. The City of Decatur, on the Library's behalf, provides each eligible employee and qualified beneficiary with notice describing rights granted under COBRA when the employee becomes eligible for coverage under City's health insurance plans.

5. The Administration Office of the Library, will be responsible for notifying the Risk Management Division of the City of Decatur of all management employees who retire, take disability leave, or otherwise terminate employment with the Library, and of all cases where employees have insufficient pay to cover insurance deductions for given pay periods. The Risk Management Division is responsible for the general administration of the group insurance plan, and for insuring that the City of Decatur's Treasurer's Office properly bills individuals on a monthly basis for all owed premiums. The City Treasurer will deposit payments for such premiums in the Self-Insurance Fund, and will pay from this fund as statements are rendered.

D. Worker's Compensation:

In case of an on-the-job injury, illness or disability, the Library will pay the difference between such employee's regular salary or wages and any payment received by the employee from a public employee pension fund or under the provisions of worker's compensation or occupational disease laws, or either or both, for time lost from duty, for up to six (6) months.

E. Sexual Harassment:

The Library reaffirms the principle that its employees have a right to be free from sexual harassment by any other employee. In accordance with this principle, the Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees has formally adopted a Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, Violence, & Retaliation Policy. Said policy is incorporated herein by reference.

F. Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal:

1. Discharge or suspension of employees in the classified Civil Service shall be in accordance with the Civil Service laws of the State of Illinois and the rules and procedures established by the Civil Service Commission of the City of Decatur.
2. The Library practices progressive discipline. Progressive discipline is used to correct job performance deficiencies, minor misconduct and ongoing behavior problems. Progressive discipline is not used to deal with major misconduct, such as violations of law and other actions that jeopardize

people or the Library. An employee may be disciplined by oral reprimand, a written reprimand, suspension, or discharge. The Library's own best interest lies in ensuring fair treatment of all employees and in making certain that disciplinary actions are prompt, uniform, and impartial. The goal of disciplinary action is to correct the problem, prevent reoccurrence, and prepare the employee for satisfactory service in the future. Progressive discipline normally has four steps:

- a. First occurrence: Oral warning
- b. Second occurrence: Written reprimand
- c. Third occurrence: Suspension
- d. Fourth occurrence: Discharge

There may be circumstances when one or more steps are bypassed, and these steps may be used when an employee is having a series of unrelated problems.

Written reprimands and notices of suspension will be hand-delivered to the employee.

3. In cases involving serious misconduct, a major breach of policy, or violation of law, the progressive discipline procedures set forth above may be disregarded and the Library may take any action it deems necessary, including immediate termination of an employee.
4. Nothing in this in this Section G, alters the employment-at-will relationship in any way.

G. Nepotism:

Relatives of the Library Board of Trustees or City Librarian will not be employed by the Library, full or part-time. Such relatives are defined to be the spouse or children of the Trustee.

The Library may employ members of the same immediate family or the corresponding relationship by marriage but not where one would be in the position of supervising the other. Members of the same immediate family are defined as any of the following: spouse, parent, child, sister, brother, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, or cousin, or the corresponding relationship by marriage.

H. Tuition Reimbursement:

The Library will reimburse the cost of tuition and fees for courses (directly related to an employee's job, and may reimburse one-half of the tuition and fees cost for any course indirectly related) to an employee's job, up to \$1,000 per fiscal year for each full-time employee, and up to \$500 per fiscal year for each part-time employee, provided the course is completed successfully. The Library will annually determine the total amount of money to budget for tuition reimbursement and reimbursements will not exceed that amount.

In all cases a grade of "C" or higher will represent successful completion of the course.

There will be no reimbursement for books, supplies, or other expenses.

Reimbursement applies only to courses offered for college credit.

In order to receive tuition and fees reimbursement, the employee must submit to and have approved by the City Librarian a "Request for Tuition Reimbursement" form prior to the commencement of the course.

I. Personnel Files:

The Library shall maintain one official personnel file for each employee. Upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, the employee and/or his/her authorized representative shall have the right to review his/her file during the Library's working hours. If the review occurs during the employee's working hours, it shall be limited to one hour. Upon request, the Library will reproduce one (1) copy of any material in the personnel file and the employee shall pay five (5) cents per page for such copying.

J. Service Recognition:

Service recognition will be paid annually to each permanent employee as of such employee's anniversary date. For full-time employees, service recognition pay shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each year of service commencing with the completion of one year. Beginning on the 10th anniversary, the amount of service recognition for each year of service is ten dollars (\$10.00). Beginning on the 15th anniversary, the amount of service recognition for each year of service is twenty dollars (\$20.00). Beginning on the 20th anniversary, the amount of service recognition for each year of service is thirty dollars (\$30.00). Beginning on the 25th anniversary, the amount of service recognition for each year of service is fifty dollars (\$50.00). Permanent part-time employees will earn one-half of the amounts of service recognition listed above.

K. Exit Interview:

The City of Decatur Human Resources Division may conduct an exit interview for any Library employees leaving employment with the Library. The City Librarian may review results of the interview.

L. Employee Suggestions:

Employees are encouraged to submit suggestions on improvements in working conditions, terms of employment, library procedures, library regulations, library safety, and other areas of interest and/or concern to the City Librarian.

M. Expense Reimbursement.

Expenses incurred while on Library business shall be reimbursed if authorized in advance and approved by City Librarian. Expenses must be accounted for in a timely fashion on a designated expense report, presently Form 1010 and Form 1011, and along with the receipt for the incurred expenses. Expense reimbursement is expressly subject to the Library's Continuing Education and Travel Policy, as amended from time to time. As more specifically set forth in said policy entertainment expenses will not be reimbursed.

Approved by Board of Trustees 04/18/2019
Amended by Board of Trustees on 12/15/2022
Amended by Board of Trustees on 2/15.2024



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STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR USE OF THE GATES FOUNDATION COMPUTER LAB

1. The Decatur Public Library welcomes the use of the Gates Computer Lab by organizations engaged in religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational activities.
2. The library's Internet policy applies to all users of the Gates Computer Lab.
3. Requests for use of the Gates Computer Lab must be made at least one week but not more than one year prior to the meeting date. The request should be submitted on the form provided by the Library. The Gates Computer Lab can be booked tentatively by phone, but the completed application must be received within three (3) working days.
4. The Gates Computer Lab is normally available at all hours the library is open, up until 15 minutes before close.
5. The Gates Computer Lab can be booked for up to four hours. Seating capacity in the Lab is twelve plus a trainer.
6. Organizations may use the Gates Computer Lab as many as twelve times per calendar year.
7. The Library is not responsible for personal belongings left in the Lab.
8. Free on-site parking is available. Participants are encouraged to park in the back of the lot so as not to inconvenience library patrons.
9. Any organization not abiding by the regulations and policies governing the use of the Gates Computer Lab and the library's Internet policy may lose their privileges of use in the future.
10. Any software/hardware changes must be approved & executed by library staff.

Approved by the Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees May 18, 2015

Revised by the Board of Trustees August 16, 2018

Revised by the Board of Trustees August 19, 2021



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STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR USE OF MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Room Usage

The Decatur Public Library welcomes the use of its meeting rooms.

The meeting spaces in the Library are available to patrons, groups, and organizations for events and activities that are in accord with the mission of the Library. The Library reserves the right to deny reservations based on compatibility with the Library's mission and/or a conflict with Library operations. Use of Library spaces does not constitute Library endorsement of viewpoints expressed by program organizers and/or participants in the program.

Failure to abide by the following policies may jeopardize future meeting room use.

Not-for-profit, community, and government organizations with offices in Macon County will not be charged a fee for the first three hours of a reservation. They will be charged \$25 per hour for each hour after the first three hours. These fees will apply to all reservations made after January 1, 2025.

Any business or not-for-profit, community, or government organization with offices outside of Macon County will be charged according to the fee schedule on Page 4.

Groups/organizations may use the meeting rooms up to twice per month.

Organizations will not be charged a fee for events planned and/or promoted in conjunction with Decatur Public Library.

The meeting spaces are not available for private parties or social events.

The Library and its affiliates have priority to use the meeting spaces. Requests will be considered in the order in which they are received. The Library reserves the right to cancel reservations when the meeting spaces are needed for Library purposes.

There shall be no admission charges, no solicitation for donations, or selling of products or services at the meetings. However, if the room is reserved for a presentation by an author, they may request approval to sell their own published works.

The meeting rooms include tables and chairs, but organizations are responsible for the preferred arrangement. Set-up, clean-up, and vacating of the meeting spaces must be completed within the approved reservation time.

Groups may request a special room configuration by library staff for a fee of \$25. (Exceptions for individuals with disabilities are available upon request when requesting the room reservation.) This set-up fee is in addition to any other fees that may be required for the reservation.

Meeting Room Application Process

- Requests must be made at least one week in advance.
- Requests must be submitted using the [Meeting Room Application](#).
- Meeting rooms can be booked tentatively, up to 1 year in advance, by phone or email, but the completed application with payment must be returned within 5 business days of the initial booking request, or the booking may be cancelled.
- Payment of the fee must be made before the day of the reservation. An invoice is available upon request.

Meeting Room Expectations

Most meeting rooms are available during regular library hours, from the time the library is open, until 30 minutes before the library closing time. The Library Board room and Gates Computer Lab are only available Monday through Friday from the time the library opens through 4:30 p.m. Only with prior approval, groups may enter the library no more than 15 minutes before the library opens to set up for their event. This time is considered as a part of the reservation time.

If a group is more than 15 minutes late to a reservation and/or leaves the meeting space for more than 15 minutes without prior arrangement, the library may cancel the reservation. Cancellations must be more than 24 hours in advance. If a group, no-shows, without notification, the full room rate will be charged.

The Library reserves the right to cancel a meeting space reservation because of weather-related or building emergencies.

Meeting attendees are subject to all Library Policies including Library Use Guidelines and Internet and Computers Policies.

Patrons using the meeting spaces must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

The meeting spaces should be left in the same condition in which they were found. All patrons are responsible for reimbursing the Library for any damages, unusual cleaning expenses, or security

measures related to the meeting. A \$50 cleaning fee will be assessed if the space requires extensive cleaning at the discretion of the City Librarian or his or her designee.

Candles, any open flames, smoking, vaping, and alcohol are prohibited.

No tacks, nails, staples, tape, or any type of adhesive are to be placed in or on any library surfaces.

The group/organization is responsible for the supervision of all children who may be participating in the meeting or may accompany its meeting attendees. Children should remain with the group or be supervised by an adult who must remain with them.

The Library assumes no responsibility for private/personal belongings left in meeting rooms.

The Library assumes no responsibility for personal injury to any person or damage to the property of others.

When issuing posters, press releases, or other publicity, groups should make clear that programs are not sponsored, co-sponsored, or approved by the Library.

Meetings that become disruptive to other Library operations must end immediately.

The Library staff may monitor the use of the meeting spaces and enforce library policies.

Patrons using the meeting spaces shall agree to indemnify, save harmless and defend the Decatur Public Library Board of Library Trustees, in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, the City of Decatur and their respective officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and liabilities including all costs and reasonable attorney’s fees in any manner caused by, arising from or incident to the use of the Decatur Public Library’s meeting room and other facilities.

An organization not abiding by the regulations and policies governing the use of the meeting rooms may lose their privilege of use in the future.

Approved by the Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees March 19, 2015. Amended August 17, 2017. Amended June 18, 2020. Amended April 15, 2021. Amended April 18, 2024. Effective January 1, 2025. Amended December 12, 2024. Effective January 1, 2025

Fee Schedule - Non-Profit or Community-based Group Fee Schedule, within Macon County

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|---|---------------|
| Nonprofit or Community-based groups: First three hours of a reservation | No Charge |
| Nonprofit or Community-based groups: Each hour after the first three of a | \$25 per hour |

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Fee Schedule - Any business or not-for-profit, community, or government organization with offices outside of Macon County

Room rentals are in four-hour increments only, with a minimum of 4 hours.

| Meeting Room | Seats | 4 Hour Fee | 8 Hour Fee |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Elizabeth Madden Auditorium | 150 | \$100 | \$200 |
| A. E. Staley Jr. Manufacturing Company Conference Room | 25 | \$60 | \$120 |
| Computer Lab | 11 | \$50 | \$100 |
| Board Room | 15 | \$40 | \$80 |
| Children's Auditorium | 75 | \$60 | \$120 |

Additional Fees

Room Configuration Set Up (See Page 1) - \$25

Extensive Cleaning Fee (See Page 3) - \$50

Approved by the Decatur
Public Library Board of Trustees
March 19, 2015
Amended August 17, 2017

**CITY OF DECATUR
LIBRARY FUNDS CHECK REGISTER**

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| Check # | Check Date | Vendor | Check Amt | Account Description |
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| 164867 | 01/09/2025 | COMMERCIAL MAIL SERVICES DEC 16 - DEC 31'24 | 166.23 | POSTAGE |
| 164890 | 01/09/2025 | SAM'S CLUB ACCT 9064 | 154.33 | BANKING SERVICE CHARGE |
| 164904 | 01/16/2025 | AMAZON PAYMENTS BLANKET -OFFICE SUP, OTHER GRANTS, HARDWAR | 6,459.69 | MEMBERSHIP FEES |
| 164925 | 01/16/2025 | CHARLESTON CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY PYMT FOR 1 LOST & 1 DAMAGED BOOK PD BY DPL | 46.00 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 164945 | 01/16/2025 | DOYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PAYMT FOR DAMAGED MATERIAL | 35.00 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 164950 | 01/16/2025 | EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PYMT FOR DAMAGED MATERIAL | 11.06 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 164958 | 01/16/2025 | FREITAG, PATTI JAN'25 RECOGN 3 EMPLOYEE FUNDED BY FOL | 15.15 | OTHER LIBRARY GRANT EXI |
| 164985 | 01/16/2025 | MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIST PAYMT FOR LOST MATERIALS | 25.00 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 164987 | 01/16/2025 | MOYER DISTRICT LIBRARY PYMT FOR LOST MATERIAL | 46.00 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 164992 | 01/16/2025 | NAYAX, LLC BLANKET - CASHLESS PRINTING SERVICES | 19.44 | BANKING SERVICE CHARGE |
| 164997 | 01/16/2025 | PAETEC BLANKET - TELEPHONE SERVICE | 53.16 | TELEPHONE |
| 165000 | 01/16/2025 | PEERLESS NETWORK, INC ACCT 1212890 | 330.06 | TELEPHONE |
| 165001 | 01/16/2025 | POLK CITY DIRECTORIES POLK DIRECTORIES | 292.00 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165006 | 01/16/2025 | SCOTT CLANIN BRAND SERVICE TRAINING PROJECT 2024 | 8,937.50 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |
| 165014 | 01/16/2025 | STRIGLOS/HAINES & ESSICK RULED DESK PAD AND TAPE | 320.48 | OFFICE SUPPLIES |
| 165033 | 01/16/2025 | WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PAYMT FOR LOST MATERIAL | 20.00 | LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS |
| 165038 | 01/27/2025 | DECATUR CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY BLANKET - SECURITY FOR LIBRARY | 3,804.78 | SECURITY |
| 165051 | 01/30/2025 | BAKER & TAYLOR CO BLANKET - BOOKS AND ENTERTAINMENT | 1,862.29 | OFFICE SUPPLIES |

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| 165063 | 01/30/2025 | BOOKPAGE BLANKET - PERIODICAL | 420.00 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165067 | 01/30/2025 | CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC SERVICE COPIERS & PRINTERS | 739.44 | SERV-OFFICE EQUIPMENT |
| 165073 | 01/30/2025 | COMMERCIAL MAIL SERVICES JAN 1ST-15TH '25 MONTHLY MAIL | 333.10 | POSTAGE |
| 165115 | 01/30/2025 | KANOPY BLANKET - LIBRARY STREAMING SERVICE | 527.00 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165131 | 01/30/2025 | MIDWEST ARCHIVES CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - R.DAMPTZ | 55.00 | MEMBERSHIP FEES |
| 165134 | 01/30/2025 | MIDWEST TAPE, LLC AV AND STREAMING SERVICES | 337.57 | OFFICE SUPPLIES |
| 165150 | 01/30/2025 | PROQUEST INFORMATION & LEARNING BLANKET - DATABASE | 3,161.54 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165174 | 01/30/2025 | UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COLLECTION SERVICES | 334.90 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |
| 165176 | 01/30/2025 | VERIZON WIRELESS ACCOUNT 980380645-00001 | 161.67 | TELEPHONE |
| 2005903 | 01/29/2025 | DELL INC. VESA MOUNT BRACKET | 34.99 | SMALL CAPITAL ITEMS |
| 23006586 | 01/16/2025 | REGIONS/CREDIT CARD ACCT 7213 | 6,200.80 | COMPUTER SOFTWARE |
| 23006605 | 01/15/2025 | JESSICA HILL CONSULTING LLC BLANKET - SOCIAL WORKER'S WAGES | 999.96 | OTHER LIBRARY GRANT EXI |
| 23006606 | 01/15/2025 | JESSICA HILL CONSULTING LLC BLANKET - SOCIAL WORKER'S WAGES | 961.50 | OTHER LIBRARY GRANT EXI |
| 23006609 | 01/29/2025 | JONES & THOMAS WEB SERVICES | 420.00 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |
| Total for: 35 | | | 37,285.64 | |

59 -- LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

| <u>Check #</u> | <u>Check Date</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Check Amt</u> | <u>Account Description</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| 164904 | 01/16/2025 | AMAZON PAYMENTS BLANKET -OFFICE SUP, OTHER GRANTS, HARDWAR | 300.53 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165001 | 01/16/2025 | POLK CITY DIRECTORIES POLK DIRECTORIES | 292.00 | BOOK AND PERIODICALS |

**CITY OF DECATUR
LIBRARY FUNDS CHECK REGISTER**

For invoices from -- 1/1/2025 to 1/31/2025

59 -- LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

| <u>Check #</u> | <u>Check Date</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Check Amt</u> | <u>Account Description</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 165051 | 01/30/2025 | BAKER & TAYLOR CO BLANKET - BOOKS AND ENTERTAINMENT | 722.06 | BOOKS & PERIODICALS |
| 165103 | 01/30/2025 | HERITAGE NETWORK OF DECATUR HERITAGE NETWORK MEMBERSHIP | 30.00 | BOOK AND PERIODICALS |
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| | | | Total for: 59 | 1,344.59 |
| | | | <hr/> | |
| | | | Total for All: | \$38,630.23 |

JANUARY 2025 VENDOR REPORT

| VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT |
|---|--------------------|
| AMAZON PAYMENTS Total | \$6,760.22 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR CO Total | \$2,584.35 |
| BOOKPAGE Total | \$420.00 |
| CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC Total | \$739.44 |
| CHARLESTON CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY Total | \$46.00 |
| COMMERCIAL MAIL SERVICES Total | \$499.33 |
| DECATUR CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY Total | \$3,804.78 |
| DELL INC. Total | \$34.99 |
| DOYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Total | \$35.00 |
| EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Total | \$11.06 |
| FREITAG, PATTI Total | \$15.15 |
| HERITAGE NETWORK OF DECATUR Total | \$30.00 |
| JESSICA HILL CONSULTING LLC Total | \$1,961.46 |
| JONES & THOMAS Total | \$420.00 |
| KANOPY Total | \$527.00 |
| MIDWEST ARCHIVES CONFERENCE Total | \$55.00 |
| MIDWEST TAPE, LLC Total | \$337.57 |
| MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIST Total | \$25.00 |
| MOYER DISTRICT LIBRARY Total | \$46.00 |
| NAYAX, LLC Total | \$19.44 |
| PAETEC Total | \$53.16 |
| PEERLESS NETWORK, INC Total | \$330.06 |
| POLK CITY DIRECTORIES Total | \$584.00 |
| PROQUEST INFORMATION & LEARNING Total | \$3,161.54 |
| REGIONS/CREDIT CARD Total | \$6,200.80 |
| SAM'S CLUB Total | \$154.33 |
| SCOTT CLANIN Total | \$8,937.50 |
| STRIGLOS/HAINES & ESSICK Total | \$320.48 |
| UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES Total | \$334.90 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS Total | \$161.67 |
| WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Total | \$20.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$38,630.23 |

DPL FY2025 Budget Report
Prepared February 6, 2025
At the end of January 8% of the
year has passed

Revenue

| | FY2025 Budgeted | % of Budget | Actual YTD | % Collected | FY2024 YTD | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 3,222,539 | 69.1% | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| All Other | \$ 1,440,919 | 30.9% | \$ 177,743.66 | 12.3% | \$ 155,732.58 | 14.1% |
| Total Revenue | \$ 4,663,458 | | \$ 177,743.66 | 3.8% | \$ 155,732.58 | 14.1% |

| Expense | FY2025 Budgeted | % of Budget | Actual YTD | % Expended | FY2024 YTD | % Change |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Personnel | | | | | | |
| Payroll | \$ 1,867,224 | | \$ 210,691.74 | 11.3% | \$ 132,501.12 | 59.0% |
| Benefits | \$ 1,040,424 | | \$ 117,140.87 | 11.3% | \$ 70,215.21 | 66.8% |
| | \$ 2,907,648 | 57.5% | \$ 327,832.61 | 11.3% | \$ 202,716.33 | 61.7% |

Library Materials

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Books, Periodicals, etc. | \$ 245,000 | | \$ 6,573.03 | 2.7% | \$ 60.29 | 10802.4% |
| Per Capita | \$ 104,020 | | \$ 191.64 | 0.2% | \$ 25.00 | 666.6% |
| Lost/Damage | \$ 1,600 | | \$ 183.06 | 11.4% | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Total Materials | \$ 350,620 | 9.3% | \$ 6,947.73 | 2.0% | \$ 85.29 | 8046.0% |

Professional Services

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Security | \$ 22,500 | | \$ 3,804.78 | 16.9% | \$ 4,243.50 | -10.3% |
| Professional Services | \$ 50,000 | | \$ 9,692.40 | 19.4% | \$ 2,452.35 | 295.2% |
| Bank Service Charges | \$ 250 | | \$ 48.33 | 19.3% | \$ 11.36 | 325% |
| Total | \$ 72,750 | 1.9% | \$ 13,545.51 | 18.6% | \$ 2,463.71 | 449.8% |

Allocations

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Administrative Fee | \$ 189,792 | \$ 15,816.00 | 8.3% | \$ 12,311.00 | 28.5% | |
| MIS | \$ 19,967 | \$ 1,664.00 | 8.3% | \$ 1,361.00 | 22.3% | |
| | \$ 209,759 | 5.5% | \$ 17,480.00 | 8.3% | \$ 13,672.00 | 27.9% |

Grants

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Other grants | \$ 150,000 | \$ 7,884.85 | 5.3% | \$ 1,868.49 | 322.0% | |
| | \$ 150,000 | 4.0% | \$ 7,884.85 | 5.3% | \$ 1,868.49 | 322.0% |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|---------|
| Advertising | \$ 900 | 0.02% | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
|--------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|---------|

Office Supplies/Maintenance

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Postage | \$ 5,000 | \$ 499.33 | 10.0% | \$ 307.59 | 62.3% | |
| Service to Office Equipment | \$ 25,000 | \$ 739.44 | 3.0% | \$ 830.78 | -11.0% | |
| Telephone | \$ 6,000 | \$ 544.89 | 9.1% | \$ 565.44 | -3.6% | |
| Software | \$ 45,000 | \$ 20.00 | 0.0% | \$ - | #DIV/0! | |
| Office Supplies | \$ 40,000 | \$ 4,321.39 | 10.8% | \$ 637.40 | 578.0% | |
| Small Capital | \$ 50,000 | \$ 2,913.03 | 5.8% | \$ 102.70 | 2736.4% | |
| | \$ 171,000 | 4.5% | \$ 9,038.08 | 5.3% | \$ 2,443.91 | 269.8% |

Staff Development

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Conferences/Training/Travel | \$ 35,000 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ 405.92 | -100.0% | |
| Tuition Reimbursement | \$ 10,000 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - | #DIV/0! | |
| Membership | \$ 71,000 | \$ (172.26) | -0.2% | \$ 55.00 | -413.2% | |
| | \$ 116,000 | 3.1% | \$ (172.26) | -0.1% | \$ 460.92 | -137.4% |

Insurance

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Unemployment | \$ 1,176 | \$ 98.00 | 8.3% | \$ 94.00 | 4.3% | |
| Risk Management | \$ 111,948 | \$ 9,329.00 | 8.3% | \$ 7,801.00 | 19.6% | |
| | \$ 113,124 | 3.0% | \$ 9,427.00 | 8.3% | \$ 7,895.00 | 19.4% |

Building Costs

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--|------|---------|
| Transfer to Capital | \$ 375,000 | \$ 315,000.00 | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--|------|---------|

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Rent | \$ 589,583 | | \$ 49,115.00 | 8.3% | \$ 49,115.00 | 0.0% |
| Supplies | \$ - | | \$ - | #DIV/0! | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Maintenance | \$ - | | \$ - | #DIV/0! | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Total Building | \$ 964,583 | 25.5% | \$ 364,115.00 | | \$ 49,115.00 | 641.4% |
| Total Operations/Services | \$ 2,148,736 | 56.8% | \$ 428,265.91 | 19.9% | \$ 78,004.32 | 449.0% |
| Total Expenses | | | | | | |
| | \$ 5,056,384 | | \$ 756,098.52 | 15.0% | \$ 280,720.65 | 169.3% |
| Revenue Minus Expense | | | | | | |
| | \$ (392,926) | | \$ (578,354.86) | | \$ (124,988.07) | 362.7% |

Operating fund

| Date | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Balance Sheet Activity | Ending |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1/1/2025 | 1,865,528.14 | \$ 177,743.66 | \$ 756,098.52 | \$ - | \$ 1,287,173.28 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 1,287,173.28 | | | | |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 5/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 8/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ - | | | | |
| 1/1/2026 | \$ - | | | | |

Capital Fund

Revenue Expected:

Expense Expected:

| Date | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Ending |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1/1/2025 | \$ 194,018.17 | \$ 315,631.65 | \$ 160,002.22 | \$ 349,647.60 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 349,647.60 | | | |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |

| | | |
|-----------|----|---|
| 5/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 8/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 1/1/2026 | \$ | - |

Trust Accounts

Cantoni

| Date | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Ending |
|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| 1/1/2025 | \$ 7,017.16 | \$ 2.58 | \$ - | \$ 7,019.74 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 7,019.74 | | | |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 5/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 8/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 1/1/2026 | \$ - | | | |

Meyer

| Date | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Ending |
|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1/1/2025 | \$ 33,943.90 | \$ 12.67 | \$ 322.00 | \$ 33,634.57 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 33,634.57 | | | |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 5/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |

| | | |
|-----------|----|---|
| 8/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ | - |
| 1/1/2026 | \$ | - |

Memorials/Donations

| Date | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Ending |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1/1/2025 | \$ 6,814.86 | \$ 1,557.71 | \$ 1,022.59 | \$ 7,349.98 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 7,349.98 | | | |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 5/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 8/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ - | | | |
| 1/1/2026 | \$ - | | | |

| Total | Beginning | Revenue | Expense | Balance Sheet activity | Ending |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1/1/2025 | \$ 2,107,322.23 | \$ 494,948.27 | \$ 917,445.33 | \$ - | \$ 1,684,825.17 |
| 2/1/2025 | \$ 1,684,825.17 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 3/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 4/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 6/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 7/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 8/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 9/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 10/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 11/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 12/1/2025 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

1/1/2026 \$

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FW: Clinic Sewer Issues

From: "Rick Meyer" <rmeyer@decaturlibrary.org>
To: "Michelle Whitehead" <mwhitehead@decaturlibrary.org>
Tags:

02/10/2025 04:14 pm

Good afternoon,

I asked Mr. Pritchett to attend Wednesday's finance and properties committee meeting and give a report on the plumbing problems. He is concerned that he will be tied up with snow removal so, just in case, here is his written report.

Thank you,

Rick Meyer

City Librarian

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From: Pritchett, Mike <MPritchett@decaturil.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 4:10 PM
To: 'Rick Meyer' <rmeyer@decaturlibrary.org>
Cc: Elzy, Lacie N. <LElzy@decaturil.gov>
Subject: Clinic Sewer Issues

Rick, please let me know if this is sufficient information for your committee meeting pertaining to the sewer issues at the library.

Sewer issues with the Clinic waste lines:

We began having sewer issues with the Clinic every few months, shortly after it was open. After having the sewer lines cleaned out several times, I suspecting the problem was more than just patients improperly flushing items down the sewer. Therefore, I decided to speak with two local plumbing contractors about the issues and get their opinions. The consensus was that the new style low water flush toilets that were installed did not appear to be putting out enough water to completely clear the solids from the over 85 feet of horizontal sewer lines. Since the old-style higher water volume toilets were no longer available, the best option seemed to be going with pressure assisted toilets. The City Management agreed to purchase the new toilets, and they were installed on September 9, 2023. After a few months, we started having problems again with sewer backups. At that point, we had the sewer lines camera scanned to identify the problem. Based on the distance to the blockage (determined when we did the clean-out), and what showed up on the scan, the problem appeared to be in the plumbing directly under the raised floor of the bathroom. That sewer line was poorly installed, and did not have the proper fall. We also found a belly (low spot) in the pipe that was allowing the solids to build up. On April 18 – 22, 2024, the City hired a plumbing contractor to remove the raised floor in the restroom, make the necessary corrections to the piping, and replace the tile floor. Within a few months of these repairs, we began having sewer issues again. However, based on the distance to the blockages, the problem had moved farther down the line. Additional scanning indicated another low section of the sewer line, just past the previous repaired area. The low section was not allowing the solids to flow properly. The decision was made to repair the newly discovered problem area, and the work was completed on November 11, 2024. Within a few months of this repair, the sewer plugged again. Based on this clean-out, it appeared that the new blockage was farther down the line. In fact, it appeared to be in the old, original sewer lines that had been used in the library for years. In an effort to verify the findings from the clean-out, we had the lines scanned. Unfortunately, since the lines had just been cleaned out, we were unable to detect the cause of the recent blockage. Therefore, we decided to wait a couple of weeks, and have the lines re-scanned. After three weeks, we scanned the sewer lines before we had an actual blockage. This time we could see where the build-up was starting. Unfortunately, the new build-up was not where the previous clean-out had indicated. We decided to rinse the lines thoroughly and flushed more toilet paper down the lines while the camera was still in the sewer. What we saw was the low water volume was unable to push the paper products all the way through the lines. We also found that the locations where the toilet paper stopped were inconsistent. Because there was no consistency with where the paper stopped, and because the scan did not appear to show any problem areas, we feel the issues with the sewer lines have been resolved. This makes us believe that although the pressure assisted toilets helped, without enough water volume, we cannot get the solids to travel the entire length of sewer lines. This is what we believe is currently causing blockages in random parts of the sewer line. Our current plan is to spend the next two weeks running several gallons of water down the sewer line at the end of each day. We will then rescan the sewer lines on February 18, 2025. The hope is that we can prove the extra water is enough to keep the lines clear. If so, we will investigate options to provide the added water that we feel is needed. I hope to have an answer and a suggested solution to this problem by the end of February 2025.

Mike Pritchett

Facilities Manager

City of Decatur