



Agenda

Novi Public Library Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 12, 2026

at 7:00 p.m.

Location: City of Novi, Council Chambers

Mission: Cultivate Learning, Inspire Creativity, Foster Inclusivity

DEI Statement (Approved November 20, 2024): The Novi Public Library is committed to ensuring that every Novi community member, library guest, Board of Trustee member, library staff and volunteer, is treated with dignity and respect. Discrimination, bigotry and racism will not be tolerated. The Board and staff are dedicated to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in order to create a comfortable, safe and supportive library environment for all.

Call to Order by Vice President, Kat Dooley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call by Secretary, Karla Halvangis

Trustees: Bartlett, Burke, Crawford, Dooley, Gawalapu, Halvangis and Sturing

Student Representatives: Not filled at this time

Approval of Agenda.....1-3

Consent Agenda

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4. Approve Claims and Warrants of:
 - A. Accounts 271 and 272 (#659) 21-23

Presentations

1.N/A

Public Comment

In order to hear all citizen comments at a reasonable hour, the Library Board requests that speakers respect the (3) three-minute time limit. This is not a question-answer session. However, it is an opportunity to voice your thoughts with the Library Board. Citizens must state their first, last name and address

DISCLAIMER: Audiovisual presentations are welcome. To insure adequate equipment needs, please contact Library Administration at least 5 days in advance of the meeting. The materials cannot be changed before the meeting.

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Public Comment – see language above to be recited

Committee Reports

- Policy Committee:** Review current public policies for the Library
 (Chair: Burke, Bartlett and Gawalapu, Staff Liaison – Julie Farkas)
 - Meeting held: No meeting held.....N/A
- HR Committee:** Review HR Policies for the Library, Director Review & Goals
 (Chair: Crawford, Dooley, Halvangis, Staff Liaisons – Julie Farkas and HR Specialist – Kristen Sullivan)
 - Meeting held: No meeting held;N/A
 - Update from Director Farkas84
- Building & Grounds Committee:**
 (Chair: Gawalapu, Sturing, Halvangis (Staff Liaison – Julie Farkas)
 - Meeting held: 2/3 Re: Intercom System and Updates 84-89
- Finance Committee:** Financial plan based on building assessment review, Library endowment investigation
 (Chair: Bartlett, Burke, Sturing; Staff Liaisons – Julie Farkas)
 - Meeting held: 1/12 and 1/22 100
- Events/Marketing/Fundraising Committee:** Outreach and fundraising opportunities
 (Chair: Dooley, Burke; Staff Liaisons – Julie Farkas and Dana VanOast)
 - Meeting held: No meeting held.....N/A
 - Update from Director Farkas..... 100

6. **Strategic Planning Committee:**

(Chair: Bartlett, Crawford, Staff Liaison – Julie Farkas and Dana VanOast, Info Services)

- Meeting held: No meeting held.....N/A

7. **Bylaw Committee (Ad-hoc): Review of Library Board Bylaws**

(Chair: Bartlett, Sturing (Staff Liaison – Julie Farkas)

- Meeting held: No meeting heldN/A

8. **DEI: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

(Chair: Halvangis, Dooley, Crawford, Halvangis (Staff Liaison – Julie Farkas)

- Meeting held: No meeting heldN/A

Matters for Library Board Action

1. Approve 25/26 Year End Proposed Budgets for 271 and 272 46-50
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Communications

1.N/A

Closed Session

1. None

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2025 Future Events:

- 2/18/26: Novi Historical Commission Regular Meeting, 7pm, Novi Public Library
- **March is National Reading Month**
- 3/11/26: Friends of Novi Library Regular Meeting at 7pm, Novi Public Library
- 3/18/26: Novi Historical Commission Regular Meeting at 7pm, Novi Public Library
- 3/26/26: Library Board Regular Meeting at 7pm, City of Novi – Council Chambers (Officer Elections)
- 4/4 and 4/5: Library CLOSED
- 3/8/26: Friends of Novi Library Regular Meeting at 7pm, Novi Public Library
- 3/15/26: Novi Historical Commission Regular Meeting at 7pm, Novi Public Library
- 3/16/26: Library Board Regular Meeting at 7pm, Novi Public Library
- 4/19 – 4/25: National LIBRARY WEEK

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