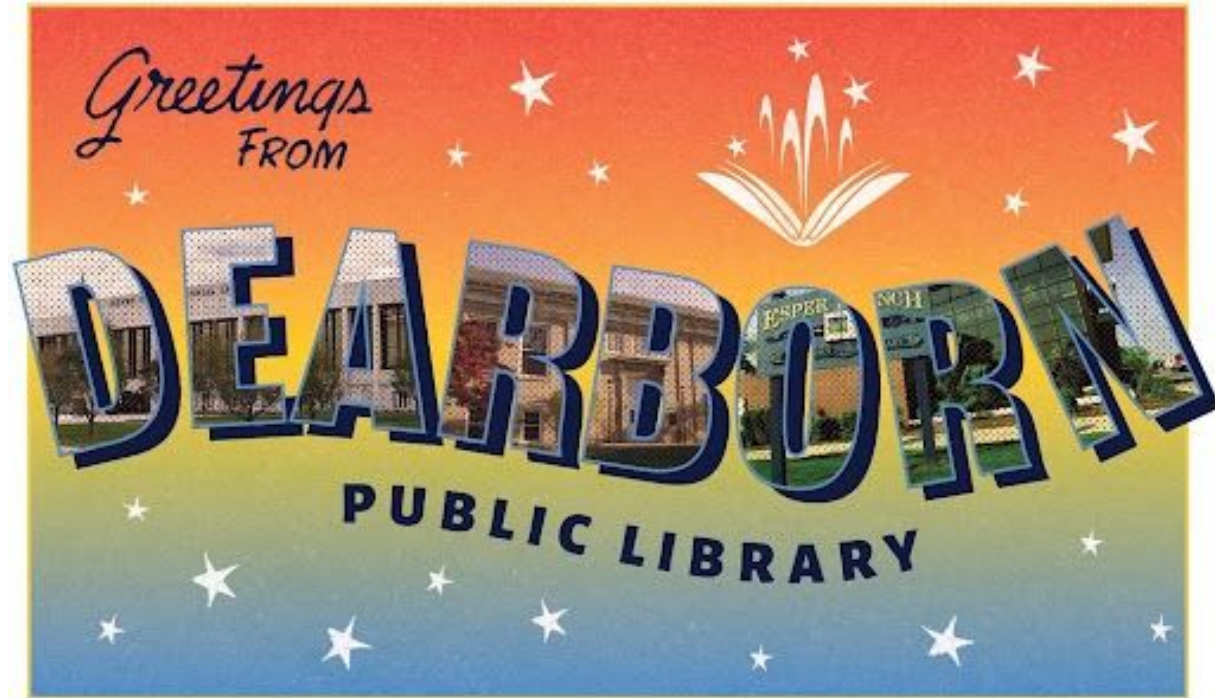


DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Henry Ford Centennial Library - Room 111
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
5:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- IV. Approval of Minutes - September 9, 2026 regular meeting
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Historical Museum Report
 - B. Director's Report
- VII. Financial Report
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Past Perfect
 - B. Upcoming Events
- IX. Old Business
 - A. Bryant and Esper Renovations Update
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Next Meeting - November 18, 2026 **date change**
- XII. Adjournment

Director's Report

October 2026



Strategic & Operational Wins

Marble Floor Cleaning and Restoration: Thanks to recent cleaning and restoration work, the marble floor and reflecting pool at Henry Ford Centennial Library looks stunning

Professional Development: To support the upcoming STEAM Lab at Esper, staff continue expanding their skills through webinars and conferences—including the recent Guild of Library Makers Convention (GoLMCon). This annual event equips team members with practical ideas for hands-on, maker-style programming and craft-based learning.

Collection Management: Library Administration is currently evaluating a potential new vendor following a recent exploratory meeting with relevant staff.



Bryant and Esper Branch Modernization

Project Status: Library Administration met with the architecture team to review color palettes and interior fixtures for both branches. Meanwhile, site work moves forward as scheduled, with ongoing demolition and equipment deliveries at both locations.



Growth & Community Impact

SparkLab Usage: 9 new patrons registered and 21 sign-ins were recorded at the makerspace. 38 patrons visited the SparkLab to look around. Equipment usage included: 23 machine uses, 7 submitted 3D print requests, 3 completed 3D prints and 10 paid services.

Processing: The library's primary book vendor is currently testing an upgraded system designed to enhance cataloging and processing capabilities, with an onboarding timeline under development. In the meantime, department workflow remained strong—receiving 615 items, cataloging 532, alongside progress on a major relabeling project to improve item discoverability.

Visits and Circulation Statistics: Both visits and circulation saw notable year-over-year gains compared to 2025. In August 2026, library visits rose to 15,500 (up from 12,725 in August 2025), while circulation increased to 20,507 (up from 16,720).



Outreach

Senior Expo: Represented the library at the annual resource fair, actively promoting key services and programs to local seniors.

Coffee Week: Supported Dearborn's 3rd annual coffee celebration by supplying attendees with custom coasters crafted in the SparkLab.

ICCD Good Neighbor Day: Joined the annual community event with hands-on activities that encouraged neighborhood connections and local engagement.



Programs

Salina School Tour: Welcomed over 100 Salina 6th-grade students and their literacy instructor for their annual fall visit, resulting in the creation or renewal of more than 50 library cards.

Puzzle Race Challenges: Hosted competitive puzzle races that challenged patrons to race against the clock, fostering community connection through interactive, team-building programming.

Tutoring: Developed by the Adult Services Manager and facilitated by teen volunteers, this newly launched initiative is already yielding positive results—having assisted 24 elementary and middle school students in math, science, and reading. Free tutoring is offered every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Analog Saturdays: Encouraging kids to unplug, these programs bring children together to enjoy screen-free fun with board games, puzzles, and creative crafts. Screen-free time is vital for healthy development and social interaction. There is no better place than the library for kids to dive into these fun activities and discover new adventures!



Community Connection

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony:

On the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, community members gathered at the Veterans Park and War Memorial outside Henry Ford Centennial Library. The ceremony honored the lives lost and paid special tribute to the courage and sacrifice of first responders and public servants, both past and present.

