

**Hamtramck Public Library
Library Board
2360 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck, MI 48212
Minutes from February 12, 2026**

Board Members present at the meeting: Ray Bittner, Rachel Srodek (on zoom), George Gorday, Sandra Jabril (on Zoom), Valerie Hillary (on zoom) and Gregory Kirchner. State Law allows library boards to continue to meet on Zoom.

Absent: None:

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. All participants had an opportunity to pick up the reports prior to the meeting.

As the first order of business - agenda was adopted on a motion by Ms. Srodek, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

November 20th meeting minutes were read and adopted on a motion by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Mr. Bittner, passed.

Financial reports and invoice listings were discussed and adopted on a motion by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

Under the old business:

An update was presented regarding the library staff.

Activities of Friends of the library were discussed. They consisted of operating the copy machines, purchasing supplies for the library, providing refreshments for library programs and providing prizes for the children's reading program.

The State Aid report has been filed with the Library of Michigan; copy included in the monthly report.

The board was informed of the most recent donations received.

Instructions for the staff regarding dealing with ICE have been provided to the entire library staff.

Under new business:

Statistics on the use of the library have been discussed.
Two certificates of deposit have been submitted to the PNC bank for renewal.

The Black History programs will end of February 26th with a Jazz Concert by Sky Covington and her musicians.

Two members of the audience wanted to present their suggestions to the board.

Marge Charnik of Trowbridge Street – 313-289-0685

Anita Marie Surma – of Hamtramck – 313-466-4785

The presentation asked for the removal of glass showcases from the auditorium to make more space for the exercise classes at the library. Since the showcases have not been used for years, using that space for a different purpose would serve the community well. The Library Board agreed and decided to find out if we can find someone to provide a good home for the showcases. The two ladies offered to help find a place for the showcases.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Srodek, seconded by Ms. Hillery, passed at 7:00 pm. The next meeting was set for Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Minutes taken by
Gregory Kirchner
Executive Assistant to the Library Board