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**LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
CELINA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
112 N COLORADO ST
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025
6:00 PM
AGENDA**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:

II. OPEN FORUM:

Open Forum is for information only. If you wish to speak, please sign one of the “Speaker Cards” and present to the Staff Liaison prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. No action can be taken. No charges and/or complaints will be heard against any elected official or employee of the city that are prohibited by law.

Please note Anyone wishing to furnish copies/handouts regarding their item of interest must provide nine (9) copies and present them to the Staff Liaison for distribution.

III. WORKSESSION:

- A. Update from Friends of the Library (Friends of the Library)
- B. Library Monthly Report (Ortiz)
- C. Library Policy Review and Recommendations (Ortiz)
- D. Discussion of Future Items (Ortiz)

IV. ACTION:

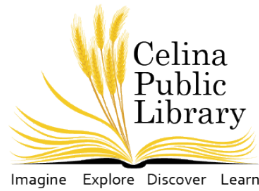
- A. Minutes Approval - Regular Meeting - August 7, 2025

V. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf, or hearing impaired, or readers of large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-382-2682, or fax 972-382-3736 at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

“I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of the City of Celina, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: _____ at ____:_____ and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting.”

Staff Liaison



Celina Public Library Programming Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the development and delivery of library programs that align with the library's mission to provide equitable access to information, foster lifelong learning, create unique experiences, and support literacy and core library services for all community members.

Guiding Principles

Library programs:

- Support the library's role as a center for literacy, learning, unique experiences, and access to information.
 - Are inclusive and accessible to all residents, regardless of age, ability, background, or beliefs.
 - Complement the library's collections, services, and strategic priorities.
 - Are designed based on community needs, interests, and demographic trends.
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Core Objectives

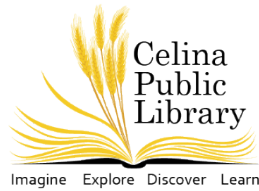
Programs offered by the library will aim to:

1. Promote Literacy

- Offer programs that support early literacy, family literacy, digital literacy, information literacy, and reading engagement across all ages.
- Encourage lifelong reading habits through book clubs, author talks, reading challenges, and storytimes.

2. Support Core Library Services

- Connect patrons to library resources such as books, digital collections, research tools, and technology.



- Educate users on how to effectively use library services, including reference support, catalog navigation, and electronic resources.
- Foster skills in digital access, media literacy, and information evaluation.

3. Encourage Lifelong Learning

- Provide opportunities for self-directed education, skill-building, and enrichment in areas such as workforce development, financial literacy, health literacy, and civic engagement.
- Offer programs for unique learning experiences through art, cultural awareness, and STEAM principles.

4. Foster Community Connection

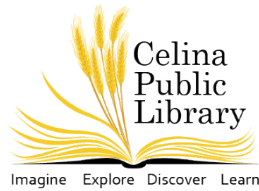
- Host programs that bring the community together in a safe, neutral, and welcoming space for dialogue, creativity, and collaboration.
- Partner with local organizations to expand reach and increase access to relevant community resources.

Program Development & Selection

- Programs are created and delivered by library staff or qualified presenters with relevant expertise whom library professionals select.
- Selection is based on criteria such as educational value, community demand, alignment with library goals, and budget/resource availability.
- Programs must remain non-commercial and non-partisan in nature. Promotion of specific products, services, or political/religious viewpoints is not permitted.
- All programs offered by Celina Public Library will be free of charge.

Accessibility & Inclusion

- All programs will be designed to be physically and cognitively accessible whenever possible.



- The library will strive to provide materials and formats that accommodate diverse learning needs, languages, and cultural backgrounds.
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Evaluation

Programs will be regularly evaluated for:

- Alignment with industry standards, library mission, and strategic plan
 - Attendance and engagement
 - Participant feedback
 - Measurable outcomes in literacy and service impact
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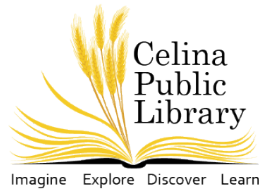
Program Reconsideration

The library offers a wide range of programs designed to meet the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community. Programs are selected by qualified library staff based on professional judgment, community relevance, and alignment with the library's mission and programming policy.

Library programs may not appeal to all audiences, and the inclusion of a program does not constitute endorsement of the views presented. The library supports the right of individuals to express their concerns, while also upholding the rights of others to access a broad spectrum of ideas.

Request for Reconsideration Process

1. Informal Discussion
 - Individuals with concerns are encouraged to first speak with a library staff member or program coordinator for clarification about the purpose and content of the program.
2. Formal Request



- If the concern is not resolved informally, individuals may submit a written Request for Reconsideration of Library Programming form.
- Forms must be completed in full and submitted to the Library Director at least 30 days before the event is to occur.

3. Review Process

- A review committee, consisting of the Library Director and designated staff (and/or a board representative), will review the request.
- The committee will evaluate the program in relation to the library's mission, programming policy, and selection criteria.
- Consideration will include: the program's goals, target audience, content, presenter qualifications, community value, and adherence to library guidelines.

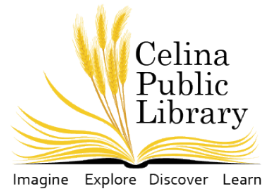
4. Decision

- A written response will be provided to the requester within 30 days of receipt.
- The decision of the Library Director (or review committee) is final.
- The same requester cannot resubmit a reconsideration form for the same program for one calendar year from the time of the initial form submission.

Important Considerations

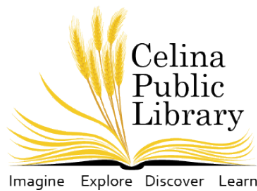
- Participation in any library program is voluntary. Parents or guardians are responsible for guiding their children's program attendance.
- Programs will not be canceled or altered based solely on the viewpoints or sensitivities of an individual or group.
- Programs will not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of the presenters or participants.

Form Availability



The Request for Reconsideration of Library Programming form is available:

- At all library service desks
- On the library's website <https://www.celina-tx.gov/455/Policies>



New Felony for Obscene Child Imagery

SB 20, Effective Sept. 1, 2025

In accordance with Texas Senate Bill 20 (89th Legislature, 2025), this policy ensures that the library does not knowingly acquire, promote, or provide access to any visual material—real or artificial—that depicts or appears to depict minors engaged in sexual conduct, including AI-generated or digitally manipulated content.

This legislation makes it a criminal offense to possess, view, or promote visual material that obscenely depicts a child, whether the material involves a real child, an animation, a cartoon, or an AI-generated image. The new law is a state jail felony, punishable by up to two years in a state jail facility. If the defendant has previously been convicted once for similar offenses, the charge is elevated to a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison. If previously convicted two or more times for similar offenses, it becomes a second-degree felony, punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

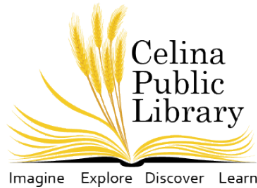
What does this mean for Celina Public Library?

Celina Public Library is committed to providing high-quality, expertly reviewed titles that are selected by our professional librarians to ensure each book has literary value. Our staff will pull from the shelves and evaluate each item that falls under the scope of SB 20. This will primarily impact manga, comics, and anime books. Graphic novels will also be evaluated to a lesser degree, as this medium of books has been successfully excluded from legal challenges in the past and is considered quality literature.

The shelves housing the affected titles will be refilled as we search each page to ensure compliance with the new legislation and approve the books accordingly. Library and City Management will also update our selection policies to ensure that our collection follows the law. It is anticipated that this project will take several months to complete.

Please contact us at contact.us.library@celina-tx.gov if you have any questions about the legislation. The full text of SB 20 can be found here:





SB20

SB 20 Selection Policy for Manga, Anime, and Comics:

Section: Compliance with SB 20 (2025) – Obscene Visual Material Depicting Minors

I. Purpose

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II. Definitions

- **Obscene Visual Material Appearing to Depict a Minor:** Any visual depiction, regardless of how it is created (e.g., AI-generated, deepfake, CGI, drawn), that:
 - Appears to portray an individual under 18 years old;
 - Portrays sexual conduct or lewd exhibition; and
 - Meets the legal definition of "obscene" under Texas law.
- **Sexual Conduct:** Includes sexual acts, lewd exhibition of genitals, or any other conduct as defined under Texas Penal Code § 43.
- **AI-Generated Content:** Content produced using artificial intelligence, including image synthesis, deepfakes, or other machine-learning techniques that simulate realistic visuals.

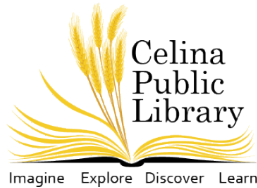
III. Selection Guidelines

All visual materials (including books, films, digital media, databases, and online resources) are evaluated by professional librarians with the following additional criteria:

1. Prohibited Content

The library shall not purchase, acquire, display, or make available any visual material that:

- Is legally defined as obscene under Texas law;
- Appears to depict a minor engaged in sexual conduct, regardless of whether the image was AI-generated or altered;



- Violates the criminal provisions established in SB 20.
- Fails the Miller Test
 1. The *Miller test*, originating from *Miller v. California* (1973), serves as the definitive framework in the United States for determining whether material qualifies as legally obscene and thereby falls outside First Amendment protection. The Miller test is also known as the “three-prong obscenity test” because the test has three criteria:
 1. Does the work, as judged by “the average person, applying contemporary community standards,” taken as a whole, appeal to the prurient (inappropriately sexual) interest?
 2. Does the work depict or describe, in an explicit, “patently offensive way,” sexual conduct or excretory functions as defined by state laws?
 3. Does the work, taken as a whole, lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value?
 2. A work is deemed legally obscene only if it satisfies all three prongs of the Miller test:
 3. Prong One and Prong Two are assessed according to community standards, focusing on whether the material appeals to prurient interests and depicts sexual conduct offensively.
 4. Prong Three examines whether a reasonable person, applying a national perspective rather than a parochial one, would find that the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.
 5. This legal framework means that a piece of material may be considered obscene in one locale yet be acceptable in another. However, the presence of any genuine value—literary, artistic, political, or scientific—renders the work non-obscene, even if it meets the first two prongs.



6. Notably, most of the pornographic material in the United States does not meet all three prongs of the Miller test and is therefore legally protected.
7. Under federal law, the sale, distribution, mailing, importation, or transportation of obscene content is strictly prohibited and may result in criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Conversely, private possession of obscene material is not itself criminalized, reflecting the privacy protections recognized in U.S. law—most notably in *Stanley v. Georgia* (1969), which held that mere possession of obscene material within one’s home is constitutionally protected.

2. Digital & Vendor Resources

All third-party content providers, digital resource vendors, and streaming platforms must certify that:

- Their content does not include visual material prohibited under SB 20;
- They maintain internal review processes to flag and remove such content;
- The library reserves the right to suspend access to any non-compliant content immediately.

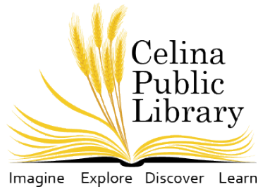
IV. Review & Removal

- **Internal Review:** Any material flagged by staff or the public as potentially violating SB 20 will be immediately reviewed by the Library Director.
- **Temporary Restriction:** The material may be removed from public access pending legal review.
- **Removal:** If content is found to violate SB 20, access will be permanently revoked.

V. Staff Training

Library staff will be trained annually to:

- Understand the scope and intent of SB 20;
- Identify AI-generated or synthetic imagery that may be noncompliant;
- Follow procedures for content review, escalation, and reporting.



VI. Legal Compliance Statement

This policy is adopted in compliance with Texas Senate Bill 20 (2025) and applicable state and federal laws governing obscene materials and child protection. The library is committed to maintaining a safe and lawful environment for all patrons.

1. More information:

1. Citizens' Guide to U.S. Federal Law on Obscenity:
<https://www.justice.gov/criminalceos/citizens-guide-us-federal-law-obscenity>
2. Obscenity and the Miller case:
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/obscenity>
3. Bill Text: TX SB20 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | Enrolled:
<https://legiscan.com/TX/text/SB20/2025>



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025
6:00 pm
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:

Board Member Jo Rutt called the meeting to order, with a quorum present at 6:01pm.

Members Present:

Board Member Trice Whitaker
Board Member Tiffany Hoggard
Board Member Jo Rutt
Board Member Tom Parsons
Board Member Daryl Meyer

Members Absent:

Board Chair Aaron Zapata
Board Co-Chair Becky Thomas
Board Member Corinne Weaver
Board Member Vicky Hogue

II. OPEN FORUM:

No members of the public spoke during the Open Forum session.

III. WORKSESSION:

- A. Update from Celina Friends of the Library. (Friends of the Library)
Acting as the Friends of the Library Treasurer, Member Jo Rutt provided a Treasurer's Report to members regarding Friends of the Library finances, including Book Sale totals.

- B. Library Monthly Report. (Ortiz)
Library Director Andrea Ortiz provided the Board with updates on:
City Council budget workshops highlights as they pertain to library;
information and impacts on libraries from SB20, how Celina Public Library will be defining and implementing policies to make sure we are in compliance with this new law; talking points with the public – how the Board can use these statistics and facts to talk with the public and be our liaisons in the community;
new ILS system – Director Andrea updated the Board on the beginning of our migration to a new library system, and its timeline until full implementation in



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2026; new building information – Director Ortiz shared floor plans and statistics for new building iteration including shelving, seating and key points. Board Member Daryl Meyer asked about staffing levels and Director Ortiz answered that it is dependent on projected future budgets and providing excellent service, while being fiscally responsible.

C. Library Policy Review and Recommendations. (Ortiz)

Board Members agreed the Lost & Found Policy was thorough but had the suggestion of adding a line to the date of discard in the log, to show if an item was donated or discarded.

D. Discussion of Future Items. (Ortiz)

Board Member Meyer requested a list of events where volunteers are needed, moving into the last quarter of the year. Board Member Tiffany Hoggard requested a refresher on the duties of a Board Member, and how they are different from the Member duties of Friends of Celina Public Library Member, and how she can better serve. Board Member Jo Rutt asked if Boards can request or recommend to City Council the skills they need when considering new members. Director Steve Walsh answered a question about the new attendance policy and term limits.

IV. ACTION:

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Library Board – Regular Meeting – July 10, 2025

Upon a motion by Board Member Jo Rutt and a second by Board Member Daryl Meyer, the Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the July 10 Library board Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5-0

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Jo Rutt adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.