

AURORA FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Dave Eckhardt, President AFL Board of Trustees

Trustees: Dennis Looney, Mary Jo May, Thea Miller(late), Michele Belot (excused early), Lori Knopp (excused early)

Absent: Lars Peterson

Staff: Sandy Groth, Library Director

1. **Call to Order:** Dave called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **Consent Agenda Approval:** Dave made a motion to approve the 5/21/26 Meeting Minutes and the 6/18/26 Meeting Agenda. Lori seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0-0.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** There were no conflicts of interest.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Lori reported an operating balance of \$34,744.32.
5. **Director's Report and 2025 Annual Report Status:** Sandy said that the NYS Annual Report has been accepted by NYS. She shared a thorough report that highlighted past and upcoming programs. The Summer Reading Program will be fun with its theme of Dinosaurs. Sandy also reported that among the many benefits of library membership we make available will be access to several new museums thanks to a FLLS Family Literacy Grant. The new museum memberships that our patrons will have access to are: *The MOST*, The Seward House, The Museum of the Earth, and the Rochester Science Center and Museum. We hope to provide fishing poles for summer guests and patrons and continue to consider other commodities visitors may enjoy.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - Morgan Opera House: Ellen had provided a report of upcoming summer performances to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

- Preservation: Dave reported that the front step repairs are completed by Skaneateles Stone. We are currently developing a plan to improve the wintertime heating in the basement jail room and storeroom. HSC Associates of Ithaca has quoted \$5,966 to add new ductwork and controls from the existing Library furnace, and we plan to submit a NYS Construction Grant request for the project.
- Booklovers' Ball: Jo reported that *Save the Dates* are out and plans are in the making for the October 11th event to be held at the Aurora Inn.
- Long Range Service Plan: Dennis has received about 48 survey responses, and he shared some of the feedback, which was generally very positive. We will extend the timeframe for the community survey into the summer.
- Route 90 Weekend Book Sale: The sale will be July 24-26, and books will be transferred to the Masonic Lodge on Wednesday July 22nd. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for time slots to work the sale weekend.

7. Old Business: Sandy reminded Trustees to complete the Sexual Harassment Training Requirement as well as their 2 hours of Trustee Training. Aurorafest is scheduled for July 11th and we will have a float in the parade. The theme is "Once Upon a Time in Aurora."

There was no additional Old Business.

8. New Business: The jail room heating project will require about \$600 in Library matching funds, if approved by NYSED.

There was no additional New Business.

9. Adjourn Meeting: Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, and Thea seconded it. The motion was approved 4-0-0 (Lori and Michele were excused early).

The next Board Meeting will be **July 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm.**