

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

February 16, 2026

Present: Rachel Baker, Debbie Snow, Rick Zeller, Ron Routhier, Linda Riendeau, Rick Crockford and Ray Craigie.

Absent: Flo Woods and Sarah Melasecca

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Secretary's Minutes – Motion by Ron R. and seconded by Linda R., Minutes from January were approved.

Consent Items – Library Budget, Funds and Gift report and Director and Chairman reports.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed and placed on file.

Library Director

1. The Board reviewed the Conference Room request from the Democratic Caucus. The group will be working on posters, flyers and other information on the Notable Women of Canterbury. On motion made and seconded by Rick C. and Linda R., the Board approved this use of the Conference Room.
2. Rachel is no longer President of NHLA, but indicated there is a full slate of bills in the Legislature that will affect the Library. She also noted that the IML funding has been restored and increased by Congress so NH downloadable books and State Library funding will continue.
3. The Food Drive was very successful and the Library continues to collect food which is available to town residents and is also donated to the Loudon Food Pantry.
4. FOEPL has been busy:
 - Holding its full member meeting on January 20th and voting to give the Library \$1,600 in program funding.;
 - Selling EPL merchandise through ShirtMasters through February;
 - Taking donations for its Garden Basket raffle and hosting Pub Night on March 11th at 6:00 pm; and
 - Delivering staff lunch in honor of March birthdays.
5. The EPL Library of Things had 72 check outs in January and has been highlighted in a NH Magazine Article, Library Land blog post, Unutil Website and the Concord Monitor.
6. On Teen Night, the teens did a video promoting what is available in the Library of Things.

Maintenance

1. Storage and space continues to be an issue.
2. Peter Galastis will complete the repairing of the ceiling tiles, door bar and gutter.
3. Nick Wright will complete paint touch ups inside the Library and move Parent Resource shelving.
4. Zach Bacon will make suggestions on updating the Children's Room sound system and Endicott Furniture is working with EPL on some furniture requests.

Program

1. Upcoming programs include Mark Hopkins and The Prettiest Bugs Get Squashed First on February 25th.

Other

1. At an upcoming meeting the Trustees will be doing a review of the Policy of Library of Things.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next meeting is March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Snow