

Elbridge Free Library  
241 East Main Street  
Elbridge, New York 13060  
July 23, 2025

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on July 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM. The following members were present: Kathy Long, Camille DiSanza, Casey Westby, Kathy Wood, Bette Tucker, Kathy Norman, Peggy Bennink, Deb Walrath, and Cynthia Zainchowski.

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April 23, 2025 Business Meeting were read and approved with one correction to the spelling of a name. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Kathy Wood. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

#### Director's Report

Casey Westby reported that during this quarter, the library had 6,250 items checked out, and 903 holds placed. Hoopla was used 437 times and the cost for that was \$940.00 for the quarter. Because of the expense of Hoopla, patrons will be limited to 3 streamed items per month.

Because of the popularity of the Adventure Backpacks, three more were added. The library now has eight.

Elbridge Elementary children have been walking up to the library for tours. There have been 8 tours so far, and everyone without a library card received one. That amounted to 120 patrons added to our enrollment.

Cynthia Zainchowski made a motion to accept the Director's Report and Kathy Wood seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

#### Treasurer's Report

In Julie Clark's absence, Casey Westby reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Finances from June, 2024 were compared to June, 2025. We remain in a fiscally favorable position. Kathy Norman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Kathy Wood seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken in favor of accepting the report.

#### Programs

Deb Walrath and Bette Tucker presented a brief overview of the many programs available for the public. For a more thorough explanation, please consult the Library's Newsletter for the months of April, May and June.

#### Old Business

The grant given to us by the State of NY arrived and has been put in the bank.

The annual garage day sale is on track to take place July 12, 2025.

The plan to install outdoor gardens on the east side of the library is supported by the village and businesses.

Home school groups and students from Elbridge Elementary will be visiting EFL. Frank Clark will be updating all the computers.

#### New Business

A staff appreciation dinner was held at Bailiwick on June 4, 2025. Given by the EFL Board, 14 attended and everyone had a great time. Nancy Hourigan donated the use of the gazebo.

The Garage Sale fundraiser netted us \$340.00

The outdoor garden project is now complete and it looks great. For under \$400.00, 6 raised beds were purchased, rocks and soil were donated by Anthony DeMarco, flowers were donated by Maldonados, and Abe Patrick, owner of AJP, donated wood chips. Rocks were put around the perimeter and staff and spouses provided the muscle. The staff and children are in charge of watering. The Citizens newspaper from Auburn visited the Library, took pictures and interviewed the staff about the project.

Future meetings are:

October 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM

January 21, 2026 at 5:00PM

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peggy Bennink and seconded by Kathy Wood. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman