

Minutes
Library Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Leverett Library

Present: Lisa Werner, Chair; Trustees: Chris Condit, Judith Davidov, Joan Godsey, Seth Seeger; Hannah Paessel, Library Director; Leah Larkey, representing the Friends

Approval of March 11 meeting minutes

Trustee Business:

Library Summer Music Series (new name)

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

June 30 - September 1

Same groups as last year, with the addition of Dennis Shapson's group. Trustees sign-up to host 2 concerts each at next meeting.

Updates:

FY27 Budget / Town Meeting Prep

- Gift received from Richard Brazeau to offset cost of continued Friday hours.
- Proposed budget from Finance Committee and Select Board includes Materials increase to almost 20%, a 3.2% COLA, but no increase in payroll hours.

Grounds Project:

- Stage - bid due to be released on April 15. All work to be completed by July 30.
- Park - majority of concrete to be poured Wednesday & Thursday this week.
- No date set for boardwalk installation yet.
- Most instruments now installed, Akimbira to be installed with the cement.
- No date on bench installation yet.
- Cement will receive a final coating for winter protection.
- Walk-through at the end of April.
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony end of August-beginning of September.

Flooding/Insurance:

- All remediation is finished. The building smells okay again.

- Insurance has approved repairs, including insulation, drywall, and repainting damaged walls. Also, new carpet throughout the building due to water damage.
- Hannah is doing research on pros and cons, especially environmental effects, of carpeting, vinyl, glue, linoleum. We hope to have the installation done the weekend of town meeting, when the library will be closed.
- Will and Hannah scheduled to meet with the contractor on April 9 to confirm the scope of work and dates for installation.

Books donation to the Muheza Constituency in Tanzania.

FRIENDS UPDATE: not much to report until the next meeting.

Director's Reports:

1. Financials: 70% through the year.

Account	Start Fiscal Year	Amount remaining	%
General Expenses	\$34,469	\$12,782	68%
Wages	\$88,331	\$27,092	77%
Building	\$24,466	\$12,849	52%
State Aid	n/a	\$28,920	
Gift	n/a	\$70,925	
Bequest Detail	\$91,124	\$63,490	
Revolving - Fines	n/a	\$599	
Revolving - Printing/Use	n/a	\$645	
Community Preservation Grant	\$374,529	\$212,109	

Circulation Statistics

March 2025	Service	March 2026
2,773	CWMARS	3,018
836	Libby	953
271	Kanopy	308



Attendance Statistics

March 2025	Attendance type	March 2026
1,113	General Library	989
327	Library Programs	278
137	Non-library programs	76

Staff & Volunteers:

- One early weather closing. No internet 2 days. Flooding / fans for a week or so.
- With various vacations and sick days, we've all been looking out for each other and making sure that everyone can get their time off with no disruption to library services.
- Encouraging everyone to keep up with the online trainings provided by CW Mars.
- Elizabeth will be taking a leave of absence from volunteering. She has been a constant library supporter and volunteer for many years.

Meetings & Programs:

- Our regular weekly programs continue to draw people in. This month we worked with the COA and the United Way of Franklin County to provide another Tech for Seniors program.
- The Leverett Cultural Council funded a series of drawing classes with Mary Schreiber. Participants were delighted.
- We worked with Umass Aggie to provide a soil blocking workshop which wasn't as messy as it sounds.
- We offered a Crafternoon to increase our kid-centered offerings.
- Exhibit: Art of Dorothy Masterson Bennett for March and April.
- Nonlibrary events: Clothing swap (not public), art reception, and another sports card trading event.
- Coming up: Pysanky egg decorating and an April vacation crafternoon

Building: See above

Technology:

Other:

- Margie is resubmitting *Green Communities* grant application for repair and additional insulation in attic.

Old Business

Next Meeting: May 13 at 7:00 p.m.