

AGENDA
Exeter Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 24, 2025
6:00 PM

1. Call to order & roll call
 - a. Call to order 5:59 PM
 - b. Jenny Medlock, Sarah James, Lisa Wilson, Sherry Kostenbader, Kathy Boudreau, Diana Perry, Julia Lanter.
2. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Sarah noted a few edits to be made: add last names to trustees attendance, and alter the wording for money returned to Town not slush fund.
 - b. Sarah motioned to approve.
 - c. Sherry seconded.
 - d. Approved.
3. Reports
 - a. Directors Report
 - i. 121 items were checked out for Teen Summer Reading in first week!
 - ii. On Saturday 6/28, the library will host its first Author Fair with 19 authors represented. This is an opportunity to help promote local authors and get them involved in the library. Authors did have to apply and go through a vetting process before being included in the fair.
 - iii. Art in the Park, the Summer Reading kick off, is on Wednesday 7/2 from 11 AM – 1 PM. The rain date is August 20 and will be the Summer Reading Finale.
 - iv. Two new clubs are starting in the Children's Room: Weaving Workshop and Music Makers.
 - v. Other Children's Room clubs are holding special monthly meetings during the summer and are taking a break from their normal meetings.
 - vi. The Children's Room Summer Reading Program will be hosting special events on Wednesday including: Touch-a-Truck, 3D animal portrait painting, Wildlife Encounters, Norman Ng, the 30th Annual Stuffed Pet Show and Mr. Aaron Music.
 - vii. In June so far, the Teens have enjoyed grilled cheese sandwiches, the annual end of school Ice Cream Party, and today even had a Victorian Tea Party. Fun events are happening every day for the Teens.
 - viii. Adult Services hosted Poco Amare last week for a concert. This week there is a Wellness Check program for older adults and a nutrition event. There have been requests for more events for older adults including these, with more to come in the fall.
 - ix. Adult and Children's Summer Reading begin next week.
 - x. The CIP forms have been submitted. We are waiting to hear back.
 - xi. Other state organizations like NHLA are on break for the summer.
 - b. Building, Grounds, Technology
 - i. Nothing to report.

- c. Finance and Fundraising
 - i. Operating statement
 - 1. The library is on track. The library is 41.7% through the budget at this time. Part Time salaries are a little high than expected, but it is okay because Full Time salaries are currently lower than average and we will be losing some of our workers as they graduate and go on to their next adventures. Electricity is expensive.
 - ii. A CD is about to be removed from Citizens Bank.
 - iii. The trustees may want to start considering in the fall if we want to move banks as the credit Cards expire in the fall. We could look to see if another local bank is offering better rates.
 - iv. Question about the line item Penny jars. Julia said this is an opportunity for people to give money when the library does not collect fines. Some people still feel the desire to give. They were taken away for a while, but have returned due to requests. They used to be called conscience jars.
 - d. Long Range Plan
 - i. We are trying to get a meeting set up in beginning of July. The meeting will be on July 7 at 5 PM and will have a Zoom option. This meeting will work to establish committee members. Let Jenny know if you have any people in mind.
 - ii. During the Long Range Plan process, we may want to consider visiting other libraries to get ideas.
 - e. Personnel and Policy
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - ii. 11 laws being monitored that would impact the library. In relation to the trespass law, the Town of Exeter (Town Manager, Police, Fire, Library) is working on a letter to the committee to convey why problematic and concerned over public safety. This law is being promoted to assure that people have access to public buildings.
 - f. Friends
 - i. They met on 6/10.
 - ii. They have several events coming up to spread the word about the library including serving as greeters at the Author Fair, tabling at the Independence Festival with a craft, and getting involved with some of the Summer Events.
 - iii. The Rockingham County Friends Group met in May. They are trying to meet over the summer, but looking for a place to host.
 - iv. No immediate needs for the library. The Friends are looking to the Fall programming and adding to the library of things.
 - v. Their next meeting is on August 19 at 6:30 PM.
 - g. Social
 - i. Nothing to report
 - ii. The trustees have been hearing good things from the public about EPL.
 - iii. The Staff appreciation luncheon will be on September 17.
4. Continuing Business
- a. Letter for Town Manager. Diana is working on it and will have it out ASAP.
5. New Business
- a. Next meeting September 23, 2025, 6 PM @ Exeter Public Library

6. Closed session if necessary
(RSA: 91-A: 3 Executive Sessions)
7. Public comment
 - a. None.
8. Adjourn
 - a. Diana motioned.
 - b. Kathy seconded.
 - c. Approved.
 - d. Ended at 6:24 PM