

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Nesmith Library, 7:00 pm



Present:

Trustees: Theresa Abbamondi (Assistant Chair), Jennifer Cutler (Treasurer), Beth Talbott (Chair), Catherine Girata (Corresponding Secretary), DJ Withee (Member at Large), Stephanie Lohret (Assistant Treasurer), Robin Bostic (Recording Secretary)

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis

Public: Deb Roux

Absent: All present

Call to Order: at 7:04 pm.

Mission statement: Read by Beth Talbott

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by T. Abbadmondito approved the minutes of the Public Session of April 7, 2025. Seconded by S. Lohret. Passed 7-0

Acceptance of New Gifts:

- \$800 unrestricted donation from Sandra Grant
- \$200 unrestricted donation from Claudia and David Ferber in honor of Dorothy DiOrio's 90th Birthday.
- \$50 restricted donation for books in memory of Ann Louise LeColst
- \$200 unrestricted donations in memory of Ann Louise LeColst

Motion was made to accept gifts by T. Abbadmondi and seconded by DJ Withee. Gifts were approved 7-0.

Review of Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.

Reports:

F.L.O.W. Report

- FLOW hosted lunch for the library employees as part of Library Week.

- There is a society of Friends of New Hampshire Public Libraries which FLOW plans to meet on May 21, 2025.
- May 4, 2025 Shrek play FLOW reception was canceled.
- Spring flower kids at the Library were completed.
- 27 applications for academic grants have been received.
- The FLOW website is being updated for the Strawberry Festival.

Director's Report

Overview.

- Circulation. In April 2025, 15456 items were loaned. Trend: 2023: 15112, 2024: 15994
- People Counter. Visits during April 2025: 5566
 - 2022 – 4125
 - 2023 – 3219
 - 2024 - 5620

Building and property maintenance

- Require boiler work for Primex certification
- Turned outdoor spigots on

Technology

- Received new laptop and PC's
- Moved all PC's to surge protected outlets

Personnel

- Staff meeting- April 25 conducted more training on confidentiality and privacy and established a roadmap to move forward with potential changes.
- Scheduled retirement benefits presentation for FT staff. (Savings options)

Communication

- Kept staff updated on legislative changes
- Provided online testimony for HB 273 and HB666
- Emailed Senator Birdsell about NHSL budget hearing
- Updated bank signatories
- Responded to Patron concerns about library funding on state and federal level
- Working with FLOW for Strawberry festival

Other

- Facilitated GMILCS board retreat
- Chairing GMILCS ad-hoc policy committee
- Attended NHLTA conference

Treasurer's Report:

29% of expenses have been spent. The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

Legislative Update:

- HB 666 makes it a penalty to disclose if someone has a library card. It is a \$1000 penalty with apology. HB 666 has been ITL'd. The language has been added to an unrelated bill SB 141, adding back that library status is confidential without the \$1,000 penalty and apology.
- HB 273 makes minor children's library records accessible to parents or legal guardians who are listed on the library account. Will be voted on by full Senate.
- HB 376 specifies library user information is exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law which includes information regarding library cards and library membership status. The Senate Judiciary Committee is reviewing HB 376 at the end of the month.

New Business:

- Discussion of Rules for Trustee meetings for the year were reviewed. J. Cutler made a motion to restrict meeting time to 75 minutes unless a motion is made to extend the meeting. Cathay Giata seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- The Strawberry Festival is on track with volunteers assigned.
- Old trustee Google accounts will be reviewed by T. Abbadmondi.

Old Business

- NHTLA Conference was attended.
- TD Bank signature cards have been completed.

Public Comment:

Deb Roux, members of the public donated a book titled The Forefather's Monument Guidebook. The Library Director received the book which will be placed either in children or adult non-fiction sections.

Announcements:

Next meeting: June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Abbadmondi. DJ Withee seconded. Vote passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bostic

Draft Meeting Minutes