

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Nesmith Library, 7:00 pm



Present:

Trustees: Beth Talbott (Chair), DJ Withee (Member at Large), Stephanie Lohret (Treasurer), Robin Bostic, (Recording Secretary), Theresa Abbamondi, (Assistant Chair), Patty Doyle.

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis.

Absent: Natalie Grace was absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Mission statement: Beth Talbott read the mission statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The February 17 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved during the March meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Stephanie Lohret and DJ. Withee. The motion passed 5-0-1 abstained.

Acceptance of New Gifts: Underhill-Levin Gross Library Fund provided an unrestricted grant for \$936.00. A motion was made by DJ Withee to accept with Thersa Abbamondi seconding the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Review of Correspondence: There was no new correspondence.

F.L.O.W. Report:

- Theresa Abbamondi attended the Strawberry Festival meeting.
- Modifications were made to increase units of ice cream. The committee also completed a walkthrough of the high school. May 30, 2026 is the date of the Strawberry Festival. We will start selling kits at 3:00 pm.
- Stephanie will be sending the sign-up sheet for staffing of the table. Sign up Genius for Trustees will be sent out by Theresa and Stephanie.

Director's Report

Overview.

- Circulation. In February 2026, 14822 items were loaned. Trend: 2024: 15830, 2025: 15333
- People Counter. Visits during February 2026: 5716
- 2023 – 3905
- 2024 – 4741
- 2025 – 4696

Building and property maintenance.

- Electric bill conversion update

Technology.

- We are working on updating the website to meet new ADA requirements that will be in force April of 2027.

Personnel.

- The Children's position was reposted with updated hourly pay.
- The job description for a full time circulation librarian is being developed.
- Performance reviews are being written.

Communication.

- The Library staff is working with 250 committees on joint programs.
- The Director has been answering questions from potential director candidates.
- The full time salary was added to the budget based upon the election results approving the position.

Other.

- New loan period changes went very smoothly
- The Director is working on transition documents and file clean up in preparation for the new Director coming in.
- NHLTA Conference is 5/27 in Manchester. New trustees were encouraged to attend.

New Business:

- Thersea made a motion to accept the officer slate as outlined. . Beth Talbot, Chairman, Theresa Abbamondi-member at large, Stephanie Lohret, Treasurer, Robin Bostic, Recording Secretary, DJ Withee, Assistant Chair. Patty Doyle, Corresponding Secretary. Natalie Grace, Assistant Treasurer. DJ Withee seconded the motion. The vote passed 6-0.
- Committee assignments were made. The committee assignments are as follows;

Finance Beth, Stephanie and Natalie, Strategic planning, Beth, DJ and Patty. Personnel, Beth, Robin and Stephanie.

- The meeting schedule for the new term is Tuesday 7-8pm, April 14, May 12, June 9, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 16, 2026.

Old Business:

- The personnel committee met before the Trustee meeting to review the eight applications received. Of the eight candidates, four will be interviewed in April before the 14th by the personnel committee and selected staff. The following dates, April 20, 21 or 27 at 7:00 pm were held for the second interview which will include all Trustees and town representative

Budget Update:

Treasurer's Report: With the budget approved, a report will be provided during the April meeting.

Public Comment:

Members of the public may be recognized for comments during this time. The chair reserves the right to limit comments, pending and public attendance. No public comments were made.

Announcements:

Next meeting: April 14, Tuesday, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Stephanie Lohret made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by DJ Withee. The vote passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting Minutes
Robin Bostic, Recording Secretary