

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Nesmith Library, 7:00 pm



Present:

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

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis. Assistant Director: [Karen Burbank](#)

Absent:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Mission statement: Beth Talbott read the mission statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved during the April meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Theresa Abbamondi and seconded by Stephanie Lohret. The motion passed 7-0 abstained.

Acceptance of New Gifts: There were no gifts to review.

Review of Correspondence: The Director's letter of resignation was received by the Board.

Strawberry Festival:

- Strawberry Festival sponsorship is doing well with 4 committing to support the Festival.
- Stephanie assigned times for Trustees to work the Strawberry Festival covering Thursday pick up. Friday drop off, Saturday Strawberry Short Cake Booth.

Director's Report

Overview

- Circulation. In March 2026, 13013 items were loaned. Trend: 2024: 16537, 2025: 17732: Note that this is the first month that we have switched to the new loan period. Numbers will be significantly lower.
- People Counter. Visits during March 2026: 5702
- 2023 – 4792
- 2024 – 5298

- 2025 – 5410

Building and property maintenance.

- Spoke to Boyden's about getting us on the schedule. I've signed the contract for the steps.

Technology

- Our catalog computers were running on old devices. We have updated the one in the children's room and across from the circ desk so they are stable now.

Personnel

- Recommendation for Children's Assistant was given but both candidates took full time positions. It was suggested that a high school intern be utilized until a new director is hired or have a temporary teacher fill in the interim for the summer offering them a Grade 9 \$21.00 per hour.
- The job description for a full time circulation librarian was approved by the Board with [Stephanie Lohret](#) making a motion to accept the job description and DJ Withee seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Communication

- Director is working with 250 committee on joint programs
- Potential director candidates have contacted the Director with questions about the Director Position.

New Business:

- Policy Update was provided regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated materials which states the Library is not purchasing AI generated content. A motion was made by Theresa Abbamondi and DJ Withee seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Full Time Position Update
- Any additional new business

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: Budget passed and is in place for the year.

Treasurer's Report: The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

Public Comment:

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

Non-Public Comments:

Entered into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 7:54 pm. We entered back into the Public session at 8:30 pm. A motion to seal Non-Public minutes for three months was made by DJ Withee and seconded by Patty Doyle. Roll Call given with all Trustees indicating Yes.

Announcements:

Next meeting: May 13th, Tuesday, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Theresa Abbamondi made a motion to adjourn seconded by DJ Withee. The vote passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting Minutes
Robin Bostic, Recording Secretary