

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Nesmith Library, 7:00 pm



Present:

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

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis. Assistant Director: Karen Burbank

Guests: Erin Matlin, Incoming Director

Absent: Stephanie Lohret (Treasurer) and Natalie Grace (Assistant Treasurer) were absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Mission statement: Beth Talbott read the mission statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved during the June meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by DJ Withee and seconded by Theresa Abbamondi. The motion passed 4-0.

Acceptance of New Gifts:

- \$1,000. of unrestricted donations from Lions Club.

Motion to accept donation by Patty Doyle and seconded by DJ Withee. The motion passed 5-0.

Review of Correspondence:

No additional correspondence.

Strawberry Festival:

- The Strawberry Festival revenue was \$4,000 less than the previous year. \$32,000 was raised this year. \$5,000 was made by the Strawberry Short Cake Table.
- Feedback on this year's Strawberry Festival included; We need two additional volunteers to run supplies and sell kits. We also need to reduce the number of strawberries by two flats. We also need two lines for cash and credit.

Director's Report

Overview.

Circulation. In May 2026, 11681 items were loaned. Trend: 2024: 15664, 2025: 15378: Note that we have switched to the new loan period. Numbers will be significantly lower.

People Counter. Visits during May 2026: 5681

- 2023 – 3439
- 2024 – 4790
- 2025 – 6095

Building and property maintenance.- NA

Technology. N/A

Personnel-There were no new hires.

Communication

Individual Meetings with staff as needed

GMILCS budget update-The Manchester West Branch Library is considering closing due to budget constraints. If the branch is closed our GMILCS budget will be increased by \$500.

New Business:

We have a new hire, Ella Wong for weekend coverage and a part time 22 hour summer associate, Morgan Lacaillade. A motion was made by DJ Witheree to hire Grade 9 step 1 Ella Wong and Morgan Lacaillade. The motion was seconded by Theresa Abbondi. The vote passed 5-0.

Old Business:

Trustee Resignation-Theresa Abbamondi is resigning from the Board. Candidates are being considered until the next election.

The New Director will be starting June 29th and will be training with the previous Director.

Budget Update:

Treasurer's Report: The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7. 35% of the budget has been spent.

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..

Announcements:

Next meeting: August 11th, Tuesday, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

DJ Withee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Theresa Abbamondi. The vote passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting Minutes
Robin Bostic, Recording Secretary