

Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Amherst Public Library



Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:30pm

Meeting held at the:
Egbertsville-Snyder Library
4622 Main St.
Snyder, NY 14226

A). Meeting called to order and attendance – **5:31 pm by David Saia**

Present: David Saia, Oliver Young, Carolyn Giambra, Marilyn Feuerstein, Hon. Penny Wolfgang, Jessica Black, Patricia Dore

Excused absence: Kristi Dougherty, Dr. Jamie Smith

Also present: Laura Stachura, Kathleen Berens Bucki, Trevor D Reid

B). Review and Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2026

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Hon. Penny Wolfgang. Carolyn Giambra abstained.

All in favor.

C). Review and Approval of the Agenda for July 15, 2026

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Hon. Penny Wolfgang.

All in favor.

D). Public comment – **Both Kathleen Berens Bucki and Trevor D. Reid spoke.**

E). Report of the President – **David Saia attended the American Library Association Annual meeting, June 26-29. No public funds were used to support attendance.**

F.) Finances

- 2026 Budget
 - County bills paid
 - Williamsville bills paid
 - Other bills paid

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Oliver Young.
All in favor.

G). Committee Reports

- Town of Amherst Library Liaison – **not in attendance.**

H). Report of the Library Director

- Buildings & Grounds

Williamsville:

The Library will be closed July 14 - 17, 2026 for Old Home Days.

Worn out American flag replaced with new American flag, new crash bar installed on staff door by Town vendor

Clearfield:

Leaking front window repaired by Town, Public Printer & a Self-Checkout machine replaced by System IT, back public door panic bar issues repaired by Town vendor

The building was closed early on June 9 and June 10 & 11 due to AC issues, which has have been repaired by the Town's HVAC vendor.

Two donors will be sponsoring a mural for the children's area in memory of their mother. Nate Phillips will be working on the piece. Timeline TBD.



Image: Draft of wall mural with various woodland creatures with books

Motion to authorize payments totaling \$7,000 to artist Nate Phillips once received by donors prior to next board meeting.

Motion to approve by Carolyn Giambra, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.

All in favor.

Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library:

Broken back window repaired by Town vendor, exterior addressed by Town exterminator due to ant issues, loose belt on HVAC unit repaired by Town,

Eggertsville-Snyder:

Caretaker cleared ground foliage around the parking lot, leaking roof at the end of May repaired by Town vendor

- Library Material Circulation

Circulation of materials checked out in May 2026:

Hon. Shirley Chisholm - 34,798 Clearfield - 23,640
Eggertsville-Snyder - 12,327 Williamsville - 3,310
74,075 materials circulated in May 2026!

- **Circulation of materials checked out in June 2026:**

Hon. Shirley Chisholm - 37,486 Clearfield - 26,155
Eggertsville-Snyder - 13,376 Williamsville - 3,853

80,870 materials circulated in June 2026!

- Programming

Late May/June/early July events – Weekly storytime sessions, Technology Training, Computer Coaching, English Conversation Group, Mahjong Club, LEGO events, Book Clubs, Pokémon Club, Adult Crafts, Jewelry Making, Queerlit Book Club & Craft Night, Bollywood Dance Class, Backyard Astronomy 101, Logan Loveless Trio Jazz Concert, Facing Our Fears of Death - Befriending Death Gathering, Legal Seminar for Financial Planning, Pre-K Prom, Poetry Series in the Community, Buffalo Zoo Mobile, SPCA Paws for Love: Read to a Therapy Dog, 'Books, Art, Zines, Fun!' with local artists, Chess Meet-Up for Kids, N.U.R.T. Niagara University Repertory Theatre, Storybook Cook,



Images: At the Clearfield Library - Children reading to therapy dog, London



Image: Children that attended Pre-K Prom at the Clearfield Library

Weekly Summer storytimes and other special events began the week of July 6.

Summer Bike Raffle: June 1 – July 31.

Summer Gift Card Raffle: June 1 – August 31.

Additional Donors for raffle gift cards: Buffalo Bisons and Dash's Markets

May 27 – Amherst Public Librarians met with Williamsville School Librarians at the Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library to share resources and discuss libraries.

June 23 – The Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library was a Primary Day polling place.

June 26 - Summer Reading Kickoff – 163 attendees

July 11 - Williamsville Beautification Committee members hosted a Welcome Tent on the front lawn of the Williamsville Branch Library to lead free guided tours of the adjacent mural garden as part of the Amherst Garden Walk.

- For the month of June the Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library and Clearfield Library hosted barrels for the FeedMore WNY Food Drive, in partnership with the Town of Amherst.



Images: Barrels and a cart filled with paper bags containing various foods

- queerlit Book Club members from the Clearfield Library were Proudly Public at the Buffalo Pride Parade with other Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Staff



Image: Various library staff in front of the Library2GO Van holding a banner with "Buffalo Erie County Public Library" and "Proudly Public", in addition to posters with cover images of various queer books

- Patrons continue to visit Amherst Libraries as part of the B&ECPL Passport to Reading event and we had some Gold Card achievers end their journey with us!



Images: Various patrons pose with their special edition gold library cards and one patron poses with Senior Page Devon and Librarian Wanda at the Williamsville Library

Looking ahead:

Saturday, July 25 (10am-12pm) - Librarian Wanda Collins will read stories at the Williamsville Beautification Committee's Ladybug Picnic. The event will take place at the Memory Garden at Garrison Park and will feature various ladybug themed children's activities.

- Book & Media Sales

Clearfield Library Book Sale

June 3- 6, 2026

\$3,176.10

\$140 from Early Bird entrance fees

\$627 from book sales during the Early Bird sale

Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library Book & Media Sale

June 10-14, 2026

\$4,441.72

Clearfield Library Book Sale

August 26 – 29, 2026 (\$5 bag sale on Saturday)

Early bird sale - Tuesday, August 25 (3-5:30pm, \$10 entrance fee)

I). Old Business – **An ICE-related policy at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library was mentioned. Kathleen Berens Bucki will inquire about this at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on July 16, 2026.**

J). New Business

- 2026 Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Member Contract

**Motion to approve by Hon. Penny Wolfgang, seconded by
Oliver Young.
All in favor.**

- Personnel Appointment
Pay Period 13 – Cathleen Sitch, part-time Senior Page, Eggertsville-Snyder Library - *Filling an existing position*

**Motion to approve by Hon. Penny Wolfgang, seconded by
Carolyn Giambra.
All in favor.**

- Three Policies to Review for September Meeting:
Conflict of Interest, Procurement, Claims Audit
Tabled until next meeting

- Executive Session to discuss potential legal matter

**Motion to enter into Executive session made by Marilyn Feuerstein,
seconded by Carolyn Giambra.
All in favor.**

Executive session began at 5:55 pm. Session ended 6:25 pm.

K). Correspondence/Other Items As Needed – An email was received from patron commending our librarian, Mary Koenig, for a job well done.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library, Community Room 1 (Mary & George Bobinski Community Room)

L). Adjournment – 6:29 pm

**Motion to approve by Jessica Black, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.
All in favor.**