

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



Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:30pm

Meeting held at the:
Clearfield Library
 770 Hopkins Rd.
 Williamsville, NY 14221

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

**Present: David Saia, Oliver Young, Carolyn Giambra, Marilyn Feuerstein,
 Jessica Black, Patricia Dore, Samantha Nephew**

Excused absence: Penny Wolfgang, Dr. Jamie Smith

Also present: Director Kristi Dougherty and Laura Stachura

B). Review and Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2026

Motion to approve by Oliver Young, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.

Minutes approved.

Carolyn Giambra abstained.

C). Review and Approval of the Agenda for May 20, 2026

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Oliver Young.

All in favor.

D). Public comment - None at this time

E). Report of the President - David Saia

President Saia reported that he attended the unveiling of the new mural at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library on May 16th ~ approximately 50 attendees were present. President Saia also reported that he will review the director performance evaluation sheets that he knows are available.

F.) Finances

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

Motion to approve by Oliver Young, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.

All in favor

G). Committee Reports

- Town of Amherst Library Liaison – **Not in attendance**

H). Report of the Library Director

- Buildings & Grounds

Williamsville:

Leaking roof above public bathroom repaired

Village Beautification Committee members have been busy harvesting the seeds from last year's zinnias in the Village's three public gardens, sorting them, packing them in seed envelopes, and labeling them to be handed them out to the public on Farmer's Market Days - May 30 and June 6, from 10am-1pm on the Williamsville Library front lawn. Any leftover seeds will be available as supplies last at the Williamsville Library during open hours.

Clearfield:

May 6 - Power outage in area, building closed at 1pm. Lighting at Hopkins entrance replaced with updated fixtures

Rear crash bar door repaired by Town vendor, mulch acquired for garden areas - Town & Country Garden Club working on plantings, phone charging station added to children's area, copy machine repaired

Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library:

Leaky roof in workroom repaired, touch-up wall painting in well-loved areas, broken back window to be repaired, copy machine to be repaired

May 16 - Trail Birds Mural Dedication - Director Dougherty, Amherst Town Councilmember Davis and artist Nate Philips spoke at the event. The mural was unveiled and visitors had a chance to decorate birdhouses in the Maker Space. Birding resources and a selection of books were also provided to check out. The mural was completed after 11 weeks and 479 hours of work by the artist.



Images: Wall mural of various painted birds and a child holding a birdhouse

Eggertsville-Snyder:

Leaky roof by circulation desk repaired again
Front sign lights fixed and painting completed

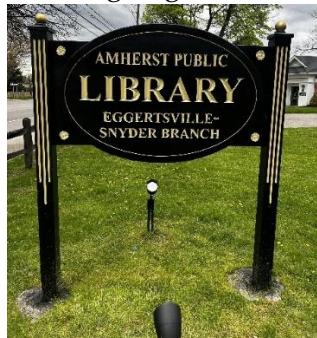


Image: Black and gold lettered sign for Amherst Public Library Eggertsville-Snyder Branch

- Library Material Circulation

Circulation of materials checked out in April 2026:

Hon. Shirley Chisholm – 36,193 Clearfield – 25,822
Eggertsville-Snyder – 12,697 Williamsville – 3,215
77,927 materials circulated in April 2026!

- Programming

April/May events – Weekly storytime sessions, Technology Training, Computer Coaching, English Conversation Group, Mahjong Club, LEGO events, Book Clubs, Pokémon Club, Spring crafts for kids, Adult Crafts, Jewelry Making, Queerlit Book Club, Bobbin Lace Making, Family Yoga, Peter Fletcher Concert, Child & Infant CPR, African Violet & Gesneriad Society of Western New York presents 2026 Judge Flower Show, Arabic Calligraphy Workshop, Spot a Comet for Citizen Science, Rubber Duckie Dress Up Competition, We the People: A Quilt of Belonging Quilting Workshop presented by Explore & More teaching artists



Images: African violets and decorated rubber duckies

- The Williamsville Central School District Art Show was on display at the Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library April 27 – May 10, 2026. Receptions for students and their families were held on April 27 & 28.



Images: Various artwork atop bookshelves in library

April 23 - Legislator Jeanne Vinal Hosted a Night of Consideration, in partnership Literacy Buffalo Niagara. A representative was on hand to explain how the program works, to answer questions, and help connect attendees with opportunities to volunteer.

May 5 - Director Dougherty and Librarian Jennifer Lelinski were interviewed by WKBW Channel 7 journalist Taylor Anthony about Passport to Reading and Summer Reading. Permission was granted to film a story time and to interview interested patrons. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UKhzBeSCFc>

Director Dougherty's image was also featured in a Buffalo Rising article - <https://www.buffalorising.com/2026/05/escape-the-algorithm-the-buffalo-and-erie-county-public-librarys-summer-reading-challenge-is-here/>

Looking ahead:

Each library is receiving a Cash Management drawer from the library system to replace the aging cash registers - staff are being trained in its use.

Registration for summer storytimes and other events begins June 1st.

Summer Bike Raffle will take place June 1 - July 31. Summer Gift Card Raffle will take place June 1 - August 31.

Summer Reading Kickoff - Friday, June 26 at 11:30am (REPCO's Prehistoric World) - Summer Reading Challenges begin and last day to submit is August 31, the theme this year is Unearth a Story

Donors for raffle gift cards include: Just Salad, Anderson's, Paula's Donuts, Watson's Chocolates, Amherst Pizza & Ale House, Excuria Salon & Spa, Buffalo Museum of Science, Falafel Bar, Wegmans, Half Baked Cookies, Mischler's

- Book & Media Sales
Clearfield Library Pop-up Book Sale
May 6 - 9, 2026 \$1,496.45

Clearfield Library Book Sale
June 3- 6, 2026 (\$5 bag sale on Saturday)
Early bird sale - Tuesday, June 2 (3-5:30pm, \$10 entrance fee)

Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library Book & Media Sale

June 10-14, 2026

Friday - June 12 half price books

Saturday - \$5 bag sale

Sunday - \$2 bag sale

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)

AMHERST LIBRARIES
2026 BOOK SALES

HONORABLE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM LIBRARY (AUDUBON)
350 JOHN JAMES AUD. PKWY
716-689-4922
JUNE 10TH - 14TH
WED. JUNE 10TH 10 AM-8 PM
THURS. JUNE 11TH 10 AM-8 PM
FRI. JUNE 12TH 10 AM-8 PM
FRIDAY HALF PRICE BOOKS
SAT. JUNE 13TH 10AM-5 PM
SATURDAY BAG SALE \$5/BAG
SUN. JUNE 14TH 12 PM-4 PM
SUNDAY BAG SALE \$2/BAG

CLEARFIELD LIBRARY
770 HOPKINS ROAD
716-688-4955
JUNE 3RD - 6TH
*EARLY BIRD SALE TUES. JUNE 2ND
3-5:30 FOR \$10.00
WED. JUN. 3TH 10 AM-8 PM
THURS. JUN. 4TH 10 AM-5 PM
FRI. JUN. 5TH 10 AM-5 PM
SAT. JUN 6TH 10 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY BAG SALE \$5/BAG

CLEARFIELD LIBRARY
770 HOPKINS ROAD
716-688-4955
AUGUST 26TH - 29TH
*EARLY BIRD SALE TUES. AUGUST 25TH
3-5:30 FOR \$10.00
WED. AUGUST 26TH 10 AM-8 PM
THURS. AUGUST 27TH 10 AM-5 PM
FRI. AUGUST 28TH 10 AM-5 PM
SAT. AUGUST 29TH 10 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY BAG SALE \$5/BAG

Image: Book sale dates and times, open during regular library hours and end an hour before the library closes for the day.

I). Old Business – Discussion occurred regarding an I.C.E. Policy in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

J). New Business

- New York State Annual Report Assurance Resolution & 2025 Year in Review Report to Community – Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by Oliver Young, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.

All in favor.

- Personnel Appointment
Pay Period 12 – Michele Timby, Part-time Librarian I
Filling a vacant position

**Motion to approve by Carolyn Giambra, seconded by Oliver Young.
All in favor.**

K). Correspondence/Other Items As Needed – Additional thank you notes were received from Clearfield, Eggertsville/Snyder and Williamsville library staff for the Amherst Public Library Trustees who acknowledged and brought goodies to each Library for Staff Appreciation Day.

Next meeting to be held:

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library, Community Room

L). Adjournment

Motion to approve by Marilyn Feuerstein, seconded by Oliver Young.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.