

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



Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – starting at 5:30pm

Meeting held at the:
Clearfield Library (Community Room)
770 Hopkins Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

A). Meeting called to order and attendance – **5:30 pm by Jeffrey Voelkl**

Present: Jeffrey Voelkl, Oliver Young, Carolyn Giambra, Marilyn Feuerstein, Patricia Dore, Jessica Black (arrived at 5:31 pm)

**Excused absence: Penny Wolfgang, Randy Harris, David Saia and
Director Kristi Dougherty**

Also present: Jacqueline Berger and Laura Stachura

B). Review and Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2025

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

All in favor.

C). Review and Approval of the Agenda for May 21, 2025

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

All in favor.

D). Public comment – **none at this time**

E). Report of the President - **deferred**

F.) Finances

- 2025 Budget
- County bills paid

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

- Williamsville bills paid

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

- Other bills paid

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

G). Committee Reports

- Town of Amherst Library Liaison – **Ms. Berger will check on the Town of Amherst's security camera policy and report back.**

H). Report of the Library Director

- Buildings & Grounds

Williamsville:

Security panel updated and relocated to better location, various sensors updated, cameras installed and online.

Clearfield:

Potholes reported to Town. American flag replaced and properly recycled. HVAC belt repaired.

Audubon:

Video footage has helped to recover a stolen laptop. Playground construction is going well. Temporary accessible parking spot (with sign) provided by Town for space impacted by construction. The library had to close early on April 25 due to a pest issue, which was addressed that day.

Egbertsville-Snyder:

Security panel updated (new electric line installed by Town for the panel), various sensors updated, cameras installed and online.

Panic buttons updated at all Amherst Libraries.

- Library Material Circulation

Circulation of materials checked out in April 2025:

Audubon – 35,623

Clearfield – 26,777

Egbertsville-Snyder – 13,743

Williamsville – 4,168

80,311 materials circulated in April 2025!

- Programming

Mid-April to mid-May events included Technology training, Adult Craft Club, Mahjong Club, English Conversation Group and Book Clubs, LEGO Drop-in, Pokémon Club, Saturday kids crafts, Chess Clinic, After School Art Club, Jewelry Making, May the 4th Be With You Star Wars event (190 attendees!), Local author visits, 'Observing Pollinators' and 'Help the Earth Out' for Citizen Science Month, History of Earth Day, and Recycled Painting. Weekly storytime programming resumed the week of April 28. Summer storytimes will begin the week of July 7. The Audubon Library is collecting items for a Teacher Fair that will be held at the end of August.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Buffalo & Western New York tabled at the Audubon Library to share resources and supports for Mental Health Awareness Month. The African Violet & Gesneriad Society of Western New York held a Judged Flower Show at the Audubon Library.

Staff are preparing for summer events. Bike Raffle will take place June 2 – July 31 and Gift Card Raffle will take place June 2 – August 30. Patrons will check out books (5 kids books, 3 adult/teen books = 1 entry) for a chance to win these raffle prizes. Local businesses that donated gift cards/certificates/coupons will be featured on social media. Thank you to: Amherst Pizza & Ale House, Anderson's Frozen Custard, Sweet Emilia's Ice Cream, Falafel Bar, Mischler's Florist & Greenhouses and Paula's Donuts.

The Summer Reading Kickoff will be on June 27 (11am) at the Audubon Library featuring a magic show, balloon animals and the official start date that summer reading begins. This year, rather than counting minutes or books, patrons of all ages will complete challenges for prizes and a chance to win a grand prize of their choice (not exceeding \$50).

- Book Sales

Clearfield Library
June 4 - 7, 2025

Audubon Library (includes books & media)
June 11 - 14, 2025

Eggertsville-Snyder Library
June 25 – 28 & 30, 2025

I). Old Business

- Strategic Plan 2026-2028 - **deferred**

J). New Business – **none at this time**

K). Correspondence/Other Items As Needed – **nothing at this time**

Next meeting to be held:

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library, Community Room

L). Adjournment -

Motion to approve by Jeffrey Voelkl, seconded by Oliver Young.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm