

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Adam Zaremski, Sashi Racho, Elaine Chow, Martha Buyer, Paula Ausberger (ATPL Director)

Excused: Kara Spencer-Ching

President Adam Zaremski called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. June 24, 2025 meeting are tabled until October meeting.
3. A motion (MB, EC) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: June, July, August 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Local account increasing due to generous donations
 - b. Plans to use funds include augmenting the Library of Things collection with portable karaoke machine, power bank, Bluetooth speaker, projector screen, card/board games, mini-Yoto player kits, etc. Also purchased was a canopy tent for library events. In the near future, the worn cushions for the children's area benches will be replaced.
4. A motion (EC, MB) to approve the Director's Report: June, July, August 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Overall counts up
 - b. 329 attendees for Renaissance Faire - Borrowed popcorn and cotton candy machines from Central Library
 - c. Teen Volunteer program orientation
 - d. LEAP student led Freedom to Read Storytime
 - e. Library of Things – patrons may now browse the collection on the rack near the library entrance
 - f. Mr. Duff Parkdale librarian program Toby's in Jail had 273 participants
 - g. Outreach with Smart Start and Senior Center
 - h. Upcoming Co-op fall snack and story time
 - i. Increased offerings for Tweens and Teen focused programming
 - j. Community members noted the creativity and variety of program offerings for all age groups
 - k. Five local authors are scheduled to visit in October. ATPL is receptive to ideas and provides a platform for presentations. Authors feel comfortable asking to hold talks and book signings at the Library
 - l. Town is taking good care of library grounds and building
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. The Friends Pop-Up Sales made \$278.50 in June, \$148.00 in July, and \$325.50 in August, with one Pop-Up Sale remaining on Saturday, October 3.
 - b. Artisan Ann Norlund generously donated 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her hand-crafted jewelry at the Renaissance Faire, raising \$202.00 to benefit the Library.

- c. The Hand-Painted Barrel fundraiser collaboration of the East Aurora Art Society and Friends of the Library raised \$178.00.
- d. The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library are selling T-shirts to support the Library's programs and services. They are available in youth unisex sizes: small, medium, and large, and adult unisex sizes: small, medium, large, and XL. All sizes are \$15.00 each.
- e. The East Aurora Co-op generously provided six gallons of apple cider and 100 cups, while Paula's Donuts contributed 100 donut holes for ATPL's Walk to Your Library Day. This family-friendly event promotes literacy, library card sign-ups, healthy habits, green practices, and community engagement.
- f. Bookish Bingo—reading challenge for adults, 19+. Start reading now, and redeem beginning Tuesday, September 2, through Thursday, November 13. Each completed row of reading challenges earns one entry into a raffle to win a \$50.00 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate sponsored by the Friends. Finish all five rows and earn six entries. Two winners will be selected at random on Friday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m.
- g. ATPL is welcoming the feedback in the Parent & Caregiver of Children Ages Birth-Teen Survey beginning September 24-November 5, 2025.
- h. From October 6 through 11, shine a light on reasons why some books have been challenged or banned by participating in an interactive black light display at ATPL.
- i. The Town of Aurora is funding a new bicycle rack for the library, which will be installed later this fall.
- j. On September 27, 2025, ATPL is holding Walk to Your Library Day. This family-friendly event aims to promote literacy, library card sign-ups, healthy habits, green practices, and community engagement. The East Aurora Co-op is generously providing six gallons of apple cider and 100 cups. Paula's Donuts is contributing 100 donut holes.

6. Personnel

- a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 13
- b. There was no reason for the Board to enter Executive Session

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. Investment Policy – tabled until October meeting
- b. Library Leaders presentation was tabled until October meeting
- c. ACT meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on October 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (MB, EC) to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
 Elaine Chow
 Secretary