

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Sashi Racho, Adam Zaremski, Paula Ausberger (ATPL Director); Excused: Elaine Chow

President Adam Zaremski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (MB, SR) to approve the minutes of the meetings on June 24, 2025 & September 23, 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (KSC, SR) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: September 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
4. A motion (MB, SR) to approve the Director's Report: September 2025 was carried by a voice vote.
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. Jim and Jan Siebold donated a weather-resistant replacement of ATPL's barn quilt, Reading All Around. The original barn quilt was painted by Jan. The new one was made by Visual Impact.
 - b. The Friends Pop-Up Sales made \$278.50 in June, \$148.00 in July, and \$325.50 in August, and \$158.00 in October. \$910.00 was raised in total, pre-tax.
 - c. Colorful pop-pom flowers made by children at Walk to Your Library were installed on the library's lawn for the Art Walk and the Roycroft Fall Festival.
 - d. The Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library are organizing a raffle for a chance to win a basket filled with local goodies. There will be baskets for children and adults. Tickets will be available for purchase from November 3 through December 11, one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. Winners will be selected randomly on Friday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. This fundraiser is sponsored by and benefits the Friends of the Library.
 - e. New additions to ATPL's Library of Things collection include a portable karaoke machine, telescope, projector screen with stand, corn toss, Bluetooth speaker, and power bank. Several board and card games have been funded with a generous monetary gift from Ken Klocek. Patrons can now borrow Phase 10, Skip-Bo, Uno, Rummikub, Hitser, Exploding Kittens, Wingspan, Root, Herd Mentality, Herd Mentality Moosic & Moovies, Doomlings, Chameleon, Catan, and Cranium.
 - f. Erie County Executive Mark Polencarz just released the 2026 proposed county budget, which includes over \$36 million for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System and a 3% increase in revenue. Throughout the year and especially during budget season, letters to representatives help demonstrate the importance of libraries to our community.
 - g. Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) is organizing a meeting with State Senator Patrick Gallivan for Library Advocacy Day at the Lake Shore Public Library on December 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Director Paula Ausberger plans to attend and board members are welcome.
 - h. The Department of Labor will hold a job fair at the ATPL in 2026; details will be forthcoming.

6. Personnel

- a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 18. No issues noted.
- b. A motion (MB, SR) to enter Executive Session was carried by a voice vote. The board entered Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss the circumstances related to a termination of employment. A motion (KSC, SR) to exit Executive Session carried by a voice vote and the board left Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

7. Old Business

- a. Investment Policy: No Need to Review, Updated in June 2025.
- b. The fall ACT Meeting held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Kenmore Branch Library included an interesting discussion of that library's mural, as well as a presentation by Interim Director Dorinda Darden, and a talk about the Grosvenor Room art and collections by Special Collections Manager Susan Buttaccio.
- c. A discussion of the Library Leaders program with Alissa Steele was tabled until the November meeting.

8. New Business

- a. A motion (MB, KSC) to accept proposed changes to the Petty Cash Policy was carried by a voice vote.
- b. The board discussed items that might be on an annual board calendar, including the director's performance review, board conflict of interest disclosures, library education requirements, and records of board service.
- c. After a discussion about when to schedule 2026 board meetings, Zaremski offered to circulate an email to the library director and board members to solicit input on what day and time works best for the group. The goal is to have a proposed 2026 meeting schedule by the December 2025 meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (MB, KSC) to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Spencer-Ching
Vice President