

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 23, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

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

President Adam Zaremski called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (MB, KSC) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: January 26, 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (KSC, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: January 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Donations continue to accrue
 - b. Laser tag replaced after many uses, batteries are no longer rechargeable
 - c. Blue cushions installed on benches in Children's Area - donated by Ken Klocek
4. A motion (EC, AZ) to approve the Director's Report: January 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Circulation up, but attendance down due to weather and closure
 - b. Library of Things continues to do well
 - c. Outreach Visit to Absolut Care - How to use library services and get set up with Libby
 - d. Free Tree through ATPL partnership with Neighborhood Forest for Earth Day – Deadline to sign up is March 15
 - e. Butter Lambs events are scheduled for the end of March
 - f. Teen volunteer expressed appreciation for the safe space and programming that the Library offers for peers. A couple of teens offered input for Western New York Rural Library Grant application.
Graphics Department visited to refresh ATPL's signage: Adults – Roycroft green; Children's – Orange; Teens – Roycroft green text with white background. Each section has its own identity, differentiated by color.
Library of Things display was complimented by Graphics Department. They also noted how neat and clean our library is, as well as admired our straightened bookshelves.
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. Donations are being gratefully accepted for the Friends of the Library's Baubles & Bling Fundraiser from, Wednesday, April 8, through Wednesday, October 7. Bring your lightly-worn purses, wallets, scarves, hats, jewelry, accessories, and boxes with cotton to the ATPL during regular business hours. The fundraiser will take place on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, 2026, coinciding with Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.
6. Personnel
 - a. Payroll Report: Pay Period 26
 - b. Caretaker Retired; Cleaner Promoted to Caretaker, Leading to Cleaner Vacancy

The position pays \$18.80 hourly rate. Job posting closes today.

- c. The Board did not enter Executive Session
- d. PT librarian on temporary leave, will return soon

7. Old Business

- a. Maturing CDs – received final interest rates and paperwork

8. New Business

- a. System Paid (As of 12/31/2025) – Bottom Line Surplus, Do Not Owe for Any System Paid Expenses
- b. ACT Workshop –Saturday, March 21, 2026
Topics to be discussed: Strategic Planning Process; System Adult Outreach Services; System Youth Outreach Services; Sustainability Initiatives (including green roofs)
- c. B&ECPL System Library Director search continues, led by search firm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (KSC, MB) to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Chow
Secretary