

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

1. There were no comments from the audience.
2. A motion (KSC, SR) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: May 18, 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (SR, EC) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: May 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Two grants awarded; projects must be completed in one year
 - b. Study pod is planned to be installed before the end of the summer
4. A motion (AZ, SR) to approve the Director's Report: May 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
 - a. Passport to Reading and badging program for increased engagement
 - b. Circulation down slightly, but patron visits are up
 - c. Library of Things circulation is up 52%
 - d. 546 people attended 38 programs, outreach/ class visits, and tutoring
 - e. 66 respondents so far for the Youth Library Programs Interest Survey,
 - f. New bicycle rack was installed by Town of Aurora highway department
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. Starting at the end of May through August, ATPL is one of eight local locations partnering with ACES for their inaugural "Green Walk". After completing the walk, children will come back to the Library to state five things they learned to earn candy.
 - b. ATPL is partnering with the Town of Aurora Climate Smart Task Force and Village of East Aurora for Scoot Around June. Patrons are encouraged to bike, walk, roll, or scoot here to visit us and stop in to enter a chance to win a prize.
 - c. The Annual Discard Sale generated \$1,311.72 after taxes. Leftover materials were given to EPIC (Every Person Influences Children), the Aurora Senior Citizens Center, a local photographer, and the Eagle Free Library (OWWL System). Catholic Charities, Holland Central School District, and Tapestry Charter School were unable to accept this offering.
 - d. Through July 1, patrons between the ages of 10-25 and parents/caregivers of individuals in this age group are invited to take the WNY Rural Library Grant Youth Library Programs Interest Survey to give input on what types of programming they would like to see as part of this initiative and when they can attend these events. The survey can be completed online at bit.ly/3PPEEIF or in-person at the Library.
 - e. Central and the ATPL were awarded a WNY with Youth for Youth Grant. The \$43,500 is funded by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and distributed through the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. A 24-member Youth Advisory Board of young people ages 13-17 designed the grantmaking process, reviewed applications, and selected 40

organizations to receive funding for out-of-school time and youth sports programs across the nine-county region. ATPL's portion is \$10,000.

- f. Ben Petryszak and Randy West volunteered to build a castle for Ren Faire.
 - g. Social Emotional Learning and Difficult Topics genres have been created for picture books.
 - h. Other
 - a. Two of two grant applications received funding
 - b. Friends of the Library may be able to provide additional funding if grant funding is not sufficient to implement updates fully
6. Personnel
- a. A motion (SR, KSC) to approve the Payroll Report: Pay Period 9 & 11 was carried by a voice vote.
 - b. The Board did not enter Executive Session
7. Old Business
- a. Library Improvements/Expansion
 - a. Addition integrated to existing style or new modern style to differentiate?
 - i. What do other libraries do for expansions?
 - ii. How to ensure roof quality to avoid leaks?
 - b. Masonry and accessibility ramp repair/replacement
 - c. Community support for future improvements 5, 7, 10-year plans
 - i. Build the narrative to increase continued library use
 - ii. Create task force with community, involving the Friends, Town, etc.
 - iii. Event for brainstorming; wish lists
8. New Business
- a. A motion (AZ, KSC) to approve the Bylaws – with Revisions was carried by a voice vote.
 - i. Maintain Article I Item 2. “for the balance of the unexpired term”
 - ii. Article V - match language from Central ok
 - b. Free periodicals were moved inside the Library so that patrons coming in for those items are counted and the vestibule benches are cleared for seating.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion (EC, SR) to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Chow
Secretary