

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes of the Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Martha Buyer, Kara Spencer-Ching, Elaine Chow, Adam Zaremski, Paula Ausberger, ATPL Director. Sashi Racho was excused. Audience: Jessica Armbrust, Town of Aurora Board

President Adam Zaremski called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

1. Comments from the audience: Jess Armbrust is happy to attend library board meetings when schedule does not conflict with Town of Aurora board meetings.
2. A motion (MB, KSC) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting: April 27, 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (AZ, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports: April 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
4. A motion (KSC, EC) to approve the Director's Report: April 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
 - Circulation is up
 - Top third of circulation and patron visits for size of library
 - Friends Ongoing Book Sale is doing well
 - Friends have weekly presence in library to accept donations
 - Upcoming June events highlighted
5. Reports of Interest
 - a. ATPL has been awarded \$20,000 from the WNY Rural Library Grant Program, powered by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, for the Preparing Tweens, Teens, and Young Adults for Success project, which focuses on career readiness, developing transferable skills, financial literacy, self-sufficiency, growing confidence in leadership roles, and trades/skill training. These hands-on opportunities will help youth broaden their awareness of future careers while building the soft skills and technical expertise they need to succeed in the modern workforce. Press release is forthcoming.
 - b. The Friends of the Library sponsored three Bob Books--a series of phonics-based books designed to teach early reading skills, two Safco Medina Deluxe Task Chairs, and an Aurora Commercial Grade 200-Sheet Auto Feed High Security Micro-Cut Paper Shredder.
6. Personnel
 - a. Payroll Report: N/A
 - b. The Board did not enter Executive Session
 - c. New cleaner started
7. Old Business
 - a. ACT Meeting – Saturday, May 16 @ Collins
 - Trustees required to have 2 hours per year for training; ACT provides training opportunities
 - Dorinda Darden, Interim Director – ICE at libraries
 - Angela Marinucci, Chief Operating Officer – Open Meetings Law; FOIL requests
 - Buffalo Toronto Public Media – video about Collins Library presented by Abbie Barten-McGowan
 - Presentations available on ACT website

- Next ACT meeting at Soto Gonzalez Library in October
 - b. Library Foundation meeting – support of Babble, Buffalo Literary Center, local branches
 - c. New Central Library Director to be announced this week
8. New Business
- a. A motion (MB, KSC) to approve the Distribution Policy – Review Changes was carried by a voice vote.
 - b. Library Improvements/Expansion
 - Must prepare in advance for matching grants; Community town grants, other grants – ask Town of Aurora grant writer
 - More space for community use – serving larger demographic beyond Aurora
 - Spaces for Tweens/Teens - proximity to EAMS and Immaculate
 - Outdoor space with plantings
 - Storage space for books, equipment, donations, Library of Things, etc.
 - Staff space – 19 employees; including 3 full-time
 - Window replacement, asbestos remediation; preservation of printers marks
 - Parking is inadequate – possibility of acquiring land for parking lots
 - Accessibility to building – ramp needs replacement; book drop at ground level for accessibility and drive-through drop-off
 - Quiet study space
 - Emphasis on Public, space for everyone
 - Previous architecture drawings for expansion completed by Ernst (pro-bono)
 - Priority of keeping library on Main St
 - Demographics – population vs. circulation statistics
 - Next steps: figuring out partners; researching history; discuss with previous director; other libraries; identifying problems, pressure points
 - c. A motion (AZ, MB) to approve the Study Pod: Use and Reservation Policy was passed by a voice vote.
 - Library card/ID or name/phone number
 - Pod location by computers; high visibility and power source
 - Amend II.6 to calendar week
 - d. A motion (MB, AZ) to approve the purchase of a Spaceworx Decibel ADA with Flip-Up Center Table & 2 Flip-Up Benches for total with installation: \$15,975 using the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Grant was passed by a voice vote.
 - e. How to improve visibility of library use including: Library of Things, other items beyond books, videos, etc.
 - Social media campaign from Central
 - f. EAHS Gay Straight Alliance Pride Event Outreach on Saturday, June 6
 - g. Alison at Farmers Market spoke with 172 people about the Library

A motion (AZ, EC) to adjourn at 7:08pm was carried by a voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Chow
Secretary