

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052  
Minutes for the March 23, 2026 Meeting

Present: Kara Spencer-Ching, Sashi Racho, Adam Zaremski, Martha Buyer, 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, KSC) to approve the Minutes of the Feb 23rd meeting was carried by a voice vote.
3. A motion (KSC, MB) to approve the Treasurer's Report March 2026: Monthly Financial Statements, Internal Auditor, & Contingency Fund Reports was carried by a voice vote.
  - Several donations were made in memory of the mother of an employee of the ATPL
  - A retirement gift was purchased for an employee.
4. A motion (SR, AZ) to approve the Director's Report: March 2026 was carried by a voice vote.
  - Circulation and has increased modestly year over year with a slight decrease in foot traffic likely caused by weather
  - The Library of Things circulation has increased 100% year over year
  - There were 212 programs, tutoring, and outreach combined in March, with 559 attendees
  - The winter break program, Lucky Lantern Mystery, was well attended by 169 children and their families, but was not as popular as in previous years, likely as a result of inclement conditions
  - Computer use has decreased, reasons cited included student Chromebook and the ability to use Wifi
5. Reports of Interest
  - In June 2025, the Erie County and their heart healthy partners (American Heart Association, Red Cross, and Buffalo Bills) provided the Central Library with AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) to lend to the public. Now, ATPL is obtaining one and will test/replace batteries and cartridges as required. This offering will be publicized on social media, in the local papers, and at the Library.
  - ATPL's annual discard book sale for gently used library books and materials from Friday, May 1 through Friday, May 22.
  - ATPL is applying for a WNY Rural Library Grant (total grant funds of \$300,000) to empower tweens, teens, and young adults in the rural community. One hundred and one rural libraries in WNY (14 of which are contract libraries) are eligible to apply. The grant application was prepared by Paula based on feedback from the recent community survey and input from staff. ATPL has applied for \$27,600 for use in the following areas:
    - a. Study Pod
    - b. Flex-furniture for a teen space
    - c. Educational courses –cooking/meal prep, financial literacy, test preparation, college application/essay writing, mock interviews, career readiness, etc.
  - Community Outreach

- a. Farmers Market Outreach- Plans for ATPL to attend the EA Markets in June, July, August and September are in the works
- b. KSC suggested sending program information to the Community Pool and Aurora Arsenal soccer games as these are also events that young families attend

#### 6. Personnel

- No payroll report was available
- There was no reason for the board to enter into an executive session

#### 7. Old Business

- ACT Meeting: Saturday, March 21 @ 8:30 a.m. at Central Library. AZ, EC, MB, KSC, SR, and PA attended the meeting, which also means all Board members have completed Trustee Education for 2026

#### 8. New Business

- Annual Report Deadline – Extended to April 16, 2026
- Library Expansion: preliminary discussion including next steps committees, timeframe, and what has already been considered
- KC will reach out to Aurora Town Board library liaisons to invite them to an upcoming ATPL board meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 27, 2026 at 6 p.m.

A motion (MB, SR) to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. was carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sashi Racho