

Eden Library Board of Trustees September 21, 2026

Library Director Donna-Jo Webster asked that we observe a moment of silence before the meeting for our custodian, Tony Sacilowski, who recently passed away. The board also sent a donation to the family.

Library board president Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. In attendance were Paula Blandino, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster.

The minutes of the July 13, 2026 were read. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Paula to approve the minutes as presented. This was passed.

Director's Report

Since there was no August meeting, we have two months of figures to review. July figures were above any of the August numbers.

The system's Passport to Reading program was a drawing card all summer. Twenty-one gold cards were issued at Eden. The Director felt that patrons should have been encouraged to take something out from the library they visited as many merely came in the door to get the sticker and did not even look around. It was noted that one person biked to all of the system locations.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver.....\$104 (July advertising)
- Gui's--- tape was credited from last bill; \$58.57—already paid
- Erie County Water -- \$91.81
- Amherst Alarm--\$90.00
- Eden/North Collins Pennysaver....\$104 (August advertising)
- Bill Cocca-- \$100 (Kat Jones Jazz for anniversary event in September)

Motion to pay.... Jon made a motion to approve payment of these bills; this was seconded by Paula and passed.

The Director noted that she would soon need new checks and a supply of stamps. She was given the okay to purchase these.

The Director also reported on balances in the Local Revenue Account.

The basement leak has not been addressed by the Town.

The outside step needs to be fixed and back in place before the book sale in October. Jon will work on it. Jon also noted that Brockman Brothers are on board to fix the outdoor sign and that they hope to do it yet this fall.

The lawn on the parking lot side looks unsightly from the trenching project of several years ago. We will ask town to work on it with possible fill and reseeding. Tripi Landscaping was also mentioned as a possible servicer if the Town cannot do it.

Bettyann will follow up with the Town about moving one of the Community Foundation benches from the liquor store to the Library as our current outside bench is in disrepair.

Treasurer's Report

Bettyann reported on balances in all accounts at Key Bank and also at Greater Woodlawn Federal Credit Union.

Old Business

Establishing a "Library of Things" was discussed again. It was noted that storage of items could be a problem. Donna-Jo was asked if there were many requests for items. She noted that there are occasional requests but that staff can look up where things are located and help patrons who want to borrow specific items. It was decided to table this for now.

The Five Year Plan of Service was tabled until the next meeting. Board members should read through it and make additions or other changes.

New Business

There will be an ACT meeting on October 24 at the Isaias Gonzalez-Soto Branch on Porter Avenue. More details to come.

The clock in the Meeting Room is not working. It was decided to purchase a new one; Donna-Jo will look for something that might have a library-related theme.

The Director gave a report on recent personnel changes. A new clerk/typist has already started and the new custodian/cleaner will begin in early October.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: October 12

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, Secretary