

Gardiner Public Library Board of Trustees
October 28, 2025
Meeting Notes

Intro & Welcome

Call to order: 5:41

Present: Pat Hart, Helen Stevens, Stephanie Duncan, Patsy Adams, Dawn, Sam Shaw, Rachel Choate, Kyle

Discussion of and Vote to accept August 13, 2025, minutes

Minutes accepted

Discussion of Priorities for FY26 & Ongoing Activities

Fee schedule for FY27 and beyond

- This time next year we'll need to be considering the next fee schedule for 2027+
- Only fee increases for Farmingdale & Litchfield in 2026
- Will continue to rely on 2020 census data for informing fee schedules

Policies

- Maine Pub Library Benchmarks of Excellence
 - Dawn feels we're doing really well, we check off a lot of boxes, but would like to make it formal
 - Late Nov @ Bailey Public Library to meet with other library folks
 - Dawn is planning to attend & Helen would like to attend
 - About a dozen people have been let go from Maine state library, and more may follow
 - Should review our policies every 3-5 years
 - Currently says "any child under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult"
 - Should consider anyone that needs supervision / assistance (regardless of age)
 - Bangor has some good policy examples

Poet Laureate

Megan Sterling (appointed)

- Knows a typewriter poet (John Rhinehardt), who will write custom poems
 - Brought pre-stamped envelopes to mail the poems later

Library Director's Update

- Stacy moved to FL, replaced by Megan Bastie (worked with STacy and has lots of prior experience)
 - Megan is running coffee talk & game mornings
 - Bringing someone in to talk about medicaid / medicare on Friday
- Lots of events going on
 - Downtown trick or treat
 - Storytime is going well, may increase to two mornings a week
 - Teens back on Thurs afternoons (17 last time!)

GLA Updates

- Lots of fundraising with the grantwriter
- Close to putting out to bid for the back parking lot
 - Currently have a rug over the rough area
- Have estimates on rear vestibule and others things

Trustee Updates

- Dawn leaving for vacation on Saturday! Will be back on the 12th

Old Business

New Business

Adjourned at: 6:25