



CITY OF DOVER

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES---MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular
Meeting Location: Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 3, 2025**
Meeting Time: **4:00pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**--The April meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Michael Egan. Also attending were Ann Schultz, Dorothy Wagner, Linnea Nemeth, Jean Finnerty, Cliff Blake, Jill Martin, and Denise LaFrance.
2. **MINUTES**—Minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion made by Ann Schultz and seconded by Dorothy Wagner. Unanimously approved.
3. **NON PUBLIC FORUM --- (EVERY OTHER MONTH) --**
4. **REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR (MARCH) --** The Report of the Library Director was approved on a motion made by Cliff Blake and seconded by Jill Martin. Unanimously approved.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**— None to report.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Relocation Updates: Most interior demolition complete. Foundation work for addition in progress.
 - B. Fiscal Year '26 Budget: Library Director presented to the City Council on March 19. Budget passed on April 2. The DPL budget is \$2,003,273.
 - C. Storage Space: The Library will try to reduce storage space in fenced construction space. After auction items are picked up or disposed of staff will try to condense to one Connex box. The freed up space would be used for contractor parking.
 - D. Staff adjustments: Lisa Hamcha has been promoted to our Account Clerk position—she is currently our morning page. Joanne Rano will be retiring on April 24.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. IMLS Funding: The Library Director crafted a letter, to share with patrons, Friends and Trustees, that outlines the ramifications of potential cuts/elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
 - B. Friends of the Library fundraising: A subcommittee of the Friends of the Library are organizing themselves to begin fundraising for Library furniture.
 - C. Furniture: Library staff is working with Tucker Interiors to choose furniture for the renovated space.
 - D. State Library survey: The Library is currently working on the large, annual Public Library survey. The survey is compiled by the IMLS and the future of the survey



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is unsure. The Library relies on this information to be able to compare our performance with similar sized NH libraries and also nationwide.

8. ITEMS OF CONCERN: There was further discussion of IMLS funding and possible ramifications for the DPL.

9. Adjournment-- The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm on a motion made by Jill Martin and seconded by Dorothy Wagner. Unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025