

Board of Trustees Meeting
August 19, 2024 at 6:30PM

In attendance: Nancy Baker, David Hallenbeck, Steve Mantius, Toni Dinkel (zoom) and Amy Lapointe

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Steve M motion to accept Minutes from June 17th meeting, David H seconded, all in favor

Statistics review: Children's programs are up, impact of Carla and Connor positive!

Upcoming program review

Kanopy use positive, great access for kids and educational content for adults

Book groups and children's programs excited for fall rollout

Friends of the library open house September 13 at 8am

Postcard mailer delayed until winter

Personnel update: Two pages heading to college. Six remain and not ready to replace yet

New hire: Renee Wright

Steve M motion to hire Grade 3, step 1 replacing Pam M as part time Library Assistant. David H seconded, all in favor

New gifts (donations for Summer Reading Program) with value of \$1908 plus various coupons. Steve M made motion to accept gifts, David H seconded, all in favor

Monarquía	Gift Card	\$25.00
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Smokehaus	Gift Card	\$50.00
The Flying Butcher	Gift Card	\$40.00
Board & Brush	Gift Card	\$104.00
Balin Books	Gift Card	\$25.00
Chunky's	4 passes to a movie and popcorn	\$25.00
Crumble	3 coupons for 4 pack cookies	\$51.00
Smitty's	4 movie passes	\$52.00
OakCraft	Gift Card for Pizza	\$20.00
Chucksters	4 rounds of mini golf	\$40.00

Mels	2 Funway Fun Pack Tickets	\$90.00
Granite State Escape	Gift Card	\$100.00
Extreme Craze	Gift Card	\$100.00
Clarks Bears	Gift Card	\$60.00
Discovery Museum	Gift Card	\$68.00
Santas Village	Voucher for 2 entries	\$104.00
Amherst Country Club	Mini Golf and Ice Cream for 4	\$50.00
Sundae Drive	Gift Card	\$25.00
Cowabungas	Gift Card	\$40.00
Hannaford	Ice Cream	\$75.00
County Stores	Ooni Pizza Oven & Accessories (Ooni Karu 12 Multi-Fuel Pizza Oven, Carry Cover for Ooni Karu 12, Ooni: Cooking with Fire cookbook, Ooni 12 Perforated Pizza Peel)	\$419.00
Currier Museum	Household Membership	\$120.00
Nashua Center for the Arts	Gift Card	\$100.00
Surf Restaurant, Nashua (Michael Timothy's Dining Group)	Gift Card	\$100.00
Voucher Coupons		
Remix	300 passes 2 hour skating + skate rental	
Great NH Restaurants	700 vouchers for a free kids meal	
Haywards (Merrimack/Nashua location only)	700 vouchers for a kids cone	
Altitude	700 vouchers for 1 hour of jumping	
Friendly's	700 vouchers for a kids cone	

Treasurers Report:

Gave back \$35,000 to town, primarily due to employee opting out of family coverage. Custodial services were higher as a result of new contract. Overspent on books and periodicals. New budget incorporates some inclusion to NHRS, most employees staying in 457. Software and licenses (GMILCS in particular) always come out early.

Amy to confirm Trustee funds spending, offset by Friends gift

Boardman Concert: performers under consideration.

Londonderry (Leach Library) joining GMILCS in October

Robust discussion about 6month trial period for GMILCS reducing embargo on new titles to 2 months. Quorum in suspense!!

Policy for unattended minors approved last meeting

Review of strategic plan to increase door count programming and circulation to pre-Covid levels
— all trending upward

[More than 20% of circulation is digital (not captured in unique users)]

Amy working on strategic initiatives

Library Strategic Plan presentation is Monday 9/16 at 6:30pm. Public Budget hearing 1/13/25 at 6:30pm. Deliberative Session 2/5/25 at 7pm

9/16 meeting moved to 5pm to avoid conflict with BOS meeting

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2026 budget season approaching

Steve M motion to adjourn, David H seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elisabeth Larson