

Lowell Community Library  
Library Trustee Meeting  
Feb. 17, 2026

Trustees/Librarian Present: Katherine Pion, McKenna Blay, Faye Starr, Debbie Manning, Jenn Higgins, Adeline Larose

Absent: NA

1. Call to order: 4:05
2. Any additions/deletions/changes to today's agenda? NA
3. Review of Minutes from previous meeting: Approved
4. Treasurer's Report: NA
5. Librarian's Report: Adeline and McKenna have been going through and organizing the "First Editions" at the back of the library. They have found several that were not actually first editions, McKenna has set several of value aside, and many need to be retired.
6. Old Business: Bylaws: The Trustee Bylaws have been unanimously approved; Adeline will make a few typo-fixes so all Trustees can reference the new bylaws. Grants: McKenna has researched several grants that we may be able to apply for, including: 1) T-Mobile grant targeting accessibility, which needs 5 letters of support along with the application, we would like to add a changing table/diaper genie to the bathroom for infants/toddlers visiting the library, less-expensive internet access, and perhaps handicapped accessible doors into the town office building/library. 2) Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) which can be up to \$50,000 for energy efficiency (such as lighting, our loose windows, etc.), but library needs to be open a minimum of 14 hours/week, deadline is 3/30/26 and our plans/costs need to be specific. Jenn is working on the \$350 Summer Programming Grant application which is due 2/23/26. Town Meeting fundraising: McKenna and Jenn will meet at the School at 9:30, McKenna has folding tables we can add to the one provided if needed. Debbie and Adeline will join us later; we hope that someone can be there until adjournment. Debbie has a tablecloth, all baked goods will be wrapped/bagged for sanitary purposes, and we will write prices down when we are there. Jenn will get change to start us off with, we will use the cashbox we already have.
7. New Business: Debbie suggested that we invite Josh Muse, the state library consultant for technology, to our next meeting. He may be able to help us with the State Survey (due 3/10/26 at latest), grant opportunities for a new computer tied to Libib, and other questions. Jenn will reach out to him to see if he can help us.
8. Meeting Adjourned at: 4:25

Next meeting: 3/10/26 at 4:00, with a new trustee, hopefully, THANK YOU, FAYE FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND GUIDANCE!

Notes respectfully submitted by Jenn Higgins