

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Minutes

Present: Susie Gilbert, Director; Susan Bascom, Trustee and Chairperson; Matthew Dow, Trustee and Treasurer; Amanda Morrill, Trustee and Secretary

Meeting called to order: 4:30 pm

July minutes approved

Statistics:

Visits are down for July from last year and last month. Physical circulation up for July. Total streaming up. ILL borrowing is steady. Museum visits are up.

Budget: Quickbooks report reviewed

Will finalize budget at Oct meeting, will have Kathy run numbers for 2 and 3% COLA to review

Past events:

Summer Reading Program- almost 200 signed up, discussed changing prizes, agreed to keep as is

Friends book sale- August 16th (Kensington Old Home Day) raised \$504.50,

Upcoming events:

Olive's workshop at Exeter YMCA Thursday August 28th

Sept 17th Jane Oneail -"Escher" 7pm on zoom

Sept 24th Claire Evans- "From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy" 7pm on zoom

Oct 8th Jeffrey Zygmunt- "Graveyard Sounds Haunting Words" in person at 5:30pm

Oct 14th "Mysterious Massachusetts" 7pm on zoom

Oct 22nd Glenn Knoblock- "Hidden History of Portsmouth" 7pm on zoom

Ongoing Business:

-Gift policy: Angeline McClaine working on cataloguing artifacts and getting insurance documents

-Addition update: Holly's party was successful, 2 more parties coming up at Angeline McClain and Linda Bennett's

Reviewed list of communication/marketing ideas that were discussed at the 8/26 library campaign meeting

Big Kickoff scheduled for Sept 30th all day. Plan to get Waterstreet bookstore gift card for door prize

New Business:

-Bodwell septic coming Sept 16th

-?Purchase leaf blower for walkways- approved

-Staff mtg scheduled for Wed Sept 3rd 10-12 library will be closed

-Legislative news: HB 273 mandates that public libraries provide parents and legal guardians access to children's borrowing history, takes effect 1/1/26

-?Pay for Zoom subscription \$16.99/mo, google meet not working for what we need, approved

-?Support Community News with a donation: agreed upon \$20 yearly donation

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 18th 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:35