

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:

Sept 17th Jane Oneail -"Escher" 7pm on zoom 23 people in attendance

Big Kickoff scheduled for Saturday Sept 27th 10a-5p: food, scavenger hunt, puzzle competition

Upcoming events:

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 21st M&T bank workshop on Identity Theft 3pm in person

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: Met with PTO to bring awareness of fundraising, PTO is not running a raffle at holiday market this year library will potentially take over.

House parties coming up Oct 8th at Patrice Baker's, Oct 16th at Linda Bennett's

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New Business:

-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