

**Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Trustees: Bill Gill, Cindy Lorincz, Judy Lusk, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

APL Staff: Katie Butler

**1. Introductions**

Katie Butler - Head of Circulation Services

**2. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented. The motion passed.

**3. Business Required by Law**

None

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Mahesh presented Warrant #9 in the amount of \$1,118.92.

The balance in the checking account is \$3,965.64

Motions were made to accept the Warrant and to transfer \$1,118.92 from Rockland Trust to the checking account. Both were approved.

The portfolio value is \$1,860,970.00.

**5. Committee Reports**

**Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee will meet on April 14 from 11:00-12:15 at the library and will review various policies to see if any are in need of updating.

**6. Director's Report**

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- Benches will be provided as part of the Downtown Beautification project.
- Study "pods" of different sizes are being considered for the third floor.
- Amy, Joseph and department heads attended "OSHA in the Office" training.
- There have been interviews for the recently vacated position of the city's Social Worker. Another posting will go out.
- New monitors and printers have been installed.
- The YMCA Leadership breakfast Amy attended was another opportunity for networking.
- The Friends of APL have raised over \$19,000.00 through their Library Giving Day. The successful fundraising effort was under the leadership of Joan Keiper.
- Tricia asked about Amy's mention of a Human Library (under Readers' Advisory in Department Reports). Amy explained that the library could maintain a list of individuals knowledgeable in a particular area, who could be called on to meet at the library with patrons seeking information on any number of topics, e.g., beekeeping, gardening. This is being done in other libraries.

**7. Unfinished Business**

Nothing new

**8. New Business**

Amy reported that the recent gutting of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) leaves libraries

with many unknowns. Cuts to funding of the MA Board of Library Commissioners would affect training and support given to local libraries. State aid, grants, trust funds and Friends' contributions are all depended upon to provide library services, and there is a need for continued advocating for federal funding. Patrons' personal stories regarding their dependence upon the library services have been submitted to politicians to impress upon them the value of libraries. Charlie also mentioned that e-rate that is tied to funding the Library's Internet cost is under threat.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Next meeting:** May 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Svendsen