

Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes April 8, 2026

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

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Bill Gill, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, David Pierce, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Director: Amy Rhilinger

Staff: Krystal Brown, Head of Children's Services

1. Introductions

None

2. Minutes of March Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting with the following corrections:

Bill Gill was in attendance at the March meeting.

Under #2 Minutes - should read February rather than January

The motion passed.

3. Business Required by Law

None

4. Treasurer's Report

Mahesh presented Warrant #8 in the amount of \$10,250.54.

It was noted that the largest expense, \$6,515.77, was for NoveList and Consumer Reports databases for the entire year.

Mahesh reported the balance in the Santander account is \$5,892.58, and the investment account balance is \$2,056,846.00. A motion was made to transfer the amount of the warrant to the checking account and accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed.

5. Committee Reports

The By-laws Committee met and worked on revisions to the by-laws. The Committee will be meeting again, and their report will be sent out to Board members. Revisions to the by-laws will be on the Board's May meeting agenda.

6. Director's Report

Amy submitted a written report and commented on the following:

- They are looking at a level service budget, which means the budget will reflect "what it costs for the Library to do the same as we are currently doing." She met with the new Budget & Administration Director, Mason Lord, for an initial conversation about the budget.
- The Library did not get the Community Development Grant they had applied for.
- Indoor video cameras did not get installed. More discussion around cameras is taking place. Some staff are not comfortable having cameras in the building.
- Social Worker, Jessica Spence, who is in the building Mon., Wed. and Fri., has been helpful. She holds office hours on the second floor and is available by appointment or for walk-ins.

- There was a recent incident with a disruptive patron who was loud and using foul language. Police were involved. Both the POP team and other officers, as well as the social worker, handled the situation.
- The Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative's summer lunch distribution will take place two days a week in the Library, as part of community outreach efforts.
- Library Giving Day earned the Friends of APL \$10,853 to date. It did not meet fundraising efforts of last year's Giving Day, which brought in \$20,000. Possible reasons are the economy and competitive fundraising efforts such as Capron Park. The funds will support literacy efforts. The Book Nook took in \$400 in March.

7. Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan

The acquisition of an electronic sign would advance the goal of Community Connecting and Meaningful Marketing. Funds have been available for purchase of the sign for several years now, and it was suggested that a committee to advance that initiative should be formed. Diane asked if others would be interested in being on the committee. Bill expressed interest. It was suggested that looking beyond Board members to find an individual to serve on the committee might be a consideration. Jack Baptist, a valued library tech volunteer, or a local electrician were mentioned as possible committee members.

8. New Business

A. Municipal Budget

See Director's Report above

B. Library card eligibility requirements

Amy said changes in the issuance of library cards are being determined. Temporary cards have been issued to some patrons who do not have a permanent address, and it has resulted in the loss of some HotSpots. New requirements may involve showing a picture ID and proof of residency. Temporary cards may have restrictions on borrowing HotSpots. Children with two residences, as in the case of divorced parents, may need two library cards. Circumstances such as these are considerations in adopting changes to the current policy.

C. Other

Charlie mentioned that City trust funds have a Library account for \$119. Charlie will be researching what is needed to close out this account that has been languishing for decades.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Next meeting: May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Svendsen