



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 18, 2026, Agenda

Audit of Vouchers – 6:30 PM.

1. Call to order– 6:45 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Minutes – approval of the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes.
5. Public comments.
6. President's report.
7. Correspondence.
8. Finance Officer's report.
9. Library Director's report.
 - Trustee annual training status.
10. Committee reports.
11. Old business.
 - Library expansion.
 - Window maintenance.
 - [Basement mold abatement.](#)
 - Flagpole.
 - Gardens.
 - [Flooring.](#)
 - Donated Portraits (Attachment #1).
 - Library inventory.
 - Electronic access for Vermont residents.
 - Proudfit Hall community room window shades (tabled to 2027).
12. New business.
 - Shelving in the juvenile non-fiction area and basement.
 - 2027 Draft budget (Attachment #2).
 - Other business.
13. Public comments.
14. Next meeting – September 8, 2026.
15. Adjournment.

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Portrait Descriptions

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

The portrait of Colonel John Williams, the first son of General John Williams, was painted in 1808 by noted artist John Wesley Jarvis. Locally, the General was known as the “Gray Man,” the result of numerous ghostly sightings, after his death, in his home and later in Salem Washington Academy built on the grounds of his former home.

Colonel John Williams followed the General in defense of his country by enlisting in the 7th Regiment of the New York State Cavalry about 1804.

The portrait was presented to the Dr. Asa Fitch Historical Society in memory of Edna McLean Nash by her family, who are descendants of the Williams family. Jarvis, the painter, was a nephew of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

The Honorable Anthony Blanchard and Maria Blanchard portraits were donated by Timothy J. Sams and Jan K. Sams formally from Corydon, Indiana—Indiana’s first state capital.

Maria, who was born in 1775 and died in 1813, was the first daughter of General John Williams. She married the Honorable Anthony Blanchard about 1789. Maria was one of five children born to the General and the widow Susannah Turner. The benevolent Williams family was prominent in local, state and national politics and in the development of Salem.

The Honorable Anthony J. Blanchard was born in New York on August 21, 1768. He came to Salem about 1789 when he was appointed to the bar and soon married Maria Williams. For their

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wedding present, General Williams built them a Georgian style house on East Broadway. In 1796, John Jay, the second governor of New York State, appointed Blanchard as Assistant attorney-general of the district of Washington and Clinton counties. In 1810, he became first judge of the court of the Court of Common Pleas for Washington County. In 1789, he received a commission, signed by Governor George Clinton as ensign of militia. Later he was appointed captain of artillery in the brigade commanded by General John Williams; then he was promoted to rank of major, and in 1793 was commissioned brigade inspector. He died on June 14, 1853 and was buried in Salem's Revolutionary War Cemetery.

BANCROFT PUBLIC LIBRARY--2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Revenues and Other Sources		2026 Adopted	2026 thru July	2027 Tentative	2027 Adopted
L2082	Library Fines and Fees	\$1,000.00	\$908.57	\$1,000.00	
L2360	Town of Salem	\$39,678.00	\$39,678.00	\$39,678.00	
L2360	Salem CSD/Library Tax	\$52,275.00		\$52,275.00	
L2401	Interest and Earnings	\$3,000.00	\$2,352.30	\$3,000.00	
L2705	Gifts and Donations	-\$431.96	\$8,610.61	\$0.00	
L2770	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$284.00	\$0.00	
L3840	NYS Aid (LLSA through SALS)	\$1,493.00		\$1,493.00	
Total Revenues		\$97,014.04	\$51,833.48	\$97,446.00	
Appropriated Fund Balance		\$7,509.96	\$7,125.96	\$8,819.00	
Total Revenues and Other Sources		\$104,524.00	\$58,959.44	\$106,265.00	
Expenditures		2026 Adopted		2027 Tentative	2027 Adopted
L7410.1	Library Director	\$27,871.00	\$16,258.08	\$28,570.00 x 2.5%	
L7410.1	Deputy Director	\$19,613.00	\$11,440.92	\$20,100.00 x 2.5%	
L7410.11	Staff	\$18,300.00	\$5,825.39	\$18,300.00 no change--nice cush	
L7410.2	Circulating Items	\$15,000.00	\$6,999.00	\$15,000.00	
L7410.4	Contractual Detail*	\$15,880.00	\$8,432.45	\$16,172.00	
L9010.8	Retirement	\$3,000.00	\$3,054.00	\$3,000.00	
L9030.8	SS/Med Employer Match	\$4,860.00	\$2,233.03	\$5,123.00	
Total Expenditures		\$104,524.00	\$54,242.87	\$106,265.00	

Contractual Detail*	2026		2027
Library Materials	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Software	\$700.00		\$700.00
Joint Automation Svcs	\$5,968.00		\$6,260.00
Postage	\$170.00		\$170.00
Telephone and Internet	\$2,160.00		\$2,160.00
Cyber Liability Insurance	\$1,882.00		\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00		\$2,882.00
Total	\$15,880.00		\$16,172.00