

Bancroft Public Library
Board of Trustees - Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting

Present were Board members Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Steven Ladas, and Alesa Wilson. Rebecca Brown was excused from the meeting. Also present were Library Director Melissa Carll, Friends Treasurer Wendy Hunter, and Town liaison Sue Clary.

Minutes: The July minutes were not presented, they will be approved at the September Meeting.

Public Comment: Sue Clary mentioned the Insurance Coverage for the Fine Arts in the Library. A new inventory will be done in the near future.

Presidents Report: President Donoghue with the help of Mark Cooney and Bobby Fleming hung the new Williams family portraits in the library. He also thanked Al Cormier for coordinating the shipping of the paintings.

Correspondence: None.

Finance Officer's Report: Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos. 39 through 44 were audited and ordered paid. Kim Erbe made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Library Director's Report: See Attached.

Committee Reports:

Old Business: The basement mold abatement was completed. Sue Clary is applying to the Salem Committee Fund for \$5,000.00 to repair the rear drainage to complete the process. Kim Erbe made a motion to partner on the application, Steve Ladas seconded and the motion was carried.

Gardens: Alesa Wilson will contact Kent Foster for an estimate in building a stone wall in the front of the library to maintain the flower bed.

New Business: Melissa discussed new shelving for the juvenile non-fiction area and the basement. The shelves may be modified in place in order to accommodate the larger books. For the basement, Steve Ladas made a motion and Alesa Wilson seconded and the motion was carried to approve spending of \$650 if new shelves are needed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026.