

Manlius Library Board of Trustees
~ Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2026 ~

Trustees Present: Brian Lee (remotely), President; Corry Derschang, Vice President; Bonnie Buelow, Secretary; Charlie Collins; Katie Brice; Angela Voninski; Peter Pfeiffer; Jon Yard (remotely) and Jaclyn Sisskind

Trustees Absent: Kevin Fletcher, Treasurer

Librarian Staff Present: Alyssa Martin, Library Director; Marcia Short, Operations Manager; Sophie Friedman, Manlius' new Public Services Librarian... welcome to Manlius Library!

President's Report:

Vice President Corry Derschang called the meeting to order.

Immediately, the Board was introduced to the newest librarian, Sophie Friedman. Sophie is taking on the Public Service Librarian role. In meeting Sophie, the Board learned that Sophie grew up in Fayetteville. Prior to taking on this job, Sophie worked at CLRC.

Then, June minutes were accepted.

Approval of June Minutes:

Accepted: Charlie Collins

Seconded: Angela Voninski

All voted in favor, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Fletcher, Treasurer shared a printed treasurer's report. The Board read through the report, and made comments.

Directors' Report:

Director Alyssa Martin shared library highlights, to include the Library of Things, Summer Reading program; Onondaga Library Passport program; *Stroll* magazine; and updates with librarian positions.

First, the Library of Things. Brown & Brown insurance reviewed The Library of Things policy, as did the libraries lawyer, Douglas Gorman.

Approval of Library of Things policy:

Accepted: Charlie Collins

Seconded: Angela Voninski

All voted in favor, and motion passed.

Next, the Summer Reading programs for 2026 went well. In fact, it was the busiest summer in the past 5 years. It also helped that the library was open on Sundays. There was lots of positive feedback to the Sunday openings - patrons looking for a place to entertain kids; an a/c retreat; and a quiet area to name a few.

Board member, Katie Brice, shared that a parent contacted her, and that the summer reading program was her son's highlight.

Last year, the Manlius Library gave a book at the beginning of the summer. The library will revisit when to hand out a book - the beginning or the end of the summer. Cory continued the conversation and stated that the location to retrieve a book was difficult to maneuver. Lastly, Jaclyn shared that the Beanstack app was positive - easy to use, etc. Next year's summer theme will be around the genre of mysteries.

Katie continued to say that the prizes were terrific, and that the first prize, the seed card... the seeds all bloomed!

The Onondaga Libraries introduced a new incentive to visit all the Onondaga libraries, the Passport program for kids and adults. Years ago, the Mid-York libraries did this, and it was popular! The passport will run from September 2026 - December 2027. Katie mentioned that this might be a good thing to mention during school visits.

A local reference, *Stroll* magazine, asked the Manlius Library to submit a column for the September issues. To note, the *Stroll* magazine is available at Manlius Library.

October 12 is a Professional Development day.

To close, Phoenix DuFore, accepted a Tech Librarian position at Fayetteville Free Library; and Anna Frost will move to the Liverpool library as a Para Librarian. Sarah will take Anna's clerk supervisor position. The library is actively looking for a part-time employee to fill Sarah's role. They are hiring for a full time Young Adult Social Media Librarian.

Approval of Director's Report:

Accepted: Jaclyn Sisskind

Seconded: Angela Voninski

All voted in favor, and motion passed.

New Business

The library is looking for new trustees. A reminder that trustees should form a diverse group... diverse professions, perspectives, etc.

Old business

In regard to the courtyard, the grant process is almost done - Manlius Library was one of only libraries that weren't asked to revise.

As a reminder, Jaclyn will take over the role as chair for the Scholarship Committee. Katie will join the selection committee, and Angela will take on the administrative assistant role. Jaclyn also volunteered to take over as secretary in March.

Motion to Adjourn

Accepted: Angela Voninski

Seconded: Bonnie Buelow

All voted in favor, and the motion passed

Best,

Bonnie Buelow, Secretary