



LIBRARY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 14 7:45 am

Local History Room, Fletcher Free Library

Minutes

Present: Patrick Halladay, Sam Donnelly, Nick Tatakis, Amy Mellecamp, Emily Copeland, Sam Donalds, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Sally Blanchard O'Brien, Becca Thompson, Mary Danko

Absent: Cate MacLachlan, Grace Maley, Chol Dhoor

Approval of Minutes: Becca Thompson moved, Emily Copeland seconded. Approved

Approval of Agenda: Sam Donalds moved, Mona Tolba Seconded. Approved.

Public Forum: No public in attendance, Jonathan commented that STEPS to End Domestic Violence representative had a great time tabling in Main Reading Room, very impressed with library & staff.

Friends of FFL Report:

- Big spring sale in April was very successful.
- Summer 2025 reduction of Friends' activities due to preservation work in Carnegie building. Donations paused for now, working to suggest donations to Winooski library.
- Capital campaign: nearly half of funding pledged/received. Excited & motivated. MoU with City nearly established.

Director's Report:

- Preservation work: getting ready to start, working out timelines.
- Mary presents budget to City Council 5/14.
 - FY25 Job Cuts:
 - Financial assistant's position eliminated, not sure how work will be divided.
 - Computer assistant 20hrs/week unfilled. Focus on keeping public service desk open.
 - In-house security funding was maintained. We are seeing a huge improvement with in-house security team.
 - Working on proposal to use VT state opioid settlement funding to support Patron Outreach Specialist at FFL and other libraries.
- Summer Program 2025
 - Hiring two summer outreach team members for 8 weeks.
 - Many programs will take place at City Hall Park, Contois, NNE branch due to preservation work.
 - Online tracking system Beanstack for kids & adults to use to log reading & activities.
- Mima Tipper: local author event June 5th at Main Library.
- Vermont Library Association conference next week, many FFL staff are attending.

Subcommittee Update:

- Strategic Plan: 2025-2028 ready to adopt
 - Draft was shown to the Mayor
 - Will be used internally & externally
- Commission is in support of the Strategic Plan

New/Other Business: Grace Maley graduating, Amy is interviewing a new BHS student to take her place. Mona & Sally are applying for another term. Next meeting will be July 23, 7:45am at the NNE Branch.

Motion to Adjourn: Patrick Halladay moved, Sally Blanchard-O'Brien seconded. Approved.