

Arkport Public Library
Board of Trustees
February 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Patty Amidon

Pledge of Allegiance recited by members.

Roll Call present: Carol Burns, Joanne Bisson, Patty Amidon, Terry Pullman, Tammy Wellington, Sally Schmitt, Katie Karns, Karen Smith: Director.

A motion by Patty and seconded by Tammy to approve minutes of the January board meeting.

Old Business: Craft night, January 21 had 3 in attendance. Notebooks were decorated/paper crafting. Craft night, February 11, had 5 in attendance. Project was scented shower steamers and created "Blind Date with a book" using books from our donation cart.

Next Book Club is 2/23. The group is reading "A World of Curiosities" by Louise Penny.

Avery's Book Club finished "The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science" by Kate McKinnon. We read "Unbeatable Betty" by Allison Crotzer Kimmel. For the remainder of February, we are reading "Grimwood" by Nadia Shireen.

Our second Kids Crochet class was 2/2. There were 7 in attendance. They requested more classes, maybe "bring your own project and work on it with us" kind of class.

The Town Codes Officer's visit of 1/13/26 has not produced an occupancy sign as of this date.

Karen's reports are all completed and up-to-date. No news yet on our permanent charter from NYS Library Association.

New Business: Our second Reader has completed "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" Program. Go Anna!

We received \$6400.00 from the Southern Tier Arts Council Grant for 2026. Some discussion of ideas.

Director's Report: Karen: January-one new Library card issued.

Avery's Book Club will be reading "The Swifts" by Beth Lincoln for March.

Juice Box Paint & Sip on 2/17. Kids painted a peacock using multiple brushes and paint colors. 18 children and 6 adults attended.

Average attendance on January was 7 per day, a total of 373 transactions, 167 of those being books for tweens and kids. Our second highest checkout group was 22 audio books. 193 books were borrowed by Arkport patrons through inter library loan. Arkport loaned out 28 books through the inter library loan.

Friday 2/20 Erika from STLS will be meeting Karen regarding website compliance for changes due in April 2027. She has offered to meet with the Board which could be used as training hours.

Katie and Karen took a ZOOM training on 2/9 with ideas for the Summer Reading Program. When Nicole is home for Spring Break, we hope to all meet to make definitive program plans. March ZOOM for teens

Communication from Greenwood Library looking for information as to how we went from a Reading Center to a Library. Directed them to Brian Hildreth at STLS. He was our support.

Terry presented the Treasurer's report. We have not received the \$48,000.00 from the school which was voted on and accepted by voters. She thanked for donations received to purchase books. 577 books ordered on Nov. 688, and 331 since. A three percent increase will be on the ballot in May. Terry wishes to step down from her position as Treasurer due to more family obligations. Discussion was held and interested people will be interviewed.

Next Board meeting will be Held March 19th at 7 pm.

Motion by Terry and seconded by Patty to adjourn at 7:30

Respectfully submitted Carol Burns