

# Arkport Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Members present: Carol Burns, Joanne Bisson, Tammy Wellington, Sally Schmitt, Karen Smith. Members absent: Patty Amidon, Terry Pullman. Becky Dennis, acting treasurer present.

Motion by Joanne and seconded by Tammy to approve the BOT minutes of March 2026

Old Business: The next Adult book club is April 27 at 6 pm. The group is reading "Heartwood" by Amity Gaige.

Averys group is finishing "The Swifts, a Dictionary of Scoundrels" by Beth Lincoln. We will start "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DeCamillo next week. The group wants to continue through the summer and suggested a Lunch and Read time outside.

Town Codes Officer has not produced an occupancy sign yet. His visit was 1/13/26.

Tammy received a thank you from representative Thomas O'Mara for our ongoing dedication to the Library system.

No news regarding our permanent charter from NYS Library Association.

Construction grant completion is due 6/30/26. There is \$26,000 in the account. These funds can be lost if the project isn't completed.

Artists scheduled for the Southern Tier Arts Council Grant include:

April 20 N'Dulge of Alfred-cupcake decorating for Adults @ 6 pm

May 6 Succulents, by Karen

May 20 Brittany Lane Wooden flower arranging

June 6 and September 26 Basketweaving

June 10 Kellie from The Awakening Craft herbal teas

June 24, July 1 & 8<sup>th</sup> Barn quilting with Sanna Jackson

July 10 Dino Terrarium with Serenhippity

July 15 Dino tote bag stamping with Susan Jamison

July 27 Shrinky Dink Jewelry with Serenhippity

July 17, 24, 31, August 14, 21, 28, September 4 – Ukulele lessons by Sydney Shearer

August 19, Sunflower Shadowbox with Nancy Moore

October 10 Bennett Greenhouse pumpkin succulent centerpiece

November-waiting to verify craft/date with Nichole McCutcheon

December – wreath making-Master Gardeners of Steuben County

#### New Business:

A motion by Karen and seconded by Joanne to approve updated Board Policies: Disclosure of Interest policy; Patron Code of Conduct; Conflict of Interest policy. Approved by all.

Erika Jenn's from STLS will be at our May 21 meeting for 2 hours of training for BOT requirement and will answer any specific questions of interest for the Library.

Directors report-Karen attached

A motion was made by Tammy and seconded by Sally to adopt the free Library card policy.

Motion made by Carol and seconded by Joanne for Karen to purchase shelving for storage in areas of the Library.

Congratulations to Karen for being accepted into the North Star STLS Leadership Journey Program. Members meet virtually monthly from May 2026 to May 2027. There's a graduation ceremony at the end.

Karen is planning on attending a garden seed giveaway in Naples on Saturday.

Treasures report is on file. A motion was made by Tammy and seconded by Sally to accept the Treasurer's report.

The tax levy for 2027 is on the May School vote and Becky Dennis is on the ballot to be a BOT member.

Suggested contacting other contractors in the area to finish the building project.

Next meeting May 21 at 7 pm with STLS attending

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 by Tammy, seconded by Carol.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Burns

