

Arkport Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 19, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Karen Smith, director.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll Call: Present: Carol Burns, Joanne Bisson, Tammy Wellington, Sally Schmitt, Karen Smith, Katie Karns

New Member: Becky Dennis. Absent: Patty Amidon, Terry Pullman

Amendment to the minutes of February 2026. Motion by Tammy and Seconded by Joanne to appoint Becky Dennis as Treasurer. Motion by Tammy and Seconded by Joanne to approve the Minutes from the February Minutes. Approved by all.

Old Business: Next Adult Book Club is 3/31. The group is reading "The Love of My Life" by Rosie Walsh.

Avery's Book Club finished "Grimwood" by Nadia Shreen. We are currently reading "The Swifts" by Beth Lincoln.

The Town Codes Officer has not produced an occupancy sign yet since his 1/13/26 visit.

No news regarding our Permanent charter from NYS Library Association.

Tammy and Karen are currently scheduling artists and crafters in connection with Southern Tier Arts Council Grant we were awarded for \$6400.00.

New Business: Marge Wagner, past Trustee and wonderful source of information for our Library passed today. Her family has asked those wanting to give Memorials, that they suggested the Library

Updates to the Board Policies must be reviewed and approved every five years. The following three were reviewed: Challenge to Library materials, Child Safety/Unattended Child, and Confidentiality of Library Records. A motion by Tammy and seconded by Joanne to approve the three listed.

Tammy will write a thank you to our State Representatives for their interest in Libraries and funding we received.

Director's Report: One new library card was issued and an average of 9 visitors a day in February. Books, 115 adult books and 6 young adult. We shared 32 books with other Libraries and borrowed 188. 320 transactions in Feb. include 199 Juvenile.

Erika from STLS visited on 2/20. Suggested we discuss the policy update. She offered to review requirements of BOT members and webpage up dates at the May meeting, this will also count as the required BOT training required each year by NYS. She also suggested to update our by-laws from five to 11 members.

Katie and I took a zoom meeting on 3/11 with ideas for teens for Summer Reading Program, On April 16, Karen will be attending a Summer Learning Open House at STLS to gather more programing ideas to add to our roster. This Summer theme is "Unearth a Story" with focus on dinosaurs.

Treasure's report by Terry and Becky is on file. A motion by Joanne and seconded by Sally to approve their report. Becky has been authorized to write checks and fill the role of treasurer.

Our Tax money was received in March from the School. The school collects the monies and turns them over to the Library. This was voted on by the taxpayers.

We participate in the summer lunch program. Once a week there will be a project offered.

Public Comment: Concern over the completion of the roof, handicap ramp and rear door. A suggestion was offered that the present door be a window and large window become the handicap sized door. Eliminating removing the chimney. Patty will contact the contractor.

Some projects include coming soon: IN dulge cakes April 20 6 pm up to 15 adults

Brittany Lane Floral May 20 6 pm

Bittersweet Basketry June 6 and Sept 26 9 am 10 adults for each class

Susan Jamison Stamping July 15 1 pm for kids

Serendippity July for kids

Bennets Greenhouse Oct 10 at 2 pm

Next meeting will be April 16 at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn by Tammy and seconded by Joanne

Respectfully submitted: Carol Burns