



EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2026

The East Longmeadow Board of Library Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the East Longmeadow Public Library.

Those present were Library Director Katie McGonigle, Chair Amy Pawle, Vice Chair Cynthia MacNaught, Secretary Larry Bauman, and Trustees Michelle Jones and Jean Cintolo. Trustee Nancy O'Connor was absent. ELCAT was not present to make a video-audio record of this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amy Pawle called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the December 17, 2025, meeting needed approval. Cynthia MacNaught moved to approve the minutes, Jean Cintolo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Katie McGonigle presented the January 21, 2026, Director's Report. Subjects included: children, teen and adult program highlights, like the all-ages Annual Winter Reading Challenge, the Children's Department craft activities, the Teen's Department Drama Lab and craft activities, and adult programming. The report referenced the filling of the open Library Assistant Position with Steve Stromwall, the Library's continuing collection maintenance activities and its ongoing work with the Town, DPW and IT as the Library uses grants to implement new technology and pursue ADA compliant upgrades to the building. Also, the report detailed the Children's Department reorganization of its picture book collection, The Friends fundraising efforts, and various professional development activities for the staff including the Director's MLS Scholarship Award to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in June 2026 in Chicago.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the East Longmeadow Public Library Exhibit Policy was tabled until the February meeting while awaiting final approval from the Town Manager and the Town's attorney.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed Governor Healey’s recently filed FY27 budget and its 2% increase over 2026, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) Legislative Agenda.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Library Trustees will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Library.

VIII. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Cynthia MacNaught made a motion to adjourn. Jean Cintolo seconded the motion, and Chair Amy Pawle adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bauman, Secretary

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