



EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2026

The East Longmeadow Board of Library Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the East Longmeadow Public Library.

Those present were Library Director Katie McGonigle, Chair Amy Pawle, and Trustees Michelle Jones, Jean Cintolo, and Nancy O'Connor. Vice Chair Cynthia MacNaught, and Secretary Larry Bauman were 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 1:07 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the January 30, 2026, meeting needed approval. Jean Cintolo moved to approve the minutes, Nancy O'Connor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Katie McGonigle presented the February 18, 2026, Director's Report. Subjects included: children, teen and adult program highlights. There was a 49% increase in the registration for the all-ages Annual Winter Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Program planning is underway, and the Kick-Off Event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th from 4- 6:30pm. Amy Pawle has volunteered to pass out popsicles. Another Board Member is needed for the event as well.

The report detailed the continued success of the teen programming, with over 3 programs a week offered. The teens and children's departments received grant money from the East Longmeadow Cultural Council for programming to be held later this year. For adults, Monday Matinees have restarted. Tax information is now available at the library for patrons. Katie McGonigle also reported that the library orders from Ingram have successfully been delivered and tech services are working to catalog and relabel all books. The report also included updates from the Friends of the Library about their successful bake sale, upcoming Thunderbirds fundraiser on March 6th, and scholarship applications.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Katie McGonigle shared the annual report from the East Longmeadow Public Library which was submitted to the town and is awaiting publishing within the full town report.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Library Trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Library.

VIII. ADJOURN

Jean Cintolo made a motion to adjourn. Chair Amy Pawle seconded the motion, and Chair Amy Pawle adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Jones, Trustee

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