

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 26 , 2026

Victoria called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Confirmation of Quorum: In-person attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, Bonnie Jewell, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson, John Beardsley, Liz Conley, Michael Chamowitz, Patti Peterson and Jen Cable. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, FOL Representative Ruth Welch, Rappahannock News Reporter Ireland Hayes and the following members of the public: Michael McCormick, Bob Treanor, Susan Peterson and Mike Millan.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of February 26, 2026 were approved.

FOL Report: Ruth Welch from FOL reported that they will have a tent at Sperryfest. The Seed Swap that was held on March 7th at the Library had a good turnout. The FOL continues to update their website and it is a work in progress.

Public Comment: There was public comment from the following persons about the possible Library relocation : Michael McCormick, Bob Treanor, Susan Peterson and Mike Milan.

Report of the President: Victoria will update and report in other committee reports.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that programming is going well, and the Art programs consistently have waiting lists. The multimedia show on March 14th, which featured rare images, recordings, and a live performance honoring Virginia's Piedmont musicians (including Rappahannock's John Jackson), was very successful. Additionally, a Dolly Parton Imagination Station Event with Headwaters is planned for March 28; it will feature lunch, ice cream, storytime, crafts, and a petting zoo. Amanda also attended the Virginia Library Association Meeting, where she received two awards: Outstanding Program/Event/Class for all ages for the "Art for All" program and the Standard of Excellence Silver Award for the library's commitment to service, innovation, and community impact. She reported receiving feedback from patrons regarding the possible library relocation. Most patrons express concerns about moving and a desire to remain in the current building.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Debbie Knick was absent and the report was presented by Bonnie. The report is through the end of February 2026 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of February 2026. The interest rate of the investment pool has increased a bit.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Negotiating Special Committee: Victoria reported that a draft lease was received and the committee will meet to discuss and present to the Board.

Communications Committee: Liz reported that they have met twice and are working on FAQ for public comments, having a single spokesperson in regards to possible relocation and that all questions should be directed to Victoria. They will also be working on a timeline as per communication about a possible Library relocation.

Capital Campaign Special Committee: None

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: Victoria withdrew request for the repainting of lines.

Finance: Patti noted that there will be the need to explore the operating costs and extra staffing that would be required for the expanded space at a possible new Library location.

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary


Victoria Fortuna, President


Date