

# AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

February 16, 2026

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Attendees: Nancy Baker, Steve Mantius, Dave Hallenbeck, Toni Dinkel, Gretchen Pyles, Jackie McKnight, Jim McGinness and Amy Lapointe

Via Zoom: Nancy Head and CJ Butler

Nancy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Minutes from January 12, 2026:** Steve moved and Toni seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Library Director's Report:**

Statistics: statistics reviewed; door count up; 2025 Year in Review shared.

Upcoming and Ongoing Adult Programs: First concert scheduled for March 1, 2026; other upcoming programs reviewed; many are virtual.

Children's programs: Stuffy adoption program started; school vacation week next week.

Town: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 is Candidates' Night; Jim will be attending; Tuesday, March 10, 2026 is election day.

Friends of the Library: \$153,776 donation received from proceeds from The Nash; may be used for improvements following water heater failure.

Other libraries: Leach Library had a significant flood and set up a temporary location; Wadleigh Library had a leak from a pipe; new library in Mont Vernon holding an Open House on February 22, 2026; we will send a bouquet of flowers to their Open House.

Circulation: Change to 3 week circulation begins on March 1, 2026; this will change circulation data.

Readers Advisory: Winter Reading Challenge began on January 12, 2026 and ends February 20, 2026.

News: HB 1214 was voted inexpedient to legislate.

**Treasurer's Report:** The library is operating within its budget.

## **Old Business:**

Lower level reconstruction: The insurance company recently approved the contractor to complete repairs; Stibler Associates hired to assist with design options that will make potential changes cohesive.

**New Business:** "The Librarians" film that was recently televised on PBS was discussed.

Steve moved and Toni seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**