

THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES - April 13th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 3:33PM

Attendees:

Trustees: Marty Humphrey, Mary Beth King, Anita Ross

Library Director: Vivica Duffield

Alternates: Diane Gravel, Al Lewis

Attendee: Kevin McKenna, Friends of Thornton Public Library

Agenda was adopted.

Minutes from March 09 were approved.

Reports:

Financial: Financial reports from March were reviewed

Library Director:

1. There are 2 NH Humanities Programs planned for April with Campton Library. Mary Woods will be speaking about "RedCoats and Rebels" on April 22nd. On April 4th, Campton Library hosted an author; Marek Bennett. His topic was "Comics in World American Cultures." The Campton Library would like to partner in July on a discussion about covered bridges.
2. A new Story Walk is being planned.
3. The Day of Caring is set for May 15th from 9:30- 12:00.
4. Museum passes:
 - a. Vivica mentioned the possibility of passes for The Mt. Washington Observatory, cog railway and auto road
 - b. Friends will be purchasing the Squam Lakes Science Center pass.
5. Suggestions for future purchases for the library would be a new book shelf for the kids room.
MOTION: Spend up to \$500 on a bookcase. Marty made the motion and Anita seconded.
PASSED
6. The Statistics for the State have been finished. They will be submitted this coming Friday.
7. Vivica will be doing a small book order for the school kids. Weeding of books is continuing. Overdue Book notices are being sent out.

8. Future circulation system going forward will be to separate the school from the public system. We are still not linked to the state system. Question: Will the school allow us to use software other than Follet/Destiny?
9. We need a new mailbox.
10. Vivica has heard back from Mark at the SAU and the plan for the ceiling to be repaired is scheduled for May 1st. Painting is scheduled for May 8th. The library will be closed at 12:30 P.M. on both days and closed Sat, May 9th in case of any paint odors.
11. Classes for the students this month will focus on poetry.
12. Summer Reading program theme is "Plant a Seed." This is usually a 5 week program. The CSLP theme is "Unearth a Story." Dinosaurs are the focus.
13. Christine is back from Florida and will help with some staffing schedules.

School Liaison: School Vacation Week is April 25-May3.

Earth Day Clean-up is on Friday, May 24th.

Diane updated about The American Revolution site and analytics on our webpage usage.

Friends: Kevin McKenna spoke for the Friends of the Library.

Friends group has been in existence for 2 years; they're pleased with their accomplishments

Gift Cards have been issued from the fund raising event; it's completed.

Concerning a Future Library/Community Center is being discussed and Kevin will meet with the Selectboard Chairman.

Old Business

1. New Library Director interviews will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30PM and Friday April 17th at 6:30PM.
2. The Memorial Bench will be purchased from Amazon. There is \$500 in the fund account for this. MaryBeth will take care of the paper trails for this.
3. The NHLTA will be held on May 27th.

New Business

A. Update to the Policy Manual on use of the debit card was reviewed.

MOTION: Accept the updates to the Policy Manual

Moved: Marty Humphrey Second: Mary Beth King PASSED

B. Propane Contract: Our contract is valid through 2027 so no action needs to be taken about propane.

Non-Public Session: Motion to go into Non-Public Session made at 5:00pm

Marty Humphrey: YES Mary Beth King: YES

Public Session resumed at 5:15

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Anita Ross, Secretary

Marty Humphrey, Chair

APPROVED: May 18, 2026