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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Meeting

Attending: Katherine Dormody, Alexis Jackson, Diane Tinkham, Patrick Morgan, and Peter Ellis. Absent: Mike Marshall

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alexis Jackson at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Peter made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as written, Patrick seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Circulation

- Circulation was up 3% overall with digital audio up significantly.
- Children's Room Kits were revamped with a grant from the Children's Museum of NH and had a 115% increase in checkouts.
- DVDs had a 41% drop from last March.
- 6489 physical items and 2285 items were checked out.

Programs

- A Baby Storytime had the most participants with 43 people.
- Volunteer-led "Homeschool Lego" was successful and will continue.

Budget

- Budget Report was reviewed and health insurance was discussed.
- Electricity costs are up significantly.

Volunteers

- 32 people volunteered 234 hours.
- David S. had the most volunteer hours with a close second by Kathy M. in the Children's Room.

Treasurer

- The Friends' large check was recorded in the Children's Fund and Gifts.

Old Business

Friends

- Planning is underway for the Fall Social.

- April events sponsored by the Friends: National Library Week flowers, Mrs. Hayes' Art Day, and Library Workers Day on April 22.

HVAC System

- A new Heat Pump is on order.
- During the NH State inspection, someone inadvertently turned off the power switch which was discovered the following day when the building's temperature was cool.
- The system did not pass inspection because a valve was in the wrong location on the heat pump.

Candlelight Stroll

- Will take place on Dec. 12, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm.
- The first committee meeting took place with two new volunteers.
- There will be a fund-raising dinner at a date TBD.

National Library Week

- April 19-26, the theme is "Find Your Joy".

New Business

Reconsideration Request

- A parent had a concern about the appropriateness of a particular book in the Children's Room and was provided with a Reconsideration Form. We have not received the form back from the parent.

Selectmen Report

- Katherine will attend the Selectmen Meeting on April 22.

Personnel

- Discussion on staffing and Arielle's maternity leave.

HVAC

- Peter explained the need for the HVAC system to be simplified so that it can be serviced more easily without a Trustee or the Director being so deeply involved.
- We are investigating switching to Granite State Automation. We haven't switched and this would require a vote of the full board given the costs involved.

NHLTA Conference

- The conference will take place on May 27, 2026.

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42, Alexis seconded, all voted in favor and Chair Alexis adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tinkham
Secretary
GPL Board of Trustees