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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the September 9, 2026 Meeting
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Attending: Katherine Dormody, Alexis Jackson, Peter Ellis, Patrick Morgan
Absent: Diane Tinkham, Mike Marshall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alexis Jackson at 10:00

Minutes
Peter made a motion to approve the August minutes as written, Alexis seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

Public Comment
None

Reports
Circulation Changes YOY

- There was a 4% increase in circulation overall.
- Overdrive Ebooks (Libby) were up 10.2%.
- In total 901 people checked out 7638 physical items while 420 people checked out 2311 digital items.
- The door count was up 3.9% to 8185

Programs

- Attendance for adults was about even with a decrease in children's and teen programs, likely due to the Storytime Room being closed for the first week in August because of having the Summer Reading Prize store open.
- The meeting room capacity (30 for exercise programs) was sufficient for August
- The Falconry program was the big draw with 103 people on August 12th.

Budget

- The budget appears to be right on the projected course with 65% spent YTD with the year 66% over.

Volunteers

- 35 individuals volnteered 270 hours in August

- The volunteer luncheon and certificate of appreciation for Scott D were well received
- Tom Meirjurgen donated an additional 10 hours to decorate the float, which won first place in the parade.

Treasurer

- The investment account increased by $2000 for the month.

Old Business

Friends

The Friends had a very successful Old Home Day with record breaking sales.

- The Friends' September meeting has been moved back one week to September 22nd.
- Diane is on the Nominating Committee to elect new officers this month.
- Critical Event Reporting will be discussed at the October meeting.

HVAC System

- The library is replacing one of the circulator pumps at a cost of $5000
- As the above repair is a mechanical issue, Johnson & Jordan, the town's new HVAC vendor, will be doing the pump replacement.

Summer Reading

- The final meeting for the 2026 SRP will be next week with the group looking for a new approach for 2027, blending this year's benefits with a more traditional approach.

New Business

- The Trusttees reviewed the 3D Printing Policy, Dog Policy, and the Zen Booth Policy, which have largely been improve to reflect use patterns and by paring down the policy language.
- The Trustees will meet on September 24th to continue with the 2027 budgeting process.

NELA Conference

- Jill will be attending this program in Burlington, Vt at the end of October; cost will be approximately $800.

Computers

The new computers arrived and will installed once Mike Grenier's schedule allows

Training and Education Town Personnel Policy

This year Rachel and Jill will be reimbursed $1000 each for educational reimbursement.

The Trustees will consider a new amount allocated for this reimbursement for 2027 during the budgeting process by expanding the amount to $4000.

Alexis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, Peter seconded, all voted in favor.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Morgan, substituting for Secretary Diane Tinkham
GPL Board of Trustees