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Gilford Public Library Trustees
May 13, 2026, 2026 Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alexis Jackson, at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes

Patrick made a motion to accept the April minutes as written, Alexis seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Circulation

- Overall circulation was up 1% from last April. Checkouts of physical materials were down slightly, circulation of digital items was up again this month.
- There were 721 borrowers for physical items and 401 digital borrowers.
- DVDs showed a 56% decrease from last year.

Programs

- The preschool Touch a-Bus event included Linda reading a book on the bus, was very popular.
- We canceled the adult late morning activities to accommodate our story times, parking, and Meeting Room congestion.

Budget

- The Budget looks good for this time of year except for the utilities that are between 40-43% spent.

Volunteers

- Kathy M volunteered 38 hours and David S. put in 32 hours in a quiet competition for the most hours.

Treasurer

- We issued 5 nonresident cards and 4 passports adding to the Miscellaneous Fees.
- We waived many large fines during National Library Week yet still collected \$200 for the month.

Old Business

Friends

- The date for the next Social is 10/17/26.
- Friends are beginning preparations for Old Home Day.

HVAC System

- Katherine and Peter met with representatives from ENE and addressed many of our concerns that exist despite a 20-year relationship with them.

National Library Week

- A successful week!

Selectmen Report

- Katherine gave an update to the Selectmen recently. Patrick attended and was introduced to the Selectmen.

Summer Reading

- Most of the print materials and events have been planned. A small “passport” booklet will be used by participants. We’re still working on the website portion of the planning and advertising.

New Business

A. Policies

- Policies were distributed for Trustees to read and then give Katherine feedback prior to a discussion next month.

B. Building Issues

- There have been delays in response time for requests to Buildings and Grounds due to a staff member on disability. There have been several instances where the response time has been very slow. Katherine asked Meghan to look at and address some cracks in the sidewalks and parking lots.

C. Heat Pump

- The new heat pump cost \$50,450 and we had allotted \$35,000 for it. After discussion, it was decided that we will take \$15,450 from the Building Maintenance Fund,

D. E-Newsletter

- We have been using Constant Contact for the newsletter but we are looking into other platforms. Rachel has been preparing it while Arielle is on maternity leave.

E. Personnel

- Paperwork was signed. Jolene will continue working part-time in May and June but she will not be able to work during the month of July. Because of her retirement at the end of her school year, the NH Retirement System requires individuals to wait 28 days after their retirement date to begin working again within the same system.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, Peter seconded, all voted in favor. Chair Alexis adjourned the meeting at 9:52.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tinkham

Secretary

Gilford Library Board of Trustees

