

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
September 18, 2025

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Community Room of the Independence Public Library.

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Robin Bleichner, Nancy Dodge, Emily Ownby, Quentin Stenger, Matt Rittgers, Deb Clark, and Jake Bass. Also in attendance, Bret Weber, City Council Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Robin Bleichner at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jake Bass seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Emily Ownby and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the bills as amended by Laura. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

The library had several great programs and activities for August. Kanopy is off to a great start.

New Business

Circulation Policy

A motion was made by Emily Ownby and seconded by Jake Bass to approve the updated circulation policy with changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Library Custodian Job Description

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the Library Custodian Job description with the suggested changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Facility and Grounds Update

Fall cleanup day September 17th at 10:00 a.m. Still looking for a solution for sidewalk snow removal.

Quasqueton Library Services Contract

The City of Quasqueton is planning to get community input prior to approving the payment for library services. It will cost \$13.75 per person.

Board Training

Tour of the library with new/updated artwork and shelving that will be up before next board meeting.

Board and Staff Reports

Jake shared that the Tax Aid Sessions and Reading Buddies will be held at the library. Laura shared that the staff had Narcan training online. The podcast series has been discontinued at this time. Tales to Tails will start with Shakespeare the Certified Therapy Dog on October 13, 2025.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Quentin Stenger to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Clark
Secretary