

# POWERS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes      March 18, 2025

	Status		Status		Status
(22) Mary Owen (MO)	Present	(19) Anna Krieger (AK)	Present	(23) Jerry Germano-Yaw (JG)	Present
(23) Jessica Hess (JH)	Present	(16) Bonnie Thomas (BT)	Present	(24) Scott Powers (SP)	Present
(24) Rachel McNabb (RM)	Present	(24) Nik Magill (NM)	Present	(25) Kim Miller (KM)	Present
		Lori Cochran (LC)	Present		

March meeting of the POWERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES called to order at 5:31 PM by MO. Sarah Glogowski from FLLS and Sarah Crossgrove from FOPL present.

Correction to agenda: February minutes approval; no changes/additions to February minutes.

Public Comments: No members of the public present.

**Treasurer’s Report:** AK – statements from Cahill, Knobel & Assoc. had been emailed to board; ML endowment funds, regular account: 2/28/2025 - \$378,891.48, 1/31/2025 - \$369,782.46; managed fund: 2/28/2025 - \$407,541.35, 1/31/2025 - \$409,831.90; Groton Bank balance as of 3/3/25: \$99,436.55.

MO reviewed board accomplishments which had also been emailed out.

**FLLS Annual Training** – Sarah Glogowski went over Federal funding: very little direct funding to local libraries, main funding that comes through the system is in the form of E-Rate – Powers may see increase in fee for Internet, as that program pays about 70% of the cost; Federal grants may be affected; State Library – heavily funded on federal level, and can’t lobby for themselves; also Summer Reading programs, Braille and Talking Books and other literacy endeavors are all national programs. Sarah reviewed “Top Ten Risk Management Exercises” document sent to ESLN, and roles and responsibilities of the library board, trustees, and Friends groups.

## Old Business

- *NY Forward Grant* Nothing to report.

## New Business

- *Director’s Report:* LC Written report for February (attached); upcoming webinars – Patrolling the Stacks, and Libraries Love Lakes; waiting for news on Public Arts Grant for Loren Barrigar performance/workshops; getting ready for Summer Reading (Color Our World) – upcoming workshop and planning.
- *Friends of Powers Library, Inc.:* Sarah Crossgrove – books at library moving out on Saturday, going to TCPL Friends; anniversary event – no interest in taking the lead, but will help; Mother’s Day (5/3) and Father’s Day (6/7) programs and crafts planned; multiple dates selected for big book sale – waiting on locations, will be collecting donated books starting in April; summer movie planning started.

- *Committee Reports*
  - *Buildings & Grounds* MO/SP/JH on committee: MO reported on new signs in basement; SP reported on possibility of adding crosswalks near library: has talked to Moravia mayor, county highway personnel, and will continue to pursue.
  - *Finance* AK/JG/RM/KM on committee: No report.
  - *Fundraising & Events* JH/JG on committee: No report.
  - *Personnel* AK/MO/SP/NM on committee: No report – personnel issue to discuss in Executive Session.
  - *Services* BT/MO/KM on committee:
    - *Policies for review/approval: Public Comments* BT Public Comments Policy with corrections had been emailed out, and approved; MO - Credit Card Use Policy approved in February; committee beginning work on financial controls policies.
  - *Technology* NM/MO on committee: NM – email, social media accounts made separate for library; fax machine fixed; checking into security cameras in basement.
  
- *AdHoc Committee on Powers Library Anniversary*: LC to co-ordinate; Perform 4 Purpose coming to perform on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4.
  
- *Practicing Empathetic Listening with People Different from You with Mike Bishop (FLLS Webinar) March 19, 2025 | 10:00-11:30am*

*Executive Session*

JG made motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:02 pm, SP seconded. Motion to exit executive session at 7:22 made by SP, seconded by NM.

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

**Adjournment:** 7:23 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Thomas

Powers Library  
Director Report  
for  
February 2025

Highlights for February:

- Meeting spaces were used by: Fiber Arts Club, Cayuga BOCES Teacher's Aid Hiring event, patrons, MAGIC Garden Club, Moravia Book Club, Friends of Powers Library and library programs
- Story hour and LEGO Club-lower participation ( due to weather, sports, play practice and winter break)
- Library Annual Report to the State completed, reviewed by FLLS and submitted to NYS 2/28/2025.
- Winter Break Fun & Games week: low attendance but those who joined in on the fun had enjoyed it. Fiber Arts Club taught knitting basics, Card Making with Tate Stoyell (funds for supplies provided by Friends of Powers Library. All day LEGO and Craft (bookmark), Movie: The Wild Robot. A few members of the Friends of Powers Library volunteered their time to assist with the events.

Data:

- New patrons February 2025: 13 February 2024: 15
- Circulation: February 2025: 1782 items February 2024: 1618 items (eContent excluded)

Grants/Funding:

- Received \$250 Love your Library Mini-grant. Will be used towards a Summer Reading Performer
- Waiting to hear Auburn Public Theater's grant selection committee (end of March) regarding 2025 Public Arts Grant. Our Partnership will bring Loren Barrigar and his son, LJ to Moravia High School students: which will provide them with workshops and music.
- Cayuga County funding should be received in March. \$3500.00, contract signed and voucher has been sent.

Events/Upcoming Goals:

- Patrolling the Stacks? Responding to Activity by ICE & other Law Enforcement agencies at your Library (3/19), Libraries Love Lakes webinar(3/20)
- Library Facebook page: add admin and separate from Directors personal fb page
- Seek and apply for grants ongoing
- Policy reviews and updates in progress.
- Annual Report to the Community
- Summer Reading Program: workshop (Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>) and planning.

Lori Cochran, Director