

POWERS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025

	Status		Status		Status
(22) Mary Owen (MO)	Present	(19) Anna Krieger (AK)	Not 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)	Not Present	(25) Kim Miller (KM)	Present
		Lori Cochran (LC)	Present		

October meeting of the POWERS LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES called to order at 5:32 PM by MO.

September minutes / October agenda: approved without changes.

No representative of Friends of Powers Library, Inc.; no other members of the public present.

Treasurer's Report: AK – statements from Cahill, Knobel & Assoc. sent out by email; ML endowment funds, interest-bearing account: 9/30/2025 - \$161,341.12, 8/29/2025 – \$173,711.18; managed fund: \$669,382.02, 8/29/2025 – \$646,435.05; Groton Bank balance: \$30,187.26.

Old Business

- *NY Forward Grant Update* – LC funding from possible ADA grant will help with library matching portion of funds for front door replacement.
- *Posting for new Board Members – LC to post call for new trustees:* Applications and poster to be added to website and in library foyer.

New Business

- *Director's Report:* LC Written report for September (attached) was sent out by email; Book vendor Baker & Taylor are no longer available for purchases – library accounts have been closed out, LC working on reopening account with Ingram for primary vendor, using Walmart and Amazon for book purchases in the interim; multi-generational games were received from Cayuga County Office for the Aging – library working on upcoming game night; library hosting the Historical Society October meeting featuring a presentation on Spiritualism in the area.
- *Friends of Powers Library, Inc. Update (JG attended meeting):* No members in attendance; JG – Book sale net proceeds about \$1500, gave some remaining books to TCPL, July 10-11 are the dates for next year's book sale; Christmas wreath fundraiser coming up, decorated wreaths due back to the library by November 12; the group is struggling with the exact role of the Friends group; RM suggested having refreshments at December board meeting, and inviting FOPL as a way of showing our appreciation; SP to attend October 27th meeting.
- *Budget meeting between Finance Committee and Colin Cahill:* JG – no meeting yet; waiting for date from Colin.

- *Committee Reports*
 - *Building & Grounds* MO/SP/JH on committee: Meeting to be rescheduled; SP asked about window trim on lower level: should be checked for painting.
 - *Finance* AK/JG/RM/KM on committee: – No additional report.
 - *Fundraising & Events* JH/JG on committee: JH – Annual Campaign letters to be sent out in the next week or two.
 - *Personnel* AK/MO/SP/NM on committee: Next meeting on November 3rd.
 - *Services* BT/MO/KM on committee:
 - *Policies for review/approval: Collections Development Policy* BT – minor revision of policy to limit number of challenges to 1 per household, per month; SP made the motion to approve the revision, JH seconded – all approved, next meeting November 14th.
 - *Technology* NM/MO/SP on committee: Met on Google Meetup; MO suggested looking into paid Zoom account for board members to use, since free Zoom session (30 minutes) is not always long enough for meeting, and board members having access to Zoom may enable committees to meet more easily; RM suggested Microsoft Teams for alternative / comparison.
- *Nominating Committee for Annual posts:* MO – AK at the end of term and leaving board, MO will be leaving board in January; Nominating committee: RM/JG/MO.
- *Upcoming Training:*
 - Annual FLLS Meeting will be held at the Center for the Arts in Homer, NY. on Friday, October 17th. Speaker: Audrey Barbakoff, co-author of “The 12 Steps to a Community-Led Library.”
 - Reminder: Complete Sexual Harrassment Training by end of year.
- *Misc:* JH suggested library reach out to Elementary School principle and Moravia Food Pantry to see how library can help with socialization for younger students.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2025, 5:30 PM

Adjournment: 6:36 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Thomas

Powers Library Director's Report
For
September 2025

Highlights for September:

- Meeting spaces were used by: CAP/Health Navigator, Fiber Arts Club, Garden Club, Book Club, Mahjong, and Patrons
- Planning for Story hour, Toddler Time and Lego Club: Toddler Time begins Oct. 3, Story hour begins Oct. 4, Lego begins Oct. 15 (All 3 programs to be held on the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month)
- Window in the Meeting Room replaced on Sept. 12th.
- MAGIC-Garden Club and Cornell Cooperative: Seed Saving Program Sept. 13th.
- Cancer Program representative was on hand Sept. 16th for questions and information.
- Linda Emerson and I organized the Indian Mound Cemetery archives housed at library.
- Millard Fillmore Elem. School Open House September 17th. Ann and I attended (5:30-7)

Personnel:

- Training for Director with new book vendor Oct. 29th. Baker and Taylor has closed permanently. In the interim Director will purchase through Amazon, Walmart or Barnes & Noble until the new account is set up (tax exempt status is in place for the temporary options). Ingram will be the book vendor for the library.
- Staff/Director to get Sexual Harassment Training done

Data:

- New patrons September 2025: 11 September 2024: 13
- Circulation: September 2025: 1724 items September 2024: 1641 items (eContent excluded)
- ILL to other Libraries: 586, ILL from other Libraries: 275 (2025)

Grants:

- No updates from the NY Forward project.
- Office of the Aging provided the library with an assortment of multi-generational games through a grant they received.
- Possibility of funds for ADA Compliance (Automatic Doors) Jackie Schnurr is looking into this for us.

Events/Upcoming Goals:

- Seek and apply for grants ongoing and Library Campaign Letter 2025
- Fire Alarm testing/inspection October 14th
- October 17th Finger Lakes Library System Annual Meeting and Banquet
- October 23rd at 6pm. A collaboration with Cayuga-Owasco Lakes Historical Society "Spiritualism" with Joyce Hackett-Smith. Will be held at Powers Library.