

Wolfeboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday, September 14, 2026
Bradley Room

Members Present: Doug Smith (chair), Steve Farley, Sharon Marigliano (Treasurer), Nancy Bell (Secretary), Sandra Whittier, alternate, Linda Murray (liason from the Select Board), Jenn McLeod (Children's Librarian), Alison Rutley (Library Director). Absent: Linda Wilberton (vice chair), Diane Bolduc, alternate.

Call to order by Chair Doug Smith at 3:30 pm.

Sandra Whittier to vote today.

The meeting began with a presentation by our New Hampshire Trust member Paul Provost who is retiring and he introduced Christina Bradbury, our new representative from the Trust. Discussion included current economic issues and trustees received two booklets highlighting our investments and suggested future decisions. The trustees' Treasurer and Chair will be meeting with Ms. Bradbury at regular intervals as needed.

Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2026 was moved by Sharon Marigliano, seconded by Doug Smith. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Marigliano cited market stability related to our Budget vs Actuals which were slightly lower than predicted. Gifts and Grants from the Foundation were noted.

Librarian's Report

Jenn McLeod outlined programs/statistics from the Children's Summer Reading 2026. There was a 30% increase in registration over 2025 and more than double 2024. Reading hours increased by 50% over 2025. Jenn's work has been outstanding and she has plans for further coordination with the Children's Center and Wolfeboro schools. Jenn will add a Summer Writing Program next summer.

Alison reported statistics as follows:

Patron count:	August 2025.	4,520	Up 54%
	August 2026.	6,944	

Circulation:			
Items checked out.	August 2025.	4,517.	Up 11%
	August 2026.	5,013	

Hoopla!:	August 2025.	742.	Up 7%
	August 2026.	793	

Programs: Adult

Number of Programs.	August 2025.	33.	Up 42%
	August 2026.	47	
Attendance.	August 2025.	417.	Up 51%
	August 2026.	630	

Public Computer		
1/2 hour sessions.	August 2025.	332. Up 8%
	August 2026.	357
Overdrive:		
Audiobooks.	August 2025.	691. Up 26%
	August 2026.	873
Magazines.	August 2025.	305. Up 19%
	August 2026.	364
Patron cards:		
New.	August 2025.	40. Up 10%
	August 2026.	44
Renewed.	August 2025.	96. Up 49%
	August 2026.	143
Museum passes:		
	August 2025.	32. Up 66%
	August 2026.	53

Libby/OverDrive

Beginning October 7, Libby/OverDrive will require all patrons to use a password in addition to their library card number to access these apps.

Libby/OverDrive passwords are the same as those used to access your account on the Wolfeboro Public Library website or using the Librista app. If you are already using Libby/OverDrive, you will need to reenter your library card number as well as your individual password beginning October 7th. This change has been driven by the vendor.

Staff Appreciation Day

All town Offices and Departments will close on September 23rd for Employee Appreciation Day. The library has meetings and programs scheduled, so we will remain open. All library staff has been given the opportunity to sign-up and we have adequate coverage to remain open.

Budget Review

Budget season is here! Alison will be meeting with our Budget Committee Representative (Justin Brown) and Interim Town Manager/Finance Director this Friday to review the library budget.

New Business

CIP Parking Lot Drainage

A handout was dispersed to the Trustees regarding the proposal to alleviate the parking lot's drainage problems that is the Town's responsibility. The discussion outlined the necessary repairs to alleviate standing water causing icing, water discharging and puddling, stormwater runoff. These conditions were reviewed by Stantec and Director of Public Works Steve Randall in cooperation with the Wolfeboro Fire Dept flooding the lot to demonstrate the issues, and resolutions were determined by the group. This will need additional funding from Town citizens and will be a warrant article for between 2027-2030.

Information Technology Discussion

Alison has completed a proposal to create an Information Technology Director position which will be shared between the Town and Library. Structure, Operations, Library needs vs Town needs via shared and core responsibilities were noted. It was determined that as soon as the new Finance Director and Town Manager start, more focused discussion will begin about this position. On a motion by Steve Farley, seconded by Nancy Bell, all voted to approve Alison to begin this discussion with the new Finance Director.

2027 Budget Review

The potential 2027 budget was reviewed, noting an increase in furniture, HVAC, and public printing allowance.

Halloween

The staff, desiring to participate in Halloween activities, would like to stay open on that Saturday until 7pm, rather than the usual 3pm. closure on Saturdays. On a motion by Sandra Whittier, seconded by Nancy Bell, all voted in favor of the adjusted closing 10/31/26.

Steve Farley departed at 5:45pm.

Grants/ Donations

On a motion by Doug Smith, seconded by Sandra Whittier, a donation amount of \$50.75 was accepted.

On a motion to adjourn by Doug Smith, seconded by Nancy Bell, the meeting was adjourned at 5pm. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Whittier