Ashland Town Library

Library Trustee Meeting

May 21, 2026

Trustees present: Alice Staples, Robin Fisk, Alayna Bell, David Ruell – alternate
Others present: Sara Weinberg - director

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Alice Staples

II. Director's report

We will hold a public hearing to accept the grant from ARSL on June 11, 2026
Take your child to the library day will happen on May 23, 2026. There will be activities and giveaways.
More programs can be found on the library's website www.ashlandtownlibrary.org.
Sara reported on her attendance at the small libraries Summit in Conway.
Sara is working on coordinating future programs with the Friends of the Library.

III. Treasurer's report

The grant from ARSL has been deposited into the building account.
Quicken online has been purchased and Robin is in the process of setting it up.

IV. Old business

1. Policy updates

The policy spreadsheet is on a google doc and the account has been shared with the new trustees.
We will begin working on a new trustee orientation policy.

2. Building and grounds maintenance

Thank you Sara for raking the leaves around the property and power washing the fence. Sara has contacted DPW to pick up the leaves and to fill the hole on the property.
The circuit breakers tripped on May 16th. If it happens again we will look into getting someone to check it.
Trim fell off a part of the roof. Sara is going to contact someone to get it fixed.

3. Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are currently planning their booksale.
They discussed the Dan Simon program.

4. Fundraising – go through lists

Alice attended the Central NH Chamber of Commerce Business After hours at the legion on Tuesday night. She networked with local groups, including the Ashland Women's Club.

We discussed creating a building subcommitee.
We are going to try to change the contract with Andrews Consulting to month to month.

5. Adding contact info to town and library website

The town website needs to be updated with new trustee information. When we contact them to have that changed we are also going to ask about having the library newsletter added to their website.

V. New business

For the Dan Simon program on June 4th, he will be set up upstairs in the meeting room. Sara is going to set up a camera to cast it downstairs for any overflow patrons or patrons who can not get upstairs. Before his talk the trustees will discuss building plans and renovations. Then Dan will do a reading and a Q + A. Snacks will be provided by the Friends of the ATL.
During the Business After hours, Alice was asked about bequests. We are going to look into setting up planned giving so someone can donate money to the library in their will.

VI. Other business

None

VII. Next Meetings

June 11, 2026 – Library Trustee meeting 5:30pm – public hearing regarding grant funding
July 9, 2026 – Library Trustee meeting 5:30pm
July 23, 2026 – Library Trustee meeting 5:30pm

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm