

Joint Meeting of Library Board of Trustees and Library Building Committee
Minutes of the April 28, 2026 Meeting
Hanson Public Library
132 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA 02341

In Attendance for Trustees: Corinne Cafardo, Dianna McDevitt, Pam French, Linda Wall, Karen Stolfer, John Papp and Teresa Santalucia*. Also in attendance Karen Duclos who is running for Library Trustee
**participated via phone conference*

In Attendance for Library Building Committee: Corinne Cafardo, Pam French, Linda Wall, Karen Stolfer, Teresa Santalucia*, Pat Faiella, Melissa Valachovic, Tom Hickey. Also in attendance Karen Duclos who is running for Library Trustee
**participated via phone conference*

Call to Order

- Corinne called the Board of Library Trustees meeting to order at 6:54PM.
- Corinne called the Library Building Committee meeting to order at 6:54PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Corinne made a motion to accept the Board of Library Trustees minutes of the 4/16/2026 meeting. Linda seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.
- Corinne made a motion to accept the Library Building Committee minutes of the 4/16/2026 meeting. Pat seconded it. Motion passed 7-0.

Director's Report

- Statistics – Refer to the handout.
- Financial – Refer to the handout. No donations received. Received final state aid payment in amount of \$14,936.42.
- Programming – Refer to the handout.
- Building/Maintenance – Refer to the handout.
- Other – Refer to the handout.

New Business

- No new business for discussion.

Library Building Project

- Discuss Library Building Project Public Education Plan
 - A summary was provided about meetings with local groups and the forums. Lots of great questions were asked.
 - Many residents at Meetinghouse Lane have transportation issues and asked, for this town meeting or in the future, if the Senior Center could provide transportation for them. Karen will speak with Senior Center Director Mary Collins about this.
 - There seems to be some misunderstanding about the Senior Center's role in the project, with people thinking the Senior Center is being forgotten. Pat has been explaining to people that the Senior Center will benefit. Although the Library grant cannot cover

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Senior Center costs, there is quite a bit work required that will benefit the Senior Center, such as improved HVAC, plumbing, and shared spaces.

- Over 30,000 people visited the Library in 2025; over 10,000 attended programs.
- Teresa pointed out we have already received grant funding for the design. We have actual plans, we have applied for outside funding, and the debt that is rolling off could be applied to the Library project. The Foundation has already put money towards this project and plans to fundraise towards it.
- Tom presented some financial numbers. A 30-year borrowing plan would cost taxpayers about \$307 per year. There is \$114 of debt rolling off this year. Teresa and Tom will work on putting together clear numbers to be shared online before Town Meeting.
- The Finance Committee voted not to support the land article asking for 3 acres of Maquan for the Library since there is not a comprehensive plan for use of the land.
- There is no “do nothing” option. If the project doesn’t pass, there will be an estimated \$8 million in renovations to the existing library/senior center to address issues that were outlined in the Facility Conditions Assessment (HVAC, electrical, ADA compliance, etc.)
- Speaking at Town Meeting will be Karen, Teresa, Corinne, and Pat. There will be a handout with four pages showing the rendering, the detailed layout, library use statistics, financial impacts, building deficiencies, deferred maintenance items, and a background of the project. It will also mention that the Senior Center will benefit from the enhancements. Corinne will be the one talking about the financial information.
- Mari will be speaking at Town Meeting from a young person’s perspective.
- Karen will ask Mary to speak at Town Meeting about how the Senior Center will benefit from the project.

Date of Next Building Committee Meeting

- Monday May 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm – at Town Meeting

Date of Next Trustee Meeting

- Monday May 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm – at Town Meeting

Adjournment for Board of Library Trustees

- Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM, seconded by John. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment for Library Building Committee

- Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM, seconded by Pat. Motion passed 7-0.

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Attachments:

Agenda

Draft Minutes - Library Board of Trustees from April 16, 2026

Draft Minutes - Library Building Committee from April 16, 2026

Director's Report dated 4/28/2026

Statistics March 2026

Financial March 2026

Programming March 2026

Calendar of Events May 2026

Agenda for Board of Library Trustees & Library Building Committee - Notice of Joint Meeting on Monday 5/4/2026 at Town Meeting Hanson Middle School, 111 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341