

Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Present: Director Sally Murphy, Scott Reinhart, Carrie Crane, Jeniffer Taylor, Suzanne Curran, JoAnn Mitchell, Matthew Bull

Absent: Mary Jane Bray, Ruth Barry

Minutes Approval: Trustee Taylor made, and Trustee Bull seconded, a motion to accept the July meeting minutes, all approved.

Director Murphy's Report: Director Murphy shared that Summer Reading has been one of the busiest Summer Reading programs to date. She noted that one of the sessions had over 100 kids and 30 adults.

STLS asked Director Murphy if she would partake in a video interview that discussed the library system and which also highlighted different library leaders. She did the interview and it has already aired.

Director Murphy spoke with directors of Corning and Bath libraries at the county legislature to advocate for funding. When requesting that funding continue, it was suggested by Mike Hanna to actually ask for an increase.

Director Murphy recommended that the board vote on the 259 options in September so that we can move forward with our 2027 budget.

July programming included Dorthie Goldman with her highpower microscope, Corning Community College that built robots with kids, and a variety of performers and nature centers presented. They also hosted a "parents night out." August will bring the Cumming Nature Center, circus performers, and Professor Emeritus Ted Murphy to teach a watercolor class.

A dinner to celebrate Nancy Wightman's time on the board is scheduled for August 31st at 5:30.

Treasurer Report: Director Murphy reported that Brynn Voigt stated everything is looking good at this point but we do need to review the 259 options and work on the 2027 budget.

Technology Report:

Director Murphy reported that everything is running smoothly.

Fundraising Report:

Trustee Curran reported that there were no new donations and there is \$750 YTD. It was discussed to get the appeal letter sent out in September.

Used Book Room Report:

Trustee Curran emailed a report that stated the net Ebay sales for July were \$150.05 and the Saturday book sales were \$963.50 in check and cash and \$480.50 in Venmo. The donation jar brought in \$102.45. The monthly total is \$1,1696.50 and the YTD is \$11,241.28.

Buildings & Grounds Report:

Trustee Reinhart reported that some of the light bulbs will be replaced over the next few weeks.

Memorials Report:

Trustee Curran reported that there were a few memorials for July totalling \$1,250. YTD is \$5,600.

Old Business:

- Board Vacancies (2): Janet Nykiel is interested and is a resident of Wayne. A few other individuals were discussed and Director Murphy will reach out to them and gauge interest.

Trustee Mitchell motions to appoint Janet Nykiel as a new board member trustee, Trustee Curran seconded, all approved.

- Longest Table: Trustee Mitchell updated the board on Jerine's progress with the Longest Table event. Each board member is encouraged to reach out to a few businesses to get donations. Tickets are \$70 that include a buffet from Fran's Landing. The event is on September the 26th. It was noted that tables will not have access to electricity, due to tripping the circuit breaker last year and no glitter will be allowed. The theme is "Favorite book A to Z." Table counts are due on September 15th.

New Business:

- Honoring Roger Tompkins: The Board respectfully acknowledged the passing of our President, Roger Tompkins, and held a discussion regarding meaningful ways to honor his memory. It was discussed to honor him with a little library.
- Board Position Vacancies: The board discussed if any board members were interested in the positions of President, Vice President, and Finance Officer. If a Vice President position were created, we would need to amend it into the by-laws. The board will send Director Murphy nominations for these positions and it will be voted on at our next meeting.

Other: none

Next Meeting Date: 9/8/2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: Trustee Crane moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Reinhart. All approved and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Crane