

Billerica Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025

President Maggie Deslaurier called the meeting to order in the Library Conference Room, at 7:00 PM.

Member	Present	Absent
Maggie Deslaurier Chairman	X	
Michelle Ovalle Vice-chairman	X	
Katrina Kruse	X	
Thomas Considine	X	
Marty Conway	X	
Ellen Rawlings	X	
Bob Correnti	X	
Elizabeth Gottman-Hanrahan		X
Jo Anne Frazier	X	
Joe St Germaine, Director	X	
Sharon Lomison Interim Asst. Director	X	

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Meeting Minutes:

Bob Correnti made a motion to accept the minutes from March 3, 2025

Marty Conway seconded

Katrina Kruse Abstained

The motion passed.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library closed Sunday, April 20th for Easter and Monday, April 21st for Patriots' Day

Theme for National Library Week will be "Drawn to the Library" and will highlight offerings that draw people into the library.

The Library building will be 25 years old – still brainstorming plans for a celebration

Staffing –

A new Supervisor of Circulation has been hired – welcome to Megan Doyle. She will have input in filling the recently vacated Library Page Position.

Facilities –

Still waiting for the parking lot lighting project to be completed – eagerly waiting for the weather to turn nicer

The front stairs have shown signs of damage. The plan is to demolish completely and replaced new.

Community Partnerships -

Asst. Director Sharon and Mary Jo will be staffing the library table at the Billerica Health and Wellness Fair

Teen Librarian and Youth Services Specialist visited BMHS 8th graders and provided library cards. Huge success.

The Library Mobile App has been updated – more specific and less generic

FY2026 Budget

Budget of 1,802,857 was voted in unanimously by the Finance Committee

The next step is a Town Meeting vote.

Institute of Museum and Library Services

There is uncertainty regarding its future in this current presidential administration. The MA Board of Library Commissioners announced it would be proactive and begin making smaller cuts to ease the potential loss of funding.

Ellen commented that with loss of funding, we are very lucky to have the Family Friends organization to help.

Ellen Rawlings made a motion to accept the Director's Report

Marty Conway seconded

The motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

The secretary position for the BOT is still currently open

NEW BUSINESS

FAMILY FRIENDS UPDATE

The \$5 bag sale went very well
Annual meeting May 9

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Annual Evening of Wine Tasting – Friday, April 25, 2025

Liquor License acquired

Push to sell ticket

Ellen Rawlings made a motion to adjourn

Bob Correnti seconded

The motion passed.

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Thank You, Michelle Ovalle ----- Next Scheduled Meeting : Monday May 5, 2025 7pm