

Billerica Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 6, 2025

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

Member	Present	Absent
Ellen Rawlings Chairman	X	
Maggie Deslaurier Vice-chairman	X	
Michelle Ovalle Secretary	X	
Katrina Kruse	X	
Thomas Considine	X	
Marty Conway	X	
Bob Correnti	X	
Elizabeth Gottman-Hanrahan	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 November 4, 2024
 Katrina Kruse secondede
 The motion passed.
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library closed Jan 20 MLK day.

Morning storytimes have been in high demand. The childrens' room staff suggested a registration to keep the experience small and meaningful. Times will be capped at 20-25 participants.

The library is excited to try the Center's 2025 Reading Challenge where readers will be challenged each month to try a book based off a different prompt. The library will help with lists and participants can win prizes. This is partnered with the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

Suggested by a staff member, the library is excited to try BPL Winter Games. Mondays in February the library will provide board games.

The staff holiday party was a brunch. Enjoyed by all.

Welcome to Alicia Brennan – a new Library Page.

With a new permanent Town Manager the library can now fill the Assistant Library Director position.

The library said goodbye to Shannon Hagel of the circulation department. We wish her well.

A warm welcome to Anna Paquet the new (May 2024) Adult Reference Librarian. Joe and Sharon are happy to have her.

The Holiday Festival went exceptionally well. There was a good balance on display vs library usage.

A new, local cleaning company has been hired and will start Feb 1. This company is Boston based and has cleaned the Life Science Building, other libraries and some universities.

Parking lot lights are still out. Parts have been ordered.

The Commission on Disabilities requested that a railing be added to the few step on the main floor. To be added soon.

Budget includes a cost of living pay increase for all staff. Also, staff who work on Saturdays for summer hour will be paid time and a half – something that the library did the past summer.

The library is getting ready to present the budget to the Finance Committee in March.

Bob Correnti made a motion to accept the Director's Report

Katrina Kruse secondede

The motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

BOT was interested in whether or not the library now had hot water? YES!!!

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Elections of Officers

There was a motion and a second to nominate Maggie Deslaurier as the new Chairman. She accepted. Maggie was voted in unanimously as the new Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

There was a motion and a second to nominate Michelle Ovalle as the new Vice Chairman of the BOT. She accepted. Michelle was voted in unanimously as the new Vice Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

The position of Secretary is still open.

FAMILY FRIENDS UPDATE

Renew your membership and enter a raffle to win a \$50 gas card (cut off 2/14)
Beginning in Feb, there will be a Flower Power Fundraiser

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Wine tasting is being considered for the end of April or early May

Ellen Rawlings made a motion to adjourn at 7:20

Bob Correnti seconded

The motion passed.

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Thank You, Michelle Ovalle ----- Next Scheduled Meeting : Monday February 3, 2025 7pm