

**Board meeting  
January 26th 2026**

- **Call meeting to order:**
  - Katie made a motion to call the board meeting. Emily 2nd the motion.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- **Meeting Minutes:**
  - Katie approved the minutes as presented. Monica 2nd motion
- **Committee report**
  - Treasure report: Katie read the Treasure report
    - The year-to-date net income of \$88,303 exceeded the budget, largely due to an unexpected estate donation and timing variations in contributions. The Treasurer's report was subsequently approved.
    - Motion to approve treasurer's report: Emily motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Vanessa 2nd the motion
- **Librarian Report:**
  - Programs highlights:
    - Santa visit. Light up Night. Great outcome. Distribute about 300 books.
    - November - 33 programs / 1041 Attendees and December 31 programs / 761 Attendees
    - First ever Grinchfest was held with Principal Semler from Mars Centennial as guest reader
  - Upcoming programs: Read Across America (Mars Kindergarten), Paws to read with Wally, Lego Club, and Kids Yoga with Ivy Rehab.
  - Space Repurposing
  - Carpet cleaning- Thanks to Friends of the Library
  - Front Vestibule Window Upgrade
- **BCFL:**
  - Katie Johnston reported on the BCFLS budget, indicating that state funds were released in January, allowing for a tentative budget approval.
  - There has been a cancellation of the Hoopla service, which had previously caused a \$60,000 budget overrun, and the negotiation of a better contract with ATEC for IT services. These changes are expected to improve the financial situation for BCFLS moving forward.
- **Building & Maintenance:**
  - Janae Callihan provided updates on building maintenance, highlighting the repair of a broken water heater that cost \$1,450. That leave \$50 left in our repair line budget.
- **HR/Personnel:**

Nothing at the moment

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- **Planning:**
- **Fundraising**
  - Libation of the library: Will meet with the fundraiser committee and start planning with a spreadsheet, deadline for sponsorships, and raffle baskets.
  - The group discussed the challenges of hosting events at their current venue due to capacity limits, especially during inclement weather. Janae Callihan proposed exploring other venue options, including the library, which could be decorated for events
  
- **Friends of the Library:**
  - Linda Noll shared plans for a \$1,000 grant application to fund a mobile unit for promoting library events and engaging younger audiences.
  - Spring book sale is set for April 15th to 19th, with a kickoff event on the 15th, and Board members are invited to participate
  
- **Old Business:**
  - **Strategic Plan.**
    - Motion to approved Strategic plan with grammatical edits. Jen motion to approved and Emily 2nd the motion. All in favor.
  
- **New business:**
  - Valencia Board Position
    - Welcome Monica!
  - Overnight parker.
    - Janae addressed the problem of overnight parking in the library's parking lot, which is causing issues for snowplowing. Notices have been distributed to inform parkers of the restrictions, but Janae believes more needs to be done to reach all offenders. She intends to consult with Mike and the borough solicitor about possible consequences for those who repeatedly violate the parking rules. They have been putting sheets to their windshield regarding this issue.
  - Committees:
    - Staci will send out a 2026 committee form. Min of 2 people on each committee.

Public Comments: None

Next board member meeting: February 23, 2026