

**Seymour Public Library Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6 PM
Location: In Person, Seymour Public Library**

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DATE: 1/21/26
TIME: 3:42 PM
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In Attendance: Joyce Koslowski, Lauren Demko, Alex Danka, Suzanne Garvey (Library Director). **Absent –** Paula Chapla, Jean Uhelsky **Public represented by one person.**

1.) Call to Order –

Lauren Demko, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.) Minutes from December 2025 Meeting

No discussion

Motion to approve: Joyce Koslowski

Seconded: Alex Danka

Vote 3:0:0 approved

3.) Approval of the monthly Treasurer's Report from November 2025

Joyce questioned the cost of the holiday decorations. Alex explained the circumstances of the purchase.

Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka

Seconded: Joyce Kozlowski

Vote: 3:0:0 Approved

4.) Library Director's Monthly Report

5.) No Comments

6.) Public Comment – Patron representing the public has checked with local schools regarding design options for the interior of the library. She hasn't had any success.

7.) Renovation Discussion for lobby – Tabled

7-a) Alex made a motion to set up an exploratory group made up with himself, Tim Connors the Seymour Town & Building facilities director, and the library director. This planning group will report back to the Board on findings. Discussion will come to the table.

Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka

Seconded: Joyce Kozlowski

Vote: 3:0:0 Approved

8.) Town Finance Budget – Director prepared budget passed to Board members for review. Library Director is asking for the expected line items plus two part-time staff. She would also like to have the library open on Mondays.

Motion to approve and accept budget submission to Town: Alex Danka

Seconded: Joyce Kozlowski
Vote: 3:0:0 Approved

- 9.) February Spending** – reviewed.
Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka
Seconded: Joyce Kozlowski
Vote: 3:0:0 Approved

- 10.) Public Comment** – Patron generally likes and uses the library. Someone has mentioned to her concern regarding a missing clock on the wall in the entrance.

- 11.) Library Board of Directors Group Discussion** – The deposit check for the gutter repair has been deposited.
Suzanne has added a paragraph to the Patron Behavior Policy for Board Vote. The paragraph added is regarding the Library closing times. Some patrons do not wish to leave at the posted times.
Motion to approve and accept new wording: Alex Danka
Seconded: Joyce Kozlowski
Vote: 3:0:0 Approved

- 12.) Adjournment** - 6:40pm

SPL Library Director's December 2026- compiled 1/15/2026

October- Closed Columbus Day

People in the Building- Counter: 3212

Circulation- Adults: 1999

Children: 1664

DVDS: 320

Total Circulation All Areas: 5295

Computers: 225

November Closed Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Day After

People in the Building- Counter: 2871

Circulation- Adults: 1768

Children: 1382

DVDS: 333

Total Circulation All Areas: 4843

Computers: 177

December – Closed Dec. 24. Dec. 25. Dec. 26 & Dec. 27 for snow. Half day closed on Dec. 31

People in the Building- Counter: 2699

Circulation- Adults: 1830

Children: 1599

DVDS: 358

Total Circulation All Areas: 5119

Computers: 176

Building- Something has to be done about the kitchen and staff lounge which is too cold for staff to eat in. Alex will come to the library to check the lack of heat in the kitchen and staff lounge.

Programs December

Juvenile 12 programs 131 Participation

Rebecca's scavenger hunts are very popular- 141 December

Adults: 8 programs 149 attendance

February Library Spending

Adult Books- 2500.00 @ 138 books

Juvenile Books- 800 @ 110 books

YA- 250 @ 21 books

DVD-400 @ 24 DVDS

Total- 3950.00 same

Juvenile 14 programs 119 Participation

Rebecca's scavenger hunts are very popular- 123 November

Adults: 6 programs 55 attendance

January Library Spending

Adult Books – 2500.00 @ 138 books

Juvenile Books – 800 @ 110 books

YA – 250 @ 21 books

DVD – 400 @ 24 DVDS

Total- 3950.00

Prepared by Robin Shaw – January 19, 2026

**The Next Meeting of the Seymour Public Library Board of Directors will be on
Thursday, February 19, 2026**