

**Seymour Public Library Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6 PM
Location: In Person, Seymour Public Library**

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DATE: 3/13/26
TIME: 10:40 AM
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In Attendance: Joyce Koslowski, Lauren Demko, Alex Danka, Paula Chapla, Jean Uhelsky, Suzanne Garvey (Library Director). Public represented by two people – Jodi Gil, Monica

1.) Call to Order –

Paula Chapla, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.) Minutes from January 2026 Meeting

No discussion

Motion to approve: Alex Danka

Seconded: Lauren Demko

Vote 5:0:0 Approved

3.) Approval of the monthly Treasurer's Report of January 2026

Paula reviewed spending on the monthly Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka

Seconded: Lauren Demko

Vote: 5:0:0 Approved

**4.) Seymour Public Library Director's January Report – compiled 2/13/2026
November Closed Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and 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 - 25. Dec. 26 - 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

January – Closed January 1, January 20, closed at 2pm Saturday the 17(snow)

People in the Building- Counter: 3039

Circulation- Adults: 2159

Children: 1608

DVDS: 371

Total Circulation All Areas: 5634

Computers: 276

Building - Work started on the gutters- really at end of last week- 2/6.

Programs January

Juvenile 2 programs - 33 Participation

Rebecca's scavenger hunt- 124 January

Adults: 4 programs 31 attendance

March Library Spending

Adult Books-2000.00 @ 101 books

Juvenile Books-700 @ 98 books

YA- 150 @ 14 books

DVD-400 @ 24 DVDS

Total- \$3250.00 same

Prepared by Suzanne Garvey February 13, 2026

5.) Board - No Comment

6.) Public Comment

Jodi Gil is very interested in being included in the renovation focus group.

7.) Renovation Discussion for lobby

Alex has been looking at libraries in the surrounding area to get ideas. He strongly encourages a full renovation, not just the lobby. Discussion ensued on how the money would be funded. Paula will investigate through her past minutes to find the amount that was appropriated. Paula showed a few AI pictures of ideas for the front desk and the left wall coming into the main entrance. Suzanne asked the group for their input on the desks/computer area ideas. The goal is to make the entrance more inviting. Alex encourages inviting the public to attend a meeting. Paula suggested getting 4 – 5 layouts done and displaying them for public comment. Policy comments will not be included. Members are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 11:00 to discuss Chat GBT changes.

Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka

Seconded: Joyce Koslowski

Vote: 5:0:0 Approved

8.) Tonie Boxes and Tonies –

Discussed reinstating a fine of five dollars for the boxes/tonies when not returned in a timely manner. The fines will start on March 1st, 2026. Alex also motioned to have fines on books, DVD's and audio books reinstated. Alex would like twenty-five dollars set aside to pay for people who cannot afford to pay the fines.

Motion to approve and accept: Joyce Koslowski

Seconded: Alex Danka

Vote: 4:0:1 – four in favor, one abstention.

Motion to purchase five more tonie boxes and fifty figurines using money from the checking account.

Motion to approve and accept: Joyce Koslowski

Seconded: Lauren Demko

Vote: 5:0:0

9.) March Spending – reviewed.

Motion to approve and accept: Joyce Koslowski

Seconded: Alex Danka

Vote: 5:0:0 Approved

10.) Public Comment – No comment.

11.) Library Board of Directors Group Discussion –

Finance Board meeting was held. Paula & Suzanne in attendance. Budget was presented as voted on by the Library Board. Bibliomation price is increasing. Suzanne asked for two part-time employees for fourteen hours each.

12.) Adjournment – 7:25pm

Motion to approve and accept: Alex Danka

Seconded: Lauren Demko

Vote: 5:0:0 Approved

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March 19, 2026**

Prepared by Robin Shaw – February 23, 2026

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