

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 8th, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 11:00am. Attending the meeting were Stacey Kripp, Stacy Bryck, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Kate Jansak, and Dave Schottland.

Guests: None

Additions to Agenda

- Event Logistics
- Phone
- Locks

Recognition of Visitors

None to welcome

Approval of Previous Minutes

Linda made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from June which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Report

The budget was briefly discussed.

b. Warrant Approval

Linda made a motion to approve this month's warrant, which was seconded by Kate, and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

The Librarian's Report can be found at the end of this document.

- Linda made a motion to have the library pay for a subscription for sending out newsletters, which will cost \$130 per year. This was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed.
- The library received a \$350 grant for summer programming.
- The arts and crafts program has been very popular.

Old Business

a. Tech Plan

- The librarian has been working with community member and volunteer John Ment to compose a survey for the community's technology needs.

b. Artwork Display Policy – Second Reading

- The policy was further discussed, but no changes were made.
- At the next meeting the board will adopt the new artwork policy.

c. Dummerston Cares Update

- A volunteer reached out to the librarian about the Books On Wheels program.
- Dummerston Cares has a few volunteers, one of which will become the primary contact/coordinator.

d. Committee Launch Review

- Lyle sent a list of the building committee members.
- Linda suggested that committee reports be included in monthly board meetings, including the minutes.
- Community member and Lydia's Friends Chairperson Catherine O'Callaghan is currently overseeing the bookings of events in the building.

e. Bylaws Continued Update

To change the length of trustee terms, an article must be presented at Town Meeting in March 2027. The article will need to be written by the Select Board.

f. Event Logistics

- Linda brought up the following ideas:
 - cleaning fee after events in which renters didn't clean up
 - fuel surcharge for events held in the winter
 - contract needed for renters
 - fee waived for non-profits
- Kate will try to send a copy of Townshend's rental contract for reference

g. Locks

Dave will look into having all the locks changed, so that we can account for all keys to the building and rooms.

h. Phone

- Kate spoke with AT&T regarding how the library can switch to an internet phone, which she shared with the board. A variety of steps are needed to make a switch.
- For now the landline will be kept until either a generator is acquired (in case of electrical outages) or cell phone service improves.

New Business

a. Shorter Terms for Trustees

See above under "Bylaws Continued Update."

Dates

Next DCCL Meeting: Wednesday, August 12th

At 12:31 Dave made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting concluded.

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Statistics for June 1-June 30

Library Visits	
Adult Visits	202
Children Visits	87
Total Visits	<u>289</u>

Library Programs	
Sensory Playtime 6/01, 6/08, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29	27
Magic: The Gathering Play & Learn Club 6/09, 6/23, 6/30	10
Building Saturday 6/13	0
Cookbook Club 6/16	1
Summer Reading Kick-Off Event 6/18	47

Summer Arts and Crafts 6/24	6
Picture Book Storytime 6/25	2
Ginger Beer Workshop	15
Total program attendance	<u>108</u>

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Non-Library Programs	
Gone Guys Documentary 6/04	31
Herb Class About Violets! 6/06	5
Private Event	13
Total Non-Library program attendance	<u>49</u>

Reference Questions	70
New Library Cards	0
Computer Use	2

Total Checkouts (overdrive/libby)	<u>253</u>
eBooks	52
Audiobooks	201
Unique Users	34

Total Physical Materials Circulation	<u>197</u>
Checkouts issued	183
Renewals	14

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1. The Summer Reading Kick-Off Event brought 47 people to the library! The bounce house is now going to be on August 1st, because of the thunderstorm during the Kick-Off event.
2. The library will collaborate with Scott Farm Orchard for three storytime events on August 21, September 18, and October 16 from 10:30am-11:00am at Scott Farm Orchard.
3. Our newsletter service, MailerLite, decreased their subscriber count on their free account on July 1, 2026 to 250 subscribers. We currently have 282 subscribers. The paid subscription for up to 500 subscribers is \$129.60 for the year. In order to send out more emails, we will need to change services again, or pay for a service.
4. Through the Green Mountain Library Consortium, the library can purchase a Biblio+ service for about \$222, which is a streaming service that partners with libraries to offer patrons unlimited access to 8,000+ titles, including 3,500+ BBC titles and episodes with unlimited simultaneous access. The library can purchase this service for the library starting in September.

5. The Vermont Department of Libraries let us know about an opportunity to stream the new *Little House on the Prairie* Netflix series at the library. They will provide access to all of the episodes for us to have events throughout the summer.
6. The library currently has the following museum passes for checkout with varying discounts: Brattleboro Music Center, ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens, Montshire Museum of Science, Next Stage Arts 2026 Bandwagon Series, Vermont State Historic Sites and Vermont State Parks.
7. We received the Summer Programming Grant for \$350 from the Vermont Department of Libraries. This will help us pay for the bounce house from Bounce Above the Rest, as well as materials for other summer programming.
8. The library is collaborating with ByWay Books & More as well as Lydia's Friends, Inc. for a storytime by translator Rachel Wang Yung-Hsin, for "Little Monk Writes Rain" by Hsu-Kung Liu. This event will take place on July 11, 2026 at 11:00am. There will also be a calligraphy activity to go alongside the storytime.