

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2025

Present: Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Cathy Roy, Dr. Chris Lake.

Absent: Linda Scherf.

1. Annie made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Heather seconded. All were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Town Checking Balance: \$14,758.50 as of 11/19/2025

RPL Checking Balance: \$18,593.09 as of 11/19/2025

Building Fund: \$21,165.76 from statement ending 9/30/25

Invoices were circulated for approval.

3. Librarian's Report

- All of the fall programs happened as scheduled. On Monday, October 20 the reading and book discussion by Brad Meiklejohn and Steve Chase of the RMC's new publication "Letters from the Mountain" turned out to be a very special evening of stories and mountain anecdotes. Yvonne submitted a short article and photo to the December Mountain View.

Upcoming Winter/Spring Programs

- Wednesday, December 10 from 1:00 - 2:00. Chris Hawkins will lead a meeting about having cribbage at the Library. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and/or improve their cribbage skills, as well as engage in friendly matches with fellow enthusiasts. We will also talk about this becoming a regular event.
- The Second Annual Winter Solstice Event - Saturday, December 20 from 11:00 - 1:00. This will be a Library/Friends sponsored event. The Friends are providing \$100 for supplies and refreshments and will help with the planning and execution.
- The Great North Woods Libraries are planning a winter/spring series entitled **Notable New Hampshire: 250 Years in the Making**. The series will run from February through May. Randolph has applied for a grant from the NH Humanities for a "Big Watch" celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It will include watching a themed excerpt of Ken Burn's new film, The American Revolution, followed by a civil discussion moderated by skilled facilitators provided by NHH. If the grant is approved, the program will take place

in May and will possibly be held at the Medallion Opera House in Gorham. We will be notified in January if our grant is accepted.

- Two new computers have been ordered. Yvonne has not heard back yet from Elvis at Genesys Technologies about an installation date.
- The Library will be closed on Wednesday December 24th and Wednesday December 31st.

Friends of the Library

- Yvonne attended the Friends meeting on Nov. 19 from 9:00 - 10:30.
- They did a wrap up of the very successful Community Harvest Pot Luck dinner which took place on Sat., Nov. 15th, 70 people attended.
- They discussed several ideas for winter activities but nothing has been decided.
- The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2026

5. Continuing and other business:

- Library of Things: We decided on purchasing a Blue Ray player, a car code reader, 2 adult pairs of snowshoes and 2 children sets of snowshoes. We will continue discussing and coming up with future purchases.
- Heather will send out a draft of a personnel policy, we will review it at the next meeting.
- Updates on long term plans for the RPL: All construction/building of the outdoor children's area on the west end of the Library is on hold until spring. Yvonne met with Jesse Daniels of Daniel's Landscaping, and emphasized that we would like to get started in the spring as early as possible. We need to have further discussion this winter and get a quote for the work to be done.

6. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday December 16th at Big Day Brewery at 6:00pm. We will have a short meeting and a holiday party to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary