

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2026

Present: Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Cathy Roy, Dr. Chris Lake, Yvonne Jenkins. Absent: Linda Scherf.

1. Annie made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Heather seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

- **Town Checking Balance: \$11,149.83**
- **RPL Checking Balance: \$18,336.35**
- **Building Fund: \$ 21,350.09** (from statement ending 12/31/2025).
- Invoices were circulated for approval.
- The RPL proposed budget for 2026 was submitted to the town on January 13, 2026.
- Cathy and Karen will be listed as authorized signers on both of the RPL accounts at Camden Bank.

3. Librarian's Report

Programs:

- Cribbage on Wednesdays is a success, with 4-6 people attending weekly.
- The Storytelling event with Paul Cormier on January 15th was well attended, (16 people).
- "Lindsey and Her Puppet Pals" will be at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. The total cost will be \$470.00 (\$395 program fee, \$75 travel). This will be paid for with funds given to the Library by the Friends Group.
- The Winter Reading Challenge will continue until March 20th. The Library is providing the prizes, including a Grand prize of a \$50 gift card to White Mountain Cafe & Book Store.
- The Friends Group will host a Spring Equinox event on March 21st at the Library, the grand prize winner of the Winter Reading Challenge will be announced then.
- Heather made a motion to approve purchases to upgrade our presentation equipment as well as lighting for the White Mountain Room cabinet. Cathy seconded, all were in favor.

- Web cam - \$110, LG OLED TV - 45" or 55" \$1,000, Mobile TV Stand: Onkron \$124, Orbisfy - LED strip lights \$529.00, which totals \$1,753.00.
- The furnace stopped working sometime during the night on January 15th. Yvonne called Kevin Rines from KR Heating and he came and got it working. There were some wires that were disconnected. He will send a bill to the Library.
- Yvonne submitted the Library Report to Linda Dupont for the 2025 Town Report. The usage numbers were consistent with last year: 1,350 visitors; 1,818 items circulated; Interlibrary loans: 221 loaned, 95 borrowed. New Hampshire Download Books: 1,089 audiobooks, 325 ebooks, and 325 magazines borrowed this year. 18 new library cards were issued.
- Randy Meiklejohn will be here to review the plans for the Library Garden Project on February 4th.
- We decided to open the library on Saturday January 24th at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am. due to the severe cold weather expected.

4. Friends Group Report:

- Yvonne presented the minutes from their meeting on January 14th.
- The Little Free Library is finished and on display at the Library, until it is installed at the Ravine House in the Spring. It is a beautiful work of art!
- There will be a Spring Equinox event at the Library on Saturday March 21st from 11:00-1:00.
- There is discussion between the Friends and the Library about holding the Annual Book and Bake Sale this summer.
- The next Friends Group meeting will be on March 5, 2026 at 9:00 am.

5. Continuing and other Business:

- Annie and Yvonne continue to work on acquiring items for our Library of Things.
- Heather continues to work on the RPL Personnel Policy.

6. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary.

