



Trustees of Lunenburg Public Library, Meeting Minutes September 17, 2026
Sudolnik Conference Room, Lunenburg Public Library

Members Present: Muir Haman (Director), Harry Kubetz, Laura Boussom, Robin Venezia, Stephanie Trudel

Members Remote: Maia Wentrup (joined at 6:12 p.m.), David Niose

Members Absent: Jana-Lee Balish

Other: Jay Simeone (Finance Committee Representative)

The LPLBT meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Harry Kubetz.

Public Comment

- Robin said that the beautiful mums at the library entrance were donated by Lydia Henshaw.
- Robin told us that Andrea Burnap and Steve Schieldwachter have been volunteering to help water the library gardens.

Agenda Items

- **Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2026**
 - Stephanie made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2026, as amended. Robin seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
 - Harry Kubetz Aye
 - Laura Boussom Aye
 - Robin Venezia Aye
 - David Niose Aye
 - Stephanie Trudel Aye
- **Edward Jones investment report and discussion**
 - Nicole Groskreutz, our Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, attended our meeting for an annual review of our investments.
 - Our investments consist of Trust Funds given to the library with specific uses in mind. We can only spend these funds as specified in the individual trusts.
 - We have two accounts with Edward Jones.
 - Our Select Account holds an FDIC-insured brokered CD, a money market, and a small amount of cash ready to be invested. The balance as of 9/16/2026 is \$41,948.09, with an annualized return of 3.76%. This account has no fees.
 - Our managed Advisory Solutions Account is held 50/50 in stocks and bonds. The balance as of 9/16/26 is \$70,127.90, with an annualized rate of return of 9.38%. This account has a 1.4% fee.
 - At the request of the Trustees, Robin will compose a letter to Myleen Mallari, Town Treasurer, asking her to direct Edward Jones to move the cash in the Select Account into the money market account. Robin will also ask Myleen to direct Edward Jones to roll funds from maturing CDs into the money market account. This will allow us to continue earning interest on the funds until the Trustees are able to make a new investment decision.
 - Robin suggested that if we currently have more money in the money market than we need for liquidity purposes, we could move some over into a CD. Future CDs could have staggered maturities, minimizing exposure to interest rate risk. David suggested that money markets are currently earning about the same amount as short-term CDs so this action might not be as useful at this time. Harry asked us to consider putting all the Trust Funds into the Advisory Solutions Account to get a higher yield.
- **Presentation of the annual LPL Trust Funds Policy Compliance Report**
 - Robin presented the annual LPL Investment Funds Policy Compliance Report.
 - Conclusion of Report - "Based on the records reviewed and scope of the review, I found that the Trustees and their agents, Edward Jones and financial representative Nicole C Groskreutz, have generally complied

with the LPL Investment Policy during the period reviewed. The review identified several areas where additional documentation, clarification, or policy improvement would strengthen the Trustees' oversight of the Trust Funds."

- Recommendations and Follow-Up

- We have trust funds going back to the 1800s. We do not have documentation for all trusts. The Trustees need to consult with legal counsel about using individual trust funds where any documentation is incomplete.
- Revise our policy - Our Investment Policy calls for a written guarantee of fiduciary standard that requires advisors to act in our best interest at all times. The Advisory Solutions Account has a continuous fiduciary duty that fully meets the requirement of the policy; however, the Select Account operates under a "best interest" fiduciary standard. Because the Select Account holds only basic financial instruments, an FDIC-insured CD and money market, and has no management fee, this level of fiduciary responsibility is appropriate for this type of account. The Trustees are aware of the different levels of fiduciary duty and will limit the Select Account to basic banking instruments. Robin suggested that we remove the phrase "at all times" from the policy.
- Revise our policy - The LPL Investment Policy calls for an agent to have "at least five years experience managing public or institutional funds." The Trustees have delegated only the responsibility for investing the Trust Funds portfolio within the risk parameters chosen by the Trustees. Neither Edward Jones, nor the financial advisor, is involved in the calculation, record-keeping or any distribution of funds for the individual trust accounts. That responsibility remains solely with the Trustees. Consult with counsel as to whether requiring an agent to have public and institutional experience in our policy is necessary, given the relatively small Trust Funds portfolio size.
- Revise our policy - Add a section on liquidity to our policy.
- Harry said he trusts Robin's judgement on these three policy revisions and made a motion to accept Robin's suggestions to modify our Financial Policy. Stephanie seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
 - Harry Kubetz Aye
 - Laura Boussom Aye
 - Robin Venezia Aye
 - David Niose Aye
 - Stephanie Trudel Aye
 - Maia Wentrup Aye
- Consider and address the role of the Trust Funds and liquidity needs in developing the library's new Strategic Plan.
- Write a job description outlining the duties and expectations of the Treasurer of the Trustees or Investment Committee.

- **Director's Report**

- **FY2027 Budget Update**

Electricity is budgeted at \$22,500 for the year, the same as was budgeted last year.

The FY2026 actual was \$28,390 which was covered by transferring funds from other underspent accounts.

The library is not getting solar credits in FY2027 as in past years. The cost of electricity is increasing. We will be underbudgeted for this account this fiscal year.

- **FY2026 Budget Update**

As of the date of this report, the FY2026 budget was 97% expended.

There are still a few payments to be dispersed.

- **Staff Update**

Lydia Paolilli, Assistant Director, has submitted her resignation, which is effective October 10, 2026. Lydia is a very skilled and professional librarian and will be greatly missed.

Currently the Assistant Director is classified as a union position, but should not be, since supervising other union members is part of the job. Muir will be working with the town to get this position correctly classified. In the meantime, Muir will be looking for an Interim Assistant Director to fill this role.

Due to the lack of a Teen Librarian, Muir and staff have come up with a plan to staff the Teen Room and offer an activity each day of the week in that space. There have been 35 - 50 teens at the library in the afternoons since school opened. A lack of middle school sports could be contributing to the increased attendance.

Muir attended the meeting of the Massachusetts Library Aid Association in August to help disburse scholarship funds to 18 applicants.

- **Programs Update**

The Summer Reading Program was our most successful ever. 450 children registered, an increase of 33% over last year. An additional 62 teens and close to 100 adults also registered. Readers tracked more than 600,000 minutes between late June and the end of July.

We served just over 1,700 free lunches to the community. Thank you to the Friends for funding this program. Our summer events were equally successful. Many events received so much interest that we added second sessions to meet demand. Even then there were a number of waitlists.

Muir and the Trustees have been working to enable the Rec Department to offer some of their programs at the library, since they can no longer use TC Passios. The MOU is ready to be signed by the Trustees, the Parks Commission, and the Rec Department.

Lydia Paolilli has been working with Kate Ravelette to plan our Holiday Showcase on December 6. The vendor event and concert will coincide with a local artist serenading while people shop. Kate is hoping all the Lunenburg holiday events can be marketed together, including the LAAC's Festival of Trees, the town Tree Lighting, the food drive, and more.

The Portugal Unveiled art exhibit will be installed tomorrow.

- **Outreach Update**

Outreach opportunities this summer were not as plentiful as hoped. Library staff attended the Artisan Markets, but attendance was generally low. We also found difficulty scheduling outreach at other off-site locations.

For fall, we will redouble our efforts for outreach.

- **Technology Update**

CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliant filtering has been implemented on the DNS level. When our network devices are upgraded by CWMARS in the coming months, we will be able to implement the filter more seamlessly.

Our recently purchased poster printer will be available to the public soon. It can make up to 24" wide posters and banners in color. This will be useful for library staff, and for other town departments. Staff will come up with a schedule of fees for public use, and a schedule for other town departments' use.

- **Building & Maintenance Update**

Muir found someone to repair the Bob Cole metal giraffe sculpture. They have come in once to work on it and are currently waiting on a tool they ordered so that they can continue the repair.

The Story Craft room has been updated with new furniture and a new rug. The old tables were passed on to other town departments. The schools took three tables and the Conservation Commission took one.

- **Conroy Memorial Garden Update**

- There will be a memorial gathering on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with Bob's family. The Trustees, library staff, and the Friends of LPL are invited.

- **Strategic Plan**

- The subcommittee has not met yet. They will be meeting September 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

- **Discussion about recording our meetings**

- The Finance Committee has asked us to record our meetings so they can keep up to date on issues that may affect their decisions.
- We are one of only a few boards in town that do not record our meetings.
- We discussed the pros and cons of recording.
 - The nature of our meetings may change.
 - It would be easy to record audio. Video recordings done at locations other than Town Hall are not always of the best quality and it can be difficult to know who is speaking and to hear what is being said.
 - The minutes provide a good summary of our meetings and are posted in a timely manner.
 - There are subtleties that viewers can pick up in a recorded meeting that may not be as apparent in written minutes.
 - There is concern about recent events in town when Mass Fiscal Alliance used portions of recorded meetings to make online attacks against our elected officials.
 - Recording our meetings would promote transparency.
- Harry made a motion that we record future meetings as soon as we can get it organized and working well. Robin seconded. The motion passed 5 to 1, by roll call vote.
 - Harry Kubetz Aye
 - Laura Boussom Aye
 - Robin Venezia Aye
 - David Niose Aye
 - Stephanie Trudel Nay
 - Maia Wentrup Aye

- **Warrant article/course for bringing back teen librarian**

- Harry sent a letter to the Selectboard earlier this year pointing out that it is shortsighted to cut the funding for a Teen Librarian after we spent \$120,000 on the Teen Room renovation. The Selectboard referred him to the Town Manager.
- Muir, Harry, and Robin met with Jennifer Warren-Dyment to discuss this. She said the library has the funds now to hire a new librarian, but that there is no guarantee that the funds will be available in the FY28 budget.
- We would need to use our State Aid money to pay for this.
- We discussed the issues concerning hiring a new librarian.
 - If we hire someone now, we may have to lay them off in June 2027.
 - 5th grade visits are scheduled to start again. In the past the Teen Librarian handled these visits.
 - Maia asked if volunteers or interns could fill in. Muir said he can check with Simmons University about their intern program.
 - This position is for 30 hours per week. Maia asked if the hours for this position can be cut, or if we can waive the master degree requirement.
 - The Teen Librarian is a benefitted position. The cost of benefits comes from the town's budget, not the library's budget.
- Muir said his first priority is hiring an Interim Assistant Director. Then he can work on the rest of the staff.

- **Vote to dispose of certain surplus equipment and property**

- Muir presented a list of nine items of library equipment for discard. The items were outdated electronics, broken/damaged furniture, and one metal desk in good condition. If Muir can find a department that can use these items, they will be passed on. Otherwise they will be scrapped.
- Harry made a motion to discard the items on Muir's list. Robin seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
 - Harry Kubetz Aye
 - Laura Boussom Aye
 - Robin Venezia Aye
 - David Niose Aye
 - Stephanie Trudel Aye
 - Maia Wentrup Aye

- **Brooks House Update / Discussion**
 - The Selectboard is investigating the possibility of selling or leasing the Brooks House. Muir shared the minutes of our meeting where we listed our concerns of how this will affect the library.
- **Friends Update**
 - The Friends annual meeting in August and their September monthly meeting were both very well attended. New members are stepping up, giving longtime members the ability to pass on knowledge and responsibilities.
 - The Book & Bake Sale will be Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7.
- **Board Comments**
 - None
- **Other**
 - The Trustees thanked Jay Simeone of the Finance Committee for attending our meeting.
- **Adjourn**
 - A motion to adjourn was made by Stephanie, seconded by Robin. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.
 - Harry Kubetz Aye
 - Maia Wentrup Aye
 - Laura Boussom Aye
 - Robin Venezia Aye
 - David Niose Aye
 - Stephanie Trudel Aye
- **Attached Documents**
 - September 2026 Director's Report
 - September 2026 Youth Services Report
 - September 2026 Adult Service Report
- **Additional Documents Referenced**
 - Edward Jones Portfolio Analysis for Select-Association Account - September 17, 2026
 - Edward Jones Portfolio Analysis for managed Advisory Solutions Account - September 17, 2026
 - LPL Investment Funds Policy Compliance Review as of September 17, 2026
 - Memorandum of Understanding Between the Lunenburg Public Library Board of Trustees and the Town of Lunenburg Parks Commission dated 9/18/2026
 - Library Equipment for Discard dated 8/25/2026



LUNENBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 17, 2026

■ FY27 Budget Update

	<u>FY27 Budget</u>	<u>Budget Expended</u>	<u>% Expended</u>	<u>Calendar Completion</u>
LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	\$ 104,843	\$ 28,227	27%	<u>21%</u>
ASST LIBRARY DIRECTOR SAL	\$ 72,534	\$ 12,128	17%	
LIBRARY STAFF SALARIES	\$ 226,078	\$ 41,107	18%	
SEWERAGE DISPOSAL	\$ 1,300	\$ 368	28%	
ELECTRICITY CHARGES	\$ 22,500	\$ 5,325	24%	
HEATING CHARGES/NATURAL GAS	\$ 18,500	\$ 308	2%	
WATER CHARGES	\$ 1,200		0%	
NETWORK MAINTENANCE	\$ 500	\$ 40	8%	
BOOK SERVICE	\$ -			
PROGRAMS	\$ 19,500	\$ 1,378	7%	
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 2,500		0%	
CWMARS NETWORK	\$ 21,006	\$ 21,006	100%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 8,000	\$ 311	4%	
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$ 300	\$ -	0%	
LIBRARY MATERIAL	\$ 96,200	\$ 16,227	17%	
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,000		0%	
DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 3,000		0%	
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$ 598,960	\$ 126,423	21%	

■ FY26 Budget Update

	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>Budget Expended</u>	<u>% Expended</u>	<u>Calendar Completion</u>
LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	\$ 97,076	\$ 95,640	99%	<u>100%</u>
ASST LIBRARY DIRECTOR SAL	\$ 69,627	\$ 66,770	96%	
LIBRARY STAFF SALARIES	\$ 249,907	\$ 249,523	100%	
LONGEVITY	\$ 850	\$ 850	100%	
BLDG REPAIRS & MTC				
SEWERAGE DISPOSAL	\$ 1,300	\$ 951	73%	
ELECTRICITY CHARGES	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,390	95%	
HEATING CHARGES/NATURAL GAS	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,247	89%	
WATER CHARGES	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,003	87%	
NETWORK MAINTENANCE	\$ 500	\$ 239	48%	
BOOK SERVICE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,476	99%	
PROGRAMS	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,145	88%	
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,095	84%	
CWMARS NETWORK	\$ 20,571	\$ 20,571	100%	
POSTAGE	\$ -			
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,805	99%	
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$ 300	\$ 294	98%	
LIBRARY MATERIAL	\$ 101,000	\$ 96,250	95%	
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,946	99%	
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$ 635,281	\$ 619,195	97%	



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■ Staff Update

The biggest news this month is that Lydia has decided to step away from the Library to focus on her family. Her resignation will be effective October 10. There is no overstating the impact of this loss. I am still working with Town Manager, HR, and Trustees to plan how we will proceed with this departure. As you all know and have experienced, Lydia has been one of the most professional and skilled staff this Library has ever employed. She has been the heart of our staff since she started and has enabled me to focus on things that we would never have been able to do otherwise. As it was with Debbie's retirement, it is hard to imagine finding anyone to fill her role. Every effort and success that we have seen here in her time has been influenced and improved by Lydia's presence.

The staff and I have come up with a plan to staff the Teen Room and offer an activity each day of the week in that space. So far, we have had success focusing their energy and encouraging them to take a break outside before they get too rowdy. Engagement with the activities is still on the low end, but the teens have shown interest in journaling, 3d printing, and stickers.

I joined the Massachusetts Library Aid Association at their meeting in August to help disburse scholarship funds to 18 applicants. It is a pleasure to help this organization support library workers further their education.

Townwide staff appreciation was celebrated at the LAAC on August 27. This has become an annual event and seems to have a very positive effect on morale.

■ Programs

This Summer Reading Program was by far our most successful ever. 450 children registered! Another 62 teens, and almost a hundred adults participated in tracking their reading this year. We tracked more than 600,000 minutes between late June and the end of July. Similarly, we served just over 1,700 free lunches to the community. Thank you, Friends, for funding this year's lunch program. There was so much appreciation for this food!

Our programming events for the summer were also especially successful. Many events received so much interest that we added second sessions to meet the demand. Even then, we had a number of people who were waitlisted and unable to attend. Joslyn's "Make-It Mondays" were especially popular, and our Ice Cream Social had more 149 people enjoying frozen treats! The staff and I have been brainstorming for next summer's theme and programs are already falling into place.

The trustees and I have been working to enable the Rec Department to offer some of their programs at the Library. We hope to finalize an MOU to guide this policy exception this month. You will see some Rec programs happening in the Community Room. I anticipate these to be on Tuesdays, Friday evenings, Saturday after 2pm, and on Sundays. I applaud the Library programming staff for being accommodating to this unusual dynamic.

Most of our Monthly Music Series is scheduled out until the end of the year. Lydia has been working with Kate Ravelette to plan our Holiday Showcase on December 6, 2026. The vendor showcase and concert will coincide and a local artist will serenade the crowds. Kate is hoping that all of the



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Lunenburg holiday events can be marketed as a complete calendar, including the LAAC's Festival of Trees, the Tree Lighting, the food drive and more.

Coming up: Storytimes start again this week! Portugal Unveiled art exhibit will be installed today; Playgroup with the Family Partnership Center will meet weekly; our next Blood Drive is 9/16; Floor Babies: Postpartum Support Group, Fermented Hot Sauce 9/23, Bluegrass Concert 9/24, Ukulele Meet-Up 9/24, Nature's Classroom visits 9/30 and 10/1, Mushroom Walk with Jonathan Kranz 10/2, Monthly D&D for tweens starts 10/7, Weight Strengthening with Niki start 10/8. And so much more!

■ Outreach

Our outreach during the summer did not find as many outlets as we had hoped. Although we attended Artisan Markets and had positive interactions, numbers were generally low. We also found difficulty scheduling our other offsite opportunities. For fall, we will re-double our efforts and have been working on updating our Outreach Plan.

■ Building & Maintenance

Our Bob Cole giraffe sculpture has started its repair project. My workers are taking care and going slowly in their free time, and I am very happy with their work so far! The sculpture should return to display even better than before!

Our Story Craft Room furniture has been updated and our first story-time this Monday used a new rug! Both elements of the setup in that space were met with positive response.

■ Technology

The Trustees did vote in the Spring to adopt CIPA compliant internet filtering, and we have implemented this filter on the DNS level. When our network devices are upgraded in the coming months, we will be able to implement the filter even more seamlessly.

We have purchased a poster printer which will enter public service very soon. This can be used to make up to 24" wide posters, banners, and other larger prints in color. This will be useful for staff and I think we will have other departments take advantage, as well as members of the public.

SEP 2026 Youth Services Trustee Report

Children's Stats (July 1 – Sep 14)

Activity	Participants
Dog Days: Read to a Therapy Dog	34
Science Heroes: Digging It	40
Make-It Monday: Creature in a Jar SESSION ONE	24
Make-It Monday: Creature in a Jar SESSION TWO	11
Dog Days: Read to a Therapy Dog	36
Animal Adventures SESSION ONE	55
Animal Adventures SESSION TWO	49
Make-It Monday: Chinese Dragons	26
America is Wild	17
Dog Days: Read to a Therapy Dog	28
Alien Escape w/ Big Ryan's Traveling Mystery Rooms	28
Make-It Monday: DIY Woodland Crowns	18
Dog Days: Read to a Therapy Dog	37
Reading is Magic	35
Make-It Monday: Unicorn Snot SESSION ONE	29
Make-It Monday: Unicorn Snot SESSION TWO	16
Floor Babies	9
Beginners Book Club	5
Bookworms Book Club	4
Tales for Tots	34

Tween/Teen Stats

Activity	Participants
In the Loop (Crochet Club)	6
3D Printing Club	6
In the Loop (Crochet Club)	4
3D Printing Club	8
In the Loop (Crochet Club)	6
Explore the Procreate App	6
In the Loop (Crochet Club)	4
Teen CPR Certification Class	8
Babysitter Faire (Babysitter Attendees)	7

Patron Quotes:

"I just wanted to say that we appreciate your patience with us. We've had incidents at other libraries where they were not as kind. Thank you for always welcoming us" - Leader of preschool-aged autism group

"You have the best board book collection of all the libraries around here!" - Mom of newborn

Budget Stats:

CHILD PROGRAMS AS OF 9/14/2026				
BUDGET LINE	TOTAL	% SPENT	% ENCUMBERED	\$ REMAINING
TOWN	\$3,000	95%	95%	5%
TOWN STEM	\$4,000	27%	49%	24%
FRIENDS	\$3,500	19%	17%	7%
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,500	44%	51%	13%

TEEN PROGRAMS AS OF 9/14/2026				
BUDGET LINE	TOTAL	% SPENT	% ENCUMBERED	\$ REMAINING
TOWN VIDEO GAMES	\$2,200	0%	85%	15%
TOWN T(W)EEN	\$3,000	7%	0%	93%
FRIENDS TEEN	\$2,000	0%	0%	100%
FRIENDS TWEEN	\$1,000	0%	0%	100%
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,200	3%	0%	81%

Highlights:

A successful end to Summer Reading!





Upcoming Events:

TEENS:	
After-School Passive Activities	Mon-Thurs
Book Nooks	9/17/26
Book Nooks	10/15/26
CHILDREN:	
Once Upon a Storytime	9/16/26
Drop-In Craft: Kaleidoscopes	9/16/26
Tales for Tots	9/21/26
Once Upon a Storytime	9/23/26
Tales for Tots	9/28/26
Clay Dragon Sculpting w/ Pied Potter	9/28/26
Once Upon a Storytime	9/30/26
Take-and-Make Cookbook Club Kits	10/1/26
Beginners Book Club	10/1/26
Tales for Tots	10/5/26
Once Upon a Storytime	10/7/26
Bookworms Book Club	10/8/26
Once Upon a Storytime	10/14/26
Floor Babies	10/15/26
Tales for Tots	10/19/26
Once Upon a Storytime	10/21/26

Drop-In Craft: Floating Ghosts	10/21/26
Storytime Costume Parade	10/26/26
Felted Pumpkins	10/26/26
Once Upon a Storytime	10/28/26

Joslyn Davis, Children's Services Librarian

Minna Scholten, Library Assistant (Children's Room)

Staffing Note

I would like to start this report by acknowledging my resignation as Assistant Library Director, effective Saturday, October 10th. This was a very difficult decision to make, and one that I did not make impulsively or without many weeks of thought and discussion. I sincerely appreciate all the humbling comments, helpful advice, and so much more that have been shared with me during my seven years here. It has been an amazing opportunity that I do not take for granted and has been incredibly difficult to walk away from. However, I must step back from my career to prioritize caring for my family and myself. I will greatly miss everyone here, but I do look forward to taking on a new full-time role as a mom.

Summary of Summer

- In 2026, we had one of the most successful summer reading challenges for adults with 94 active readers logging 166,106 minutes from June 1st to August 1st.
- Programming for adults was on the lighter side, as I was adjusting to returning from maternity leave, but we still had steady attendance at our book club meetings, and 17 people enjoyed a wonderful Irish music concert in July.
- In the month of August we had some other stellar events of note:
 - On August 5th there were 19 people and four teams who participated in a puzzle race
 - The summer puzzle swap was another success on Saturday August 15th with 50 people attending
 - We closed out the month with a packed house for a truly fabulous concert by The Last Duo, who I would highly recommend booking again, on August 26th

Recurring Program Updates

- Book clubs continued without a hitch during my leave this spring/summer, and our July and August meetings were quite well attended.
 - 100 Books Bucket List is discussing *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers at the next meeting on Tuesday October 6th
 - Between the Bookends is discussing *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel at the next meeting on Wednesday October 14th

- Stitchcraft has been continuously growing! We now average 7-8 fiber workers every Tuesday afternoon, with new faces joining all the time. Though attendance has its fluctuations week to week, it has been really encouraging to see a core group of women return consistently and build this into a great community.

September Programs

- A new recurring program started on September 10th and will be running through the remainder of 2026. The bi-weekly Thursday early afternoon meetings for the Friendly Frets ukulele meet-up and open jam sessions. Meetings usually have a dozen or so people dropping in to practice, meet others who play, and learn a little more about the instrument. There are a variety of ages in attendance too, making this a great little intergenerational program run by a community volunteer!
- On Wednesday, September 23rd we will have Emily Makrez of F-Word Farm returning to do a workshop on making your own fermented hot sauces.
- The monthly music concert for September will be on Thursday, September 24th when we host a local bluegrass group for an evening concert.
- The library will host the town's annual flu clinic from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health on September 29th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm.
- For the month of September, we will be exhibiting artwork from travel photographer Liz Cardoso in the Wallace Room from September 18th to October 15th. She will also give a presentation and artist talk on Wednesday, September 30th.

Programming Financial Report

ADULT PROGRAMS AS OF 10/1/2026				
BUDGET LINE	TOTAL	% SPENT	% ENCUMBERED	% REMAINING
TOWN	\$4,500	6%	54%	40%
FRIENDS - PROGRAM	\$3,500	2%	20%	78%
FRIENDS - SUPPLIES	\$500	20%	0%	80%
MUSIC SERIES	\$8,400	12%	42%	46%
GRAND TOTAL	\$16,900	10%	29%	61%

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Paolilli, Assistant Library Director