

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Opendore, Sherwood, NY

Monday, June 9, 2025

Board members present: President Nancy Hart, Connie Rejman, Betsy Donald, Pat Berry, Kathie Garnsey, Patricia Covert, Bess Simkin

Excused: Sonjia Turner

Staff present: Lisa Semenza

Guests present :None

Meeting held at Opendore.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by President Nancy Hart

Secretary –Kathie Garnsey (acting secretary)

- The minutes of April 14, 2025 were reviewed and discussed
- Motion made to accept: Patricia/Connie - passed

Treasurer's Report

- Patricia still has not received word whether or not Cayhill and Knobel will perform bookkeeping and tax auditing services
- Total assets remain about the same
- Discussed reaching out to local farms and foundations requesting possible donations to be used for the new library addition
- Motion to accept report: Betsy, Connie - passed

Librarian Report

- Reviewed report, see attached
- Library funding on school ballot passed
- Will apply for grant for Aunt Flow supplies from FLLS
- Need contractor to do masonry work at Poplar Ridge facility

Old Business

- Opendore Update
 - Bids were over twice available funds
 - Project will be divided into three Phases
 - Second phase funding is not in jeopardy from NYS thru Library system since NYS grant (not federal)
 - Meeting is planned for June 10 with Larry Liberatore and Bouley Construction

- Fundraising for local donors/organizations is planned

Next Meeting

- Monday July 14, 6:30 PM at Opendore
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted
Kathie Garnsey, acting Secretary

Library Director's Report (Lisa Semenza) June 9, 2025

May 15 – Nancy and Lisa met with architects via Zoom to discuss how to address the bids we received. Bouley is the only viable candidate but the bid is high and we will need to work out the phasing for what we can afford each year.

- **June 10** – We will meet at the library at 3:00 with architect and contractor to discuss the phasing options.

May 16 – Author visit with Jeff Mack at EH. He did 2 presentations and 2 art workshops with students broken into groups by grade level. We ate lunch at King Ferry Corner Store. This was funded by Rosen Grant 2024.

May 20 – School District vote. Our results are as follows:

Hazard Library Association Proposition; \$69,325

Passed

Total Votes Cast	531
Yes	368
No	163

Because the Aurora Library asked for increases on years we did not, they receive a total of \$92,500. Their vote also passed for this year. FYI - We received more votes than they did this year overall and more "yes" votes.

May 27 - UPK Story Time held at Emily Howland with a bug theme.

May 27 – Kathy has been working with the Girl Scouts to promote local libraries through events held there. We hosted one to make catapults (to go along with our focus on STEM during the summer) however no one attended. Auburn had an animal dance party on 5/24 and Aurora had a mermaid-themed event on 6/7. She will plan to join Kathy for Science on the Lawn on Thurs, 7/24.

June 4 – Southern Cayuga Book Club met in Aurora to discuss “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride. There were 10 people in attendance.

Upcoming

June 10 – Book giveaway at Emily Howland. Kathy will cover Story Hour at the library.

June 10 – Final UPK Story Time

June 10 – Meeting with architect and contractor RE phasing the building project

June 10 – Joint Operating Committee meeting at Opendore

June 13 – “Aunt Flow” mini-grant due to FLLS – this will give us the funding to purchase a dispenser and period supplies for the bathroom

June 13 – End-of-year event at Emily Howland sponsored by the PTO

Week of June 16 – all students at Emily Howland will receive a packet of Summer Reading materials (log, schedule of events for Hazard and Aurora, bookmark). Peachtown students already received theirs.

June 17 – Final Story Hour for this school year

June 19 – Library closed for Juneteenth.

June 21 – We will go to the Food Pantry to promote Summer Reading, Library Card sign-ups, give out Chop Chop magazine.

June 25 – School year ends

July 2 – Book Club returns to Opendore for meetings through December

Summer Reading - we begin events on Tuesday, July 8 and run through Thurs, Aug 14

- Tues AM – Family Story Hour on the lawn
- Tues 5:30-6:30 – Ukulele Camp
- Thurs 10:00 AM – Science on the Lawn (**July 17** the Physics Bus is coming and will be at the Firehouse)

July 19-26 – Lisa will be out of town. Kathy and Cailin have worked out the days of coverage needed.

July 26-Aug 9 – Book Sale

July 28 – Doug’s Fish Fry