**Hazard Library Board Meeting**

**Minutes - March 9, 2026**

Called to order: 6:45 at Opendore

Present: Nancy Hart, Lisa Semenza, Kathie Garnsey, Bess Simkin, Connie Rejman,

Zoom: Pat Berry

Excused: Betsy Donald

1) **Larry Liberatore report on Building Progress-**
   - Larry sent a progress report. See attached report.
   - He is waiting for Bouley to submit final billing to the architect.

2**. Minutes of February Meeting-**

   - Discussed and found no corrections to be made.
   - Bess Simkin made a motion to approve the February minutes. Connie Rejman seconded it. Motion carried.

3) **Treasurer's Report-**
   - Patricia Covert has resigned from the board. Lisa reviewed the last reports from Patricia.
   - Patricia Covert asked the board to discuss the following issues.
     - Lisa and Patricia talked to Jay Engels about the library's audit- his rate is $100 per hour. The board discussed this and agreed to ask him to come to the library to do the audit.
   - School District Request
     - Motion to request an increase of $10,000 increase in library funding on the School District ballot in May made by Bess Simkin and seconded by Connie Rejman. Carried unanimously.

4) **Library Director's Report-** see attached

5) **Old Business**
   - Fundraising – Still need to work on this.
   - Annual Meeting- April (possibly May)- the date is still to be determined.

6) **New Business-** none at this time

7) **Next Meeting-April 13, 2026**

8) **Adjourned:** 8:45 PM

Submitted by Kathie Garnsey

**Library Director's Report**

(Lisa Semenza)

March 9, 2026

***February 12*** *– Pre-Break book giveaway at Emily Howland. Book purchases funded by Rosen Grant.*

***February 16-20*** *– Winter Break for schools – We hosted ongoing drop-in craft programs*

***February 16*** *– Library closed for President's Day*

***February 17*** *– Annual Fire Extinguisher inspection. Guy offered to arrange the date for us since Jerome Fire Equipment was already scheduled to come out that day to Opendore and the Ambulance. We used to have Herrtronics but apparently they are no longer doing this service.*

***February 24*** *– UPK Story Time*

***February 26*** *– Annual "Book and Breakfast" event at Emily Howland. This is funded by the Rosen Grant each year.*

***March 2*** *– Lisa and Patricia met with Jay Engels, accountant. He will do an audit of our 2025 books. We also discussed ongoing bookkeeping services as a possibility.*

***March 4*** *– Southern Cayuga Book Club met at Aurora Library to discuss "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. There were 15 people in attendance. We also incorporated a baby shower into the meeting for one of the members.*

***Upcoming***

*March 24 – UPK Story Time*

*March 26 – Book giveaway at Emily Howland in anticipation of Spring Break*

*March 30-April 3 – Schools closed for Spring Break. We will have crafts and Easter eggs to hunt for.*