Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Pat Berry, Bess Simkin, Connie Rejman, Betsy Donald, Sonjia Turner, Kathie Garnsey, and Lisa Semenza.

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

MINUTES TO MAY MEETING: A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie to accept the minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
● Significant expenses included paying for author visits and architects.

● A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Betsy to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:
● We have a new proposal for phase 2 construction from the architect that will be discussed Thursday (6/11).

● Phase 2 work must start before the library construction grant for phase 3 can be submitted in September.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Fundraising
● We need to raise matching funds for phase 2 construction.

● 9/12 yard sale to be discussed at a later date.

● We were not awarded T-Mobile Grant

● At our next meeting we will plan strategies for soliciting donations from our community of farmers and local foundations.

Masonry
● We will follow up with Larry Liberatore regarding his contact for completing masonry work needed on the porch.

Functionality of Treasurer
● We discussed treasurer responsibilities including payroll procedure, oversight on expenditures, and Quickbook reports.

Audit & Bookkeeping Services
● Messages have been left for Jay Engels and we are waiting for a return call.

OLD BUSINESS:

Booksale Update:
● Tables arrive at firehouse on 7/16, books to firehouse on 7/17, set up 7/18- 7/24, sale 7/25-8/8.

● Pat will let us know when signs are ready for us to put out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting: Monday, July 13 at 6:30 PM at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sonjia Turner

Library Director's Report
(Lisa Semenza)
June 8, 2026

May 14 – Author visit with David Soman and Jacky Davis (of Ladybug Girl books) was held at Emily Howland. Peachtown students also attended one of the presentations. Lisa and Sandy also had lunch with them at the Fargo. This is funded by Rosen Grant 2025.

May 19 – School district referendum and voting for board members held. Both Hazard and Aurora increases passed so we will receive an additional $10,000 (for a total of $79,325). Because this is received at the end of the calendar year it essentially is what we will use for our 2027 budget planning purposes. There was confusion related to this in our 2026 budget.

May 19 – Transferred funds ($44,000) from our Money Market account to pay Bouley and HKK. We will still owe Bouley money to close out the first contract. Awaiting that sum. We will then be able to finalize the project for the first grant with the state and receive the final 10% of the funding (~$40,000)

May 26 – UPK Story Time held with a summer and color theme.

June 3 – Had Zoom meeting with Lisa, Nancy, and Larry L to discuss next steps for phase 2. Nancy and Larry will be setting up a time to meet with Julia RE architect proposal for services for this phase. **Does anyone want to join in on that?**

June 3 – Southern Cayuga Book Club met at Aurora Library to discuss "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. There were 12 people in attendance. Meetings will now move to Opendore from July through December.

June 5 – Guy reported that Bouley installed storm drainage to the east. It will need to be seeded and mulched/ watered to reestablish grass in that area of the lawn with an animal guard at the outlet.

Upcoming

June 12 – End of the year PTO event at EH. Both Hazard and Aurora Libraries will be present to promote the libraries, library cards, and summer reading to families. There will be fun crafts. Families will be alerted to look for packets of information coming home with their children.

June 16 – Final UPK Story Time of the year. Book giveaway to 1st grade as they will be on a field trip on 6/18.

June 18 – Book giveaways to the rest of the grade levels. All students will receive a packet with information about summer reading programs at Hazard and Aurora, reading log, stickers, directions, and bookmarks. Packets will also be given to Peachtown students.

June 20 – Hazard and Aurora Libraries will have a presence at the Food Pantry doing mostly the same things as PTO event. Any families that do not have students in school will receive summer reading packets. Families with children in school will be encouraged to check backpacks for packets.

June 27? – Clean up day at Opendore for Nature Trail? Kathie reported Guy was going to mow and see what needed to be done.

July 7 – Summer Reading programs begin and run through August 18.