Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026

The meeting was held at Opendore.

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

EXCUSED: Betsy Donald

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Bess to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

- No word from the state for phase 2 construction.
- On Tuesday, 9/22 Lisa and Nancy will meet with the project manager, architect and Larry Liberatore to discuss the bid received from Bouley. The bid was higher than what was accounted for in the grant.The goal is to approach him with a plan for moving forward.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Fundraising

The fundraising meeting has been changed to 10/22 at 5:00 pm.

Policies

A Financial Controls policy needs to be approved.

Audit

We have not heard back from accountants regarding the audit.

Masonry

Awaiting a bid from Gavin Beebee for the masonry work on the porch. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Connie, given that we have a bid in writing for him to sign, we approve his doing the work for $1,800-$2,500. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rummage Sale Wrap Up:

We brought in ~$482, in addition to $110 from renting tables to be split with Opendore.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Appeal Planning:

Nancy will write the letter to be sent out in November.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM at Opendore.

Adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sonjia Turner

Library Director's Report
(Lisa Semenza)
September 14, 2026

Summer Reading wrap-up –

- We finished our morning programs with a Pirate Party on 8/18 and building a Lego Wind Turbine on 8/20.
- Families were interested in extending Ukulele Camp through the end of summer so we went through Tues 9/1.
- We have had Legos and Potato Heads available to play at the library since programs ended. A few regular Story Hour families have come in just to play.

Aug 13 – Lisa attended Walmart Grand Reopening celebration to receive our "big check" from the Spark Good grant. All groups who received grants were asked to set up tables to promote their entity. We promoted the library system overall and gave away information and stickers. 81 people stopped by to chat.

Aug 20 – JOC meeting held. Kathie and Lisa represented Hazard. Opendore is looking into us installing a meter for electrical usage for dehumidifier in crawl space.

Sept 2 – Book Club met at Opendore to discuss "The Black Wolf" by Louise Penny. There were 13 members in attendance. The discussion was cut short due to weather concerns.

Sept 3– Planning meeting for Sherwood Treasures Market with Lisa, Nancy, and Jackie Dickinson in attendance. Planned for set-up to occur on Fri, 9/11.

Sept 3 – We received a bid from Chuck Bouley for Phase 2. We will need to negotiate with him to reduce some costs or some of the scope due to vast discrepancy from what we will receive in grant.

Sept 5 – Lisa and Sandy promoted Library Card Sign-Up Month at King Ferry Food Pantry. 16 people registered for cards either at Hazard or Aurora.

Sept 10 – Pat is beginning to learn QuickBooks.

Sept 10 – Library Director meeting held. Sarah reminded about policies which must be in place by Jan 2027. The only one we need to approve is Financial Controls and a good model has been found.

September 12 - Sherwood Treasures Flea Market

Upcoming

Sept 15 – First day of Story Hour at Hazard.

Sept 17 – Ice Cream Sundae party to be held at Emily Howland to celebrate participation in Summer Reading.

FLLS System-Wide Community Read: Meet Me at the Library

Sessions will be facilitated by Mike Bishop, who will create a welcoming space for sharing our library origin stories and exploring how our libraries are strengthening social and civic bonds. We will celebrate Hallman's focus on libraries as the people who staff and lead them, using the in-person session for group building that mirrors the civic theme of the book. Even if you aren't able to read the book, you will still be able to participate fully in each session. Registration is required; neither session will be recorded. **This can count toward your 2 hours of Trustee Education.**

The **Virtual session** will be held on **Thursday, September 17 from 2:00-3:00pm**, register here: https://flls.zoom.us/meeting/register/DbEC4H5NQ1--5rETsxuw6Q

The **In-Person session** will be held on **Wednesday, September 23 from 10:00-11:30am**, register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQLKL8D

Sept 23 – Emily Howland Back to School Open House. The libraries will be there to promote our programming, encourage library card registrations, and have books and activities for the students who attend.

October 16 – FLLS Annual Meeting to be held in Waverly this year. One Trustee needs to go to and vote on behalf of our library. **This can count toward your 2 hours of Trustee Education.**