

Salina Library Board of Trustees
Salina Library
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025
7 p.m.

Attendance: Board of Trustees members Jo Ann Bohn, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols, Adria Ripka, and Debbie Stack. Library Staff: Director Jeannine Chubon, Youth Services Librarian Monica Norton, and Digital Services Librarian Jennifer Ranger. Members of the public: Kate Monto, representing the Friends of the Salina Library and Irene Monto. Excused: Keith Miller, Frank Pappalardo.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Vice President Ripka.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Ken Nichols, seconded by Jo Ann Bohn. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. A Review of the Salina Library 2025 Proposed Budget including 2024/2025 Budget Comparison document was referenced. This had been reviewed and approved in the prior Budget Hearing Meeting. Director Chubon pointed out that the 2024 budget did come in slightly under budget.
5. Staff Reports
 - a. Director's Report: Director Chubon reviewed the 2024 infographic produced by the staff. Highlights of the document included a 53% increase in website visits and over 4,300 attended library programming for all ages. Since 2020 the library has been fine-free and offering free faxing. The library received a NYS CREST grant for the new HVAC system sponsored by Assemblymember Pamela Hunter. New computers were purchased with \$10,000 in special legislative funding from then State Senator John Mannion. The library has been very visible in the community, participating in the Mattydale Market, hosting the

- community holiday party for children, and judging the Mattydale Halloween Decorating contest.
- b. Youth Services Librarian's Report: Librarian Norton shared that she continued to grow services to youth as exemplified by: expanded our Teen offerings thanks to enthusiastic new members of our Salina Teen Warriors advisory group; offered new cultural programming for families, with Explore the World: Tajik and a Ramadan Shadow Puppet play; created a successful Dog Man party to coincide with the movie release; assisted with the third year of our popular Annual Craft Swap; hosted three stories and crafts programs with Rising Rox Stars After-School Groups; had outreach opportunities with new visits at the Lyncourt Cultural Fair and Lyncourt Neighborhood Watch meeting, as well as a Roxboro Middle School PTG Meeting; continued outreach with several school events, including the extremely popular Trunk or Treat events at Roxboro and Lyncourt Schools; and added a new monthly Teen Silent Book Club and new weekly Toddlers Explore programs. Regular programs such as Early Learners Storytime (now on Tuesdays), Friday Crafternoon, and more, as well as special programs during the school holidays were offered. She continued to provide our extremely popular monthly Craft & Storytime take-home kits, as well as several bonus kits throughout the year. She is pleased with the continuing collaboration with the Rising Rox Stars program, a very successful Summer Reading Program, a great Solar Eclipse program, and many busy outreach programs. Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County grants funded the creation of a new Learning Languages section in the Children's Area with multimedia resources for learning English or another language.
- c. Digital Services Librarian's Report: Librarian Ranger reported the past year has been busy offering numerous technology help appointments. We are also able to offer to the public numerous technological devices, such as the Chromebook Kits, WiFi Hotspots, and Roku. These have been in constant demand throughout the year. Park passes have also remained popular, as have passes for the Everson Museum, the MOST, and especially Splash Indoor Water Park in Oswego. Our eBook and eAudio collection have remained popular. We have just begun offering an online language learning platform called Mango Languages. This platform will help people learning the English language as well as help native English speakers learn a variety of foreign languages. Overall,

these services have been in high demand and we are happy to offer them to our patrons at no cost to them.

6. Old Business: None
7. New Business: Collection of Library Association Membership dues of \$1.00 per person took place. The following people paid dues: Kate Monto, Irene Monto, Jo Ann Bohn, Kris Nichols, Ken Nichols, Adria Ripka, Linda Wilkinson, Debbie Stack, Keith Miller, and Frank Pappalardo.
8. Nominating Committee Report: Jo Ann Bohn announced the slate of officers for the coming year – President: Frank Pappalardo, Vice-President: Adria Ripka, Treasurer: Keith Miller, and Secretary: Debbie Stack. In addition, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols, and Jo Ann Bohn were nominated to continue their service as a library trustee. A motion to accept both the slate of officers and the trustee slate, as presented, was made by Jo Ann Bohn and seconded by Debbie Stack. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
9. Friends of the Library Report: Kate Monto reported that the Friends, who have added some new members, are going to exclusively have the book sale annually in November while still continuing the successful hallway book sales. The Friends are excited about the library's new Community Fridge project – they hope to help with staffing. The Friends are happy to provide funds for library activities.
10. President's Report: In the absence of President Pappalardo, Vice President Ripka thanked the Board and the Friends for the outstanding support to the library.
11. There being no further business before the Board, Jo Ann Bohn made a motion for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie J. Stack, Secretary