

Salina Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026

Present: Frank Pappalardo, Adria Ripka, Debbie Stack, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols, Jeannine Chubon, Monica Norton, and Jennifer Ranger. Excused: Jo Ann Bohn, Keith Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Pappalardo
2. Public Comments: Kate Monto expressed her appreciation of the staff and Board for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Library and its patrons.
3. Minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Adria Ripka, seconded by Ken Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: The April 2026 and May 2026 financial reports were presented by President Pappalardo. Motion to accept the April report for audit was made by Debbie Stack, seconded by Kris Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried. Motion to accept the May report for audit was made by Kris Nichols, seconded by Ken Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the financial bank statements.
5. Staff Reports:
 - a. Director: April was a stellar month here, as reflected in statistics that showed that in just about every category we track, numbers were up, especially in outreach and adult programming. May saw numbers drop a bit but website visits were way up and kids programming and group outreach were strong. We appreciated the voters of both North Syracuse Central Schools and Lyncourt School District approving our library funding propositions. We were notified that Senator Ryan will award a \$10,000 legislative grant to the library. I received the exempt certificate from the Charities Bureau and then submitted our renewal application in the statewide financial system. The library was notified that the application was accepted and the library is prequalified and may receive funding from New York State. Janet and I tabled at the first Mattydale Market at the new Hoosock-Jensen Community Center where we spoke with over 50 people. We were awarded an OCPL Mini-Grant to fully fund our July Collaboration Kick Off with the Town of Salina Recreation Department project. The grant includes money for the Didgeridoo Down Under program and books on Australian topics. Jennifer, Jodi and I shifted and interfiled the mystery collection into the fiction collection. The empty shelving that previously held paperbacks and audiobooks will be removed to allow more space for a new love seat, in response to patron requests for more lounge space. Balance of report is on file.
 - b. Youth Services Librarian: With Spring Break being over early, April and May became a time of outreach. I took part in the Roxboro Middle School PIE Night, spoke at the Roxboro Middle GSA and a local homeschool co-op, read to the Roxboro Elementary 2nd Grade Breakfast Club, attended an event for Lyncourt families at Redhouse, as well as the Redhouse Family Fun Friday at Lyncourt School, assisted at the OCPL booth at the CNY Maker Faire, and spoke to the entire Roxboro Elementary School at their Half-Day Huddle. At the end of April, I hosted a speaker from 3GNY for an all-ages program, where Jeff Perkins spoke about his grandparents' escape from the Holocaust. May was many of our regular programs, with a few differences – we had a new Teen Warrior join

as well as one return who couldn't attend for a while, and due to June's class visits, May was also the end of this run of Toddlers Explore, which will start again in the fall- however, in June, two of those families have been coming to our Early Learners Storytimes instead! Our Pokemon League continues to be popular, with several children returning and learning how to play the Pokemon Trading Card game, while a new family joined us this month! Our current plan is to continue holding Pokemon League during the summer, depending on schedules. The beginning of June has been incredibly busy. This year, we have 4 1st grade classes from Lakeshore Elementary, 5 Kindergarten classes and 1 4th grade class from Roxboro Elementary, and 11 5th grade classes from Roxboro Middle School touring the library. As of this meeting, all but 2 Kindergarten classes have visited the library already! Balance of report is on file.

- c. Digital Services Librarian Report: The past two months in digital services has been busy spent ordering non-fiction books, DVDs, CDs, eBooks, and eAudio books; as well as providing personalized technology assistance to patrons. I virtually attended trainings on Microsoft OneDrive, CloudLibrary, an Adult Program Swap regarding the 250th Commemoration, new self-help titles, accessibility, marketing, health misinformation, and conflict de-escalation. I had virtual meetings with representatives from OverDrive and Ingram. I also virtually attended an Outreach Services Meeting, OCPL AI Community of Practice Meeting, and an Adult Services Meeting. I held a program regarding the Artemis II program. I gave tours to four fifth-grade classes while Monica promoted our summer reading program for teens. Finally, I helped shift the mystery books into the fiction section. We have received two birding backpacks from the NYS DEC's I BIRD NY Library Lending Program. I am working to get them cataloged and processed so they can be circulated to patrons. In the remainder of June and beginning of July, I will continue to order non-fiction books, DVDs, CDs, eBooks, and eAudio books; as well as offer personalized technology assistance to patrons. At the beginning of July, I will be presenting a choose-your-own-adventure story program for teens using Twine (twinery.org), and throughout the summer months I will be assisting Monica with her programs for teens and children whenever possible and/or needed. In addition, I will continue to attend valuable meetings, trainings, and webinars. Balance of report is on file.
6. Unfinished Business: None
 7. New Business
 - a. Memorandum of Understanding between OCPL and Member Libraries (includes Salina Library) was reviewed prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the updated MOU as presented was made by Adria Ripka, seconded by Kris Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
 8. Committee Reports: None
 9. President's Report: None
 10. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie J. Stack, Secretary