

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 16th, 2025

Agenda:

Public Comments:

Correspondence:

Review of Minutes:

Treasurer Report: Mark Twichell

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Archivist Report: Catherine Oag-Miller

Curator Report: Max Walters

Old Business: Quote for appraisal of Town of Pomfret property

New Business: Education Law 259 Presentation from Jan Dekoff

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

3/19/2025

Present: Kitty Crow, Catherine Oag-Miller, Kathy Petersen, Max Walters, Jon Weekly, Mark Twichell, David Dengler, Diane Hannum, Linda Precht, Elizabeth Padgett, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Margaret Gray, Rory Merwin

Town Representative: absent

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell reports that Mayor Ferguson has approved our village funding but it must be okayed by village Trustees.

DRB's ACORD liability certificate has been received. Max will clarify the request for village approval for Lafayette event, & ask police about gun salute.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Review of Minutes: accepted

Treasurer Report: BLB report was checked over by Mark & okayed

Librarian Report: written report reviewed by Graham & accepted

Archivist Report: written report reviewed by Catherine & accepted

Curator Report: written report reviewed by Max & accepted. Outreach funds may be added to line for programming.

Old Business: none

New Business: *Town update: DRB has right of first refusal & will receive assessment. Dave moves to get our own assessment, Mark 2nds, passed.

Graham has kept secret benefactor updated. Mary Benner has suggested Beaver Club as possible donor.

*Federal funding is being cut – Jan Dekoff is getting more info.

*Jan will attend our April meeting to discuss 259 funding (separate line on school tax bill)

Calendar: April 16, 4:00pm

Adjournment: Kathy moves, Jon 2nds 4:40pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y

Library Report

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Children's Room Carpets -- Pucci's has installed new carpets in the Children's room. They are a panel type, so individual squares can easily be replaced if need be.

Needle Felting Workshop -- they remain a super popular monthly event! Our thanks to Emma for teaching them.

Poetry Classes -- April is National Poetry Month, so we have Jon Brantingham, professor emeritus in creative writing, running a three week course in how to write and publish poetry. There will be a poetry reading at the Sinclairville Library at the end of the month for all participants to share their work with family and friends.

Author Talk Danar Buckard -- local author will be in to talk about and do a reading from his book Coasters Rule, a fantastical fiction novel about a young woman dealing with merfolk and coming of age

March 2025 Programming Stats	Kids 8
CHILDREN	Adults 2
Storytime Sessions: 9	3/14 Needle Felting
Storytime Attendance	9 attendees
Kids 69	Mah Jongg
Adults 46	3 sessions
3/7 ABCD visit	13 attendees

Archivist's Report

04/09/2025

Collections

- 71 items were catalogued into Past Perfect and assigned home locations
- The Porter Family Collection has been processed, and the finding aid is now available online.
- Work on the Village Papers Collection is ongoing.

Exhibits

- On March 25, Angela Pucciarelli-Rice brought her Sport in Diverse Societies class to view the updated sports exhibit.
- The Barker Family exhibit in the Belden Gallery has been updated to include Alexander H. Barker.

Curator's Report

April 16, 2025

Exhibits

- We Are the Champions opened its tennis exhibit in March thanks to volunteer Kay Szewczuk.
- In conjunction with the Sports exhibit, Barker hosted a screening and Q&A with Danielle Beverly, the director of a documentary film, Qatar Stars. The film told the story of a girls gymnastics team in Qatar. Attendance: 12
- SUNY Athletic Director Angela Pucciarelli Rice brought her class to the museum for a tour and scavenger hunt program.
- Continuing preparation for Lafayette in Fredonia (May 31st-January 10, 2026) exhibition.

Outreach

Lafayette Bicentennial Jubilee:

- Planning committee had a meeting April 2nd to continue planning specifics on events.
- Andy Bennett, FHS Symphony Director is preparing students for Fife & Drum performance
- Laff-N-Lyon Ranch has completed horse and carriage preparations, including for insurance, for the event

Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in March: 39
- Cataloging update: 643 objects cataloged in PastPerfect in March.
- Volunteer hours in March: 88