

Tupper Lake Public Library Board Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2026

Call to Order by Rick Wilburn at 9:33 a.m.

Attendance: Rick Wilburn, Suzanne Orlando, Donna Sloan, Sue McGowan, Bob Guiney, Library Director Peter Nastasi, Financial Consultant Therese Ellis

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Suzanne, second by Donna to adopt the agenda. All in favor. (5-0)

Public Comment: Matthew Showalter and Bruce Wild, from the local area, attended the meeting to express their thoughts on various library issues.

Financial Officer's Report:

- Therese noted that having come to the end of the fiscal year as of June 30, the library is in sound financial condition.
- Moving forward, it will be necessary to separate the grants the library receives on a spreadsheet to more accurately keep track of the income streams.
- Therese mentioned that the library has not received an invoice from the school regarding the library's contribution toward the retirement plan for this year and the previous year. Peter will contact the folks at the school district to rectify this situation.
- Motion by Suzanne, second by Sue, to approve the financial report. All in favor. (5-0)
- On a related note, Suzanne recommended that the library transfer funds from the building improvement account, to the Vanguard account to obtain a more favorable return on those funds. Motion by Suzanne, second by Sue to make this transfer in the amount of \$50,000. All in favor. (5-0)

Director's Report:

- Statistics for the month of June include 100 phone calls fielded, 26 emails responded to, 138 computer sessions provided, 24 periodicals circulated, and 67 community room users.
- Air conditioner by the young adult section was leaking. Siemens has been contacted.
- Google for nonprofits is now active. New computers have been delivered and appointment with Techimpact to install has been scheduled.
- Two Library Clerk candidates have been interviewed with one more interview scheduled this week.
- Author visit with Bethany Adams had 12 attendees.
- AARP awarded \$15,000 to improve community room. Focus is exercise flooring, accessible furniture, and beautification with artwork/mural.
- Waiting for decision on Lake Placid Education Foundation grant.
- Waiting for decision on LSTA grant.
- Sustainable Library Initiative accepted Tupper Lake Public Library into pilot training program with focus on community connections to address challenges, including those brought on by weather/climate.
- SUNY Plattsburgh has agreed to work with Tupper Lake Public Library to place social work interns here when appropriate. They would answer questions from

and offer guidance to patrons and also possibly develop social work related resources for library.

- Adirondack Action's Day of Action in Tupper Lake is August 8th. Volunteers will help prepare community room for work being done under AARP grant (cleaning, clearing, etc.) and likely get the exercise flooring laid down. We also have furniture that was delivered but not assembled so volunteers will likely work on this as well.

New Business:

- New employees will help with staffing on Saturdays.

Executive Session:

- The board entered executive session at 10:37 a.m. to discuss the employment history surrounding a particular individual. At 10:44 a.m. the board reconvened the regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next regular meeting of the board is August 11, 2026

Minutes submitted by Bob Guiney