

**Larchmont Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 2026**

The Larchmont Public Library Board of Trustees met on 3/11/26, attended by Library Board Chair Lauren Gottfried (LG), Library Trustees Linnet Tse (LT), Galit Lopatin Bordereau (GLB), Barbara Liptack (BL), Barbara Flickinger (BF), Jill Brennick (JB), Celeste Sharpe (CS), Friends Liaison Ellie Berlin (EB), Library Director Andrew Farber(AF), Library Staff Assistant Janet Regan (JR), and Head of Reference Paul Doherty (PD). Village of Larchmont Liaison Ian Post (DP) and Town of Mamaroneck Liaison Robin Nichinsky (RN) were not present.

Library Board Chair LG called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the 2/11/26 Library Board meeting.

Board

LG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Friends

The Friends of the Larchmont Library will host a fundraising event on March 25 as part of their centennial capital campaign.

Committee Reports

Finance

Schedule of Bill: The Board unanimously approved the schedule of bills and the additional list of bills dated 3/11/26.

Centennial

JB reported that the stickers and bookmarks are done. We are unable to get a sample of the tote bags with the logo. The banners have arrived and will be installed in the Library. The new centennial webpage is live.

Facilities

The emergency phone in the children's elevator is broken and needs to be replaced.

The boiler repairs took a week to finish, but they are operational now.

After this year's snowstorms, AF is recommending that the Library purchase a snow blower. He will check with the Village regarding gas versus electric snow blowers.

JR will set up a schedule to have the water fountain filters replaced regularly.

Three people counters were installed to more accurately track the number of patrons using the library.

A discussion of LAN's proposal to provide specifications for the window replacement project took place. No actions were taken at this time.

Resolutions

LT made a motion to approve the Otis elevator phone in the amount of \$6516. BL seconded.

GLB made a motion to declare the boiler repairs an emergency repair. CS seconded.

CS made a motion to close Easter Sunday and July 4th. BL seconded.

Directors Report

There has been an issue of an adult using the children's bathrooms for an extended period of time, blocking use of the changing tables. He has been notified that this children's bathrooms are for children and their caregivers.

The Village and Town boards have met regarding our budget. We are waiting on the results.

The Healthcare and State retirement increased by 13.71% this year.

July 4th lands on a Sat., Friday is the day in contract to take off. PD requested we close July 4th as well. He also requested that the Library close Easter Sunday as we historically have done.

Technology & AV

e-materials - Hoopla issues -Friends indicated they will help pay for increase in usage. WLS works out to 333 check outs a day for the county.

Hoopla quote - \$13000 a year to bring Larchmont back to 5 per patron a month. Those would not count toward the daily limit.

Libby costs are rising due to the Hoopla issue. Asking FOL for \$1500 to end of fiscal year.

We will ask for ebooks covered by friends in coming year.

AF Donating a computer to Children's room to enable them to see the security camera.

Raspberry Pie???

Library Services & Programs

Adult 59 people used the seed lending library.

6 centennial adult programs were held this month, with 93 attendees.

The NYTimes digital edition has been used 5916 times this month.

Children's school visits occurred this month, reaching 1,400 students.

The children's room 100 years 100 reads program has 5 families registered.

The art gallery is currently displaying a Jane Goodall exhibit.

Libraries in Westchester are participating in the One County, One Read program. The book is The Revolutionary Samuel Adams. The Library purchased 10 copies.

The board went into executive session at 7:20 to discuss personnel matters and left executive session at 8:00 pm. No actions were taken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01. The next scheduled board meeting will be on 3/11/26 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Farber
Library Director