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**Richmond Memorial Library
Board of Trustees
April 14, 2026**

2026-27 Proposed Budget Presentation

A Public Information meeting on the 2026-27 Proposed Budget of the Richmond Memorial Library was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. President Leslie Moma called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Members present: Leslie Moma, Richard Beatty, Felipe Oltramari, John Roach, Rebecca Oshlag, and Marcia Bohn

Absent: Meg Chilano

Also present: Director Samantha Stryker, Deputy Clerk Debra Levins, John Deleo, Mary Burns, Bridget Bertoldo, Emily Insinna, and Kimberly Laird

Library Review/Budget Presentation

Director Samantha Stryker introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the 2026-27 Proposed Budget Presentation.

The Proposition on the library vote will be to raise the tax levy by 2% for the 2026-27 fiscal year by \$28,464 to increase the annual appropriation from \$1,423,188 to \$1,451,652.

Ms. Stryker explained the spending proposal, our sources of funding, and answered questions.

This year there are two trustee seats up for election. Richard Beatty will be running for his second term. Meg Chilano (Appointed August 2025) will not be running for re-election.

Public Comment/Speakers

Candidates Mary Burns, Emily Insinna, Kimberly Laird, and incumbent Richard Beatty introduced themselves, gave a background and stated why they were interested in being a library trustee.

John Deleo expressed his support of the board of trustees, library director, and staff as well as all the valuable resources the library provides the community.

John Roach commended Mr. Deleo for his continuous support of libraries in his role as County Legislator.

Adjournment

With no further public comments or questions, President Leslie Moma thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held following the Public Information Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2026. President Leslie Moma called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Members present: Leslie Moma, Richard Beatty, Felipe Oltramari, John Roach, Rebecca Oshlag, and Marcia Bohn

Absent: Meg Chilano

Also present: Director Samantha Stryker and Deputy Clerk Debra Levins

Approval of Minutes

M. Bohn made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting. R. Beatty seconded it; motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Library Director's Report

March 2026 Librarian Reports review

Reports from Library Director Samantha Stryker, Assistant Library Director Laura Dumuhosky, and Librarians Elizabeth Beardslee, Gabriel Fox, Matthew Hoople, and Jill Feine were reviewed. Reports from Library Assistant Ellen Mangiavellano, and Library Visits Program Coordinator Lucine Kauffman were also discussed.

Capital Project

Spaces are being prepared for the upcoming renovations through the capital project. Director Stryker gives many thanks to Head Custodian Casey Stockwell for his hard work.

Election Changes - Dr. John L. Flateau Voting & Elections Database of New York Act

There has been a law passed regarding reporting for our upcoming and all future elections. We've been working with the district and County Board of Elections. The Director has taken 2 webinars from the state to understand the implications for our vote.

Children's Room Reorganization

Our children's room staff has been hard at work reorganizing the children's room to better optimize the space and give better visibility for staff. Kudos to Childrens' Librarian Matthew Hoople for his development and implementation of the idea.

New Website

We started transitioning to our new website platform with an anticipated roll out date at the end of June.

E-Rate Update

The 471 form has been filed for internet service.

Ralph C. Wilson Grant Update

We have commenced with work on this grant, with the installation of new doors on the Carriage House on April 8th.

Friends of the Library Update

The March preview book sale netted \$170 and the regular Thursday sale made \$763.25. Upstairs sales netted \$81.45 for March and sales via Thriftbooks netted \$146.66.

Annual Report

The portal was opened on 3/30 for the Annual Report, with reports due by April 16th.

Webinars and Meetings

The Library Director recently attended webinars and the following meetings:

3/13/26 - Richmond Reads committee to continue working on the 2026 selection

3/19/26 - A half day Crisis to Calm workshop provided by Genesee County

Committee Reports - None**Financial Reports**

F. Oltramari made a motion and J. Roach seconded to approve the following financial reports:

- Disbursement Status Report, March 2026
- Revenue Status Report, March 2026
- Bank Reconciliations, March 2026
- Approval of Board Warrant for Payment

Motion carried.

Communications - None

Unfinished Business**Security Camera Discussion**

Upgrades to the security system were discussed.

New Business**Staff Resignation**

The board regrettably accepted the resignation of Library Page Ophelia Walton-Slate.

Budget line adjustment

J. Roach made a motion to accept the budget line adjustment of \$5,500 for the appropriated funds for next year. M. Bohn seconded it; motion carried.

Approve 2024-2025 NYS Annual Report

R. Beatty made a motion to approve the 2024-25 NYS Annual Report. M. Bohn seconded it; motion carried.

After School Discussion

Solutions for student engagement after school were discussed.

Adjournment

R. Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

J. Roach seconded it; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Director Samantha Stryker

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 @ 6:00 pm, Gallery Room