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**Richmond Memorial Library
Board of Trustees
May 12, 2026**

The May meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. President Leslie Moma called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Also present: Director Samantha Stryker, Deputy Clerk Debra Levins, and Librarian Jill Feine

Excused: Marcia Bohn
Absent: Meg Chilano

Approval of Minutes

R. Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting. J. Roach seconded it; motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Local History Digitization Project – Jill Feine

Librarian Jill Feine shared about the work she's been doing with the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society to prepare for our digitization project. She brought several items that will be digitized and answered questions. Director Stryker noted Jill's exceptional work with this project.

Library Director's Report

April 2026 Librarian Reports review

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

Library Program Update

Director Stryker hosted the Mystery Readers' Monday discussion on Monday, April 27. *The Librarians* by Sherry Thomas was discussed.

Capital Project

Construction began on Monday, April 27 with the main floor study rooms.

Friends of the Library Update

The April sale netted \$911.50 and the Saturday sale netted \$161.50. Sales upstairs netted \$207.05 for April and sales via Thriftbooks netted \$14.08.

Annual Report

The Annual Report was submitted to Nioga on April 16th.

E-Rate

Our internet service funding request has been committed through e-rate for 2026-2027. Director Stryker is working with our Spectrum rep to get everything finalized.

Webinars and Meetings

The Library Director attended webinars in April with NYSLERS, the Board of Elections and Empire State Library Network, and also met with the Richmond Reads Committee on 4/3/26 and 4/20/26.

Committee Reports - None

Financial Reports

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

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

Motion carried.

Communications - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Director Stryker congratulated Richard Beatty on his reelection to the Board. Mary Burns was also elected to a three-year term. Director Stryker also commended Debbie Levins on a job well done for her work on the Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

The 2026-27 Library Budget passed 187 to 35.

Adoption of the 2026-2027 Library Budget

R. Beatty made a motion to adopt the 2026-27 Library Budget.

F. Oltramari seconded it; motion carried.

Approve 2026-2027 Board Meeting and Warrant Schedule

J. Roach made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Board Meeting and Warrant Schedule. R. Beatty seconded it; motion carried.

Review of Digitize New York Agreement

R. Oshlag made a motion to approve the Digitization Center Agreement, Digitization Kit Agreement and the Hosted Materials Agreement with the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. R. Beatty seconded; motion carried.

Adjournment

F. Oltramari made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

J. Roach seconded it; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Director Samantha Stryker

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6:00 pm, Gallery Room