

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting of The South River Public Library  
April 28, 2026**

Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the required public announcement.

Roll Call:

Leslie Roselli – present  
Aileen Chadwick – present  
Karin Finngan (Director) – present  
John Budzin – present  
Dave Roshetar – present  
Nicole Hustik – present  
Councilwoman Sandra DaSilva– present  
Andrea Krempecki- present  
Mayor Peter Guindi – not present  
Emily Roselli - present  
Julie Meira - present at 7:02 pm  
Janice Kaminsky Cordes - present

Minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting: Aileen commented on the \$1000 grant for language. She would like it noted what it is used for. Andrea has made a motion to move the minutes, and John seconded.

Public Comment: Leslie opened the meeting to the public at 7:01 p.m. There was no public in attendance, so Leslie closed the meeting to the public at 7:01 p.m.

Statistical Report:

We are up in both circulation and monthly visits. We have had tons of adult programs. The walking club is helping bring people in. Visits have increased due to the closure of the East Brunswick Public Library.

Director's Report:

The community survey is going out for the strategic plan. It went out on social media and email. It will be sent in the newsletter. Aileen wants to know if it is possible to do a mass mailing. Karin will reach out to the school and the Borough to see if she can get into one of their mailings. Can it also be added to the town's website? The auditor is working on the 2024 audit. There is nothing new going on with the building.

Programs - We have so many programs coming up, and most are already full. We have trivia night, which Sossie is hosting. There is a plant bingo that Pat is organizing. Sam Vega is coming to do another Paint and Sip. Ruby is doing yarn painting and beginner and intermediate crochet. Both of Pat's craft nights were full. Rita is doing a Star Wars party and is planning

Summer Reading (theme will be dinosaurs). Our regularly scheduled programs are also doing well. Karin is extremely pleased with her staff and their efforts with programming.

#### Friends of the Library:

They had their book sale. They raised over \$1700. There were a lot of baked goods that sold, new people came out to see, and they gained some new members. They are working on the nonprofit status. The next big sale is the jewelry and handbag sale in the fall. The Friends are looking for ideas on what they can help with so they can share with the public. It helps boost participation. Friends will be selling snacks at Trivia Night and Plant Bingo. Nicole mentioned funding a Free Little Library for the Senior Center.

#### Old Business:

Karin wants to continue working on outreach with the community. John asked about the storybook trail at Pacer's. A Boy Scout was going to take over, but it fell through. Karin will look into it and see if the library can maintain it.

#### New Business:

We are voting to go into closed session:

2026-09 Resolution to Go into Closed Session - John made a motion to pass this resolution and Emily seconded. All in favor.

#### Financial Report:

Dave motioned to move the treasurer's report, and Nicole seconded. All in favor.

#### Resolutions to Approve:

2026-07 Resolution of Payment of Bills (March 2026) - John made a motion to pass this resolution, and Dave seconded. All in favor.

2026-08 Resolution of Elimination of Position - Julie made a motion to pass this resolution and Nicole seconded. All in favor.

#### Other Comments:

Julie made a suggestion to collaborate with Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation is not holding summer programming on Friday because the schools are closed. Maybe the library can open up and work with the Parks and Recreation to offer programming on Fridays.

Dave would like to see a job description for the adult services librarian.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned by Emily at 7:41 pm.