

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting of The South River Public Library
July 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 – not 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
Janice Kaminsky Cordes - present

Minutes of the June 30, 2026 meeting: Andrea made a motion to move the open minutes, and Dave seconded. Emily made a motion to move the closed minutes, and Aileen seconded.

Public Comment: Leslie opened the meeting to the public at 7:03 p.m. There was no public in attendance, so Leslie closed the meeting to the public at 7:03 p.m.

Statistical Report:

The monthly visits and circulation is up from the past. There were 15 adult programs and 12 children's programs. The cake pan check is high, so Leslie is wondering if this is accurate.

Director's Report:

The library got new printing capabilities - you can print from your phone or from home. You can pay with ApplePay, GooglePay, and credit card.

Karin would like to promote Ruby Tucci to the adult services librarian position for a salary of \$65,834 (NJLA minimum). Karin would like to move Thomas Acs into Ruby's position for a salary of \$45,000. Karin will post for a part time library assistant or intern position. Aileen brings up concern that the salary for the adult services librarian position. Dave questioned why no external candidates were interviewed for the position. Aileen questioned what Ruby is currently doing in her position that makes stand out for this position. Leslie reiterated that external candidates should have been interviewed. A discussion was held regarding the benefits and consequences of hiring from within versus hiring externally. Aileen posed the question as to whether a part time library assistant or intern position is still needed with the promotions.

Nothing is going on with the building.

Programs - Animatronic Dinosaurs came to the library. There was a T-rex tea party, dinosaur cooking, and a fossil program. We are looking forward to Dino Slime and an ice cream party. Sossie is doing another trivia night. Ruby is continuing with her crocheting programs. Mary is hosting a bracelet making class. Pat's crafting nights continue to be a hit. Tom is doing Dungeons and Dragons and free draw Fridays. Karin is happy with how amazing her staff is and that they are pitching in to host programs.

Friends of the Library:

There is nothing new from the last meeting. They are still collecting donations. They are still looking for other fundraising ideas.

Old Business:

Dave mentioned that the tab is now correct on the website for the Trustee meetings. He would like to see the meeting schedule added to the drop down. Leslie asked if pictures could be added to events being hosted. Janice asked if there could be a set date for opening programs for the month. There are still people struggling to get into programs because events are added randomly. Emily mentioned if smaller events could be South River residents only, or South River priority before opening up to outside residents.

New Business:

Promote Ruby Tucci to Adult Services Librarian position

Promote Tom Acs to Accounts Payable position

This was discussed above in the director's report. Tom would no longer be doing social media. Rita and Ruby would continue doing social media. Aileen questioned where the money would be coming for lawsuit.

Financial Report:

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

Resolutions to Approve:

2026-13 Resolution of Payment of Bills (June 2026) - Nicole made a motion to pass this resolution, and Dave seconded. All in favor.

2026-14 Resolution to Promote Ruby Tucci -This will be effective July 28, 2026. Aileen made a motion to pass this resolution, and Janice seconded. All in favor.

2026-15 Resolution to Promote Tom Acs - This will be effective July 28, 2026. Dave made a motion to pass this resolution, and Julie seconded. All in favor.

2026-16 Resolution to Allocate Capital Funds - Aileen made a motion to pass this resolution, and Andrea seconded. All in favor.

Other Comments:

Julie asked if the Library will be going to Back to the School Night. The answer is yes. We will also be at South River Day on October 17th.

Reminder that there is no August meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned by Emily at 7:36 pm.