



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Library Commission

Meeting Minutes

Bill Library
718 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Gales Ferry Library
18 Hurlbutt Road
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335

Chair
John Bolduc

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026

7:00 PM

Gales Ferry Community Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bolduc called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Community Center.

II. ROLL CALL

In addition, the following were present:

Stacey Burt - Assistant Librarian I, Youth Services

Present Chairman John Bolduc
Treasurer Ralph Hightower
Vice Chair Rolf Racich
Recording Secretary Ellin Grenger
Commissioner Gillian Thorne
Commissioner Elizabeth Rumery

Excused Commissioner Peter Diette
Commissioner Wendy Hellekson
Commissioner Cynthia Wright

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

VI. REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Ralph went through the Treasurer's report.

2. Director's Report

Budget:

- No changes as yet, just waiting to hear how things turn out after the referendum vote.

Director Information:

- Jessa is planning on returning June 10. We are looking forward to having her back, but everything is going well in the meantime.

Library News:

- In our Adult Services department, Matt continues the process of weeding our non-fiction section in preparation for shifting the collections at Bill Library. This is a big endeavor and the plan is to have that happen in early June.
- Lyndsey's Tea Blending Workshop with Thyme for Tea was a huge success at Gales Ferry with 20 people attending. Lyndsey also presented on her program Dying to Talk about This at the CLA Conference, and she did a fantastic job in representing the library.
- The highlight for the Youth Department in April was the Mason Jar Terrarium program for teens. We had 21 people come for the terrarium project but we also partnered with the Ledyard Beautification Committee to hold their Earth Day event at the same time. They had a drop off your trash, recycled sculpture contest, and plant swap that went well. We always enjoy partnering with others in the community and hope to do it again next year.
- It looks like we will be getting new windows in the children's room at Gales Ferry library sometime in late May or early June. This means we will have to close access to the children's room at Gales Ferry from a Thursday to Monday. This shouldn't be too much of a problem because this is the time of year the Youth Department takes a break from programming to prepare for summer activities.
- Our Tech Services department is doing well keeping up with the demand of processing the books that are coming in in droves. This is due to the need to order things before the end of the fiscal year. Erica and Stacey also got all of the 2027 Nutmeg books processed and out on May 1. - Stacey Burt, Assistant Librarian I, Youth Services

3. Investment Working Group

No report.

4. Friends of Ledyard Library

The Friends will be holding a BOGO sale in June.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Library Commission Meeting Minutes Apr. 20, 2026**

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April, 20, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Gillian Thorne

SECONDER: Rolf Racich

AYE 4 Bolduc Racich Grenger Thorne

EXCUSED 3 Diette Hellekson Wright

ABSTAIN 2 Hightower Rumery

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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None.

X. NEXT MEETING

1. Next Meeting: June 15, 2026 at Ledyard Bill Library at 7:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hightower moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Grenger.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman John Bolduc
Library Commission

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