

Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Present: Ronald Stack, Alyssa Scott, Judith Gevry, Cecelia Hunt, Jennifer Jackson and Chris Donahue from PEG TV. Christine Sheldon was absent.

There was no one on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Ronald Stack at 6:00PM.

The Secretary's Report from June was distributed. A special thank you to Alyssa Scott for taking the minutes of the meeting during Cecelia's absence. Cecelia moved to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2026, meeting as written. Judith seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for June was distributed in Christine's absence. The final fiscal report for the year ending June 30, 2026, is still in progress as we wait on bills from June. Our accountant will have the report ready for the September meeting. One question about the report was how the check from the ILL grant was processed, as the report shows a deficit in that line. Jennifer will contact our accountant.

Our balance as of June 30, 2026

Checking Account	\$86,456.10
CDs (4)	\$28,728.18; \$4,669.20; \$32,364.42; \$14,880.41
Internet	\$10,528.77
Carnegie	\$10,078.07

Cecelia moved to accept the June 2026 treasurer's report. Judith seconded. Motion carried.

Librarian's Reports (for June and July)

- Genealogy Club was held on May 1, 2026, with 3 in attendance.
- Friends of the Library's book sale was held Wednesday May 13th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and collected \$101.00. The next sale will be on June 20, 2026 from 10am - 12pm .
- Book Club met in person on May 11th to discuss the Seven O'clock Club by Amelia Ireland. 10 members were in attendance. The next book club will meet June 8th to discuss The Happiest Man on the Earth by Eddie Jaku.
- Take and Make for May was a Bugs and Butterfly Mobile, 55 were taken. June is a Summer Beach Chair.
- Scheduled programs in May included:
 - May 4th, Friends of the Library brought Trish Esdens to the Library for a book discussion, 20 people were in attendance.
 - Bimonthly story time on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month brought 12 kids and 4 adults to the first story time and 16 kids and 3 adults to the second time, only FHGS students were in attendance.
 - Writing Workshop for Beginners, hosted by Andrew Herold, met twice in May on

the 11th and 18th - the first session had 8 participants (5 adults and 3 juveniles) the second session had 6 attendees (4 adults and 2 juveniles), with 8 total people registered for the class.

- May 19th was the 1st Grade Author Launch. 60 adults and 45 juveniles were in attendance.
- May 22nd, Rutland County Librarians met in the Meeting Room from 1-3 pm. There was lots of discussion about upcoming summer programs, interaction with Friends Groups and Upcoming Dept of Libraries events and trainings.
- Downstairs meeting space was utilized by one person as a from-home office.
- The Reading Room was utilized for a meeting for a Summer Theater event with the Fair Haven Recreation programs.
- McClure will be coming on June 23rd for A/C and Furnace maintenance and cleaning.
- Lon Bullinger will be coming June 12th to complete the lift inspection for the State.
- Fair Haven Grade school librarian Rebecca Nadler will be bringing her library classes to the library the second week in June to have a tour and “story time” and be given information on how to utilize the library now and in the future.
- Friends of the Library will hold a meeting June 17th at 4:30 pm to discuss angel options.
- New Horizons: I’m waiting again for more information.
- May 19th I received confirmation of the Summer Grant gift, the money hasn’t come in yet though.
- “Capitol For A Day” visit, Friday June 5th
- Summer Reading Kick Off - June 20th
- Next Trustee Meeting will be August 5th, 2026

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- Genealogy Club was held on July 10, 2026 with 5 in attendance, 2 via zoom.
- Book Club met in person on July 13th to discuss The Bog Queen by Anna North. 9 members were in attendance. The next book club will meet August 10th to discuss Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
- Take and Make for July was a choice of “Fruitosaurs” - strawberry or orange; all 60 were taken within the first two weeks. August’s take and make is a clay and pipe cleaner rainbow.
- Scheduled programs in July included:
 - Summer Reading Story Time: Total Students: 68 Adults: 53
 - July 7: Mrs. Hart, pre-school teacher FHGS was the guest reader. 18 students and 12 adults were in attendance.
 - July 14: Mrs. Corey Kendall, FHGS guest reader. 20 kids and 17 adults
 - July 21: Ms. Olivia Johnson, Special Educator at FHGS as guest reader. 17 students and 14 adults
 - July 28: Mrs. Noor Hussnane, retired FHGS guest reader. 13 kids and 10 adults
 - “Book Wanderers” Book Club started. Led by Courtney Mingo and Hannah Wood. Met every Monday and Wednesday in July, starting June 29th. They read The Book Wanderers by Anna James.
Total Students: 56 Adults: 13

- July 1 - 8 students, 2 adults
- July 6 - 8 students, 2 adults
- July 8 - 10 students, 1 adult
- July 13 - 6 students, 2 adult
- July 15 - 7 students, 2 adults
- July 20 - 4 students and 1 adult
- July 22 - 5 students and 1 adult
- July 27 - 8 students and 2 adults

-Painting With Mary - Saturday July 18th at 10 am: 6 adults; painted a hydrangea in a vase.

-NEIWPC & Lake Champlain Basin Program Gyotaku program - Tuesday July 21st at 1 pm: 7 adults and 4 students

-Lego Robotics Club started July 29 from 4-6 pm and runs each Wednesday for 4 weeks. (They are aware of the trustee meeting on August 5). 6 girls and 4 adults were present for the first meeting.

Scheduled upcoming August programs:

- Continuing Weekly Storytime with local celebrity readers: Tuesday's at 10 am ending August 11th.
- Lego Robotics Club starting July 29 from 4-6 pm and running Wednesdays for 4 weeks; ending August 19
- End of Summer Reading Raffle Draw - Friday August 14th at 10 am
 - Pre-Reader Challenger taken out: 25, returned and completed so far: 5
 - Independent Reader taken out: 26, returned and completed so far: 2
 - Adult Reader taken out: 27, returned and completed so far: 3
- Vermont History Museum - Friday August 14th at noon - You Be the Historian: Investigating an 1880s Vermont Farm Family (All grade levels): Students act as researchers, curators, and archaeologists to discover details about the Wheeler family who lived in Calais in the 1880s

- Friends of the Library canceled their July 22 meeting and haven't rescheduled.
- New Horizons: New Quote came in \$21.90/month with \$495 set up fee. (Current bill is \$118 for the month with an expected increase to \$126/month)

Cecelia moved that we switch from out current phone to fiber and enter into a 3-year contract with NHC. This includes a \$495 set up fee and a monthly charge of \$21.90.

Alyssa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Green Mountain Sprinklers will be here August 14 for inspection. The Board wanted Jennifer to be aware that we did have the inspection last year and were made aware of the age of the system. Should any questions arise, Jennifer will contact Ronald.
- Royal Group for the Fire alarm inspection will visit on August 17th. Cecelia asked about the testing of the fire alarms and sprinkler system.
- Did a Weekly attendance report: 133 visitors came to the Library between July 25 - July 31. 68 females, 30 males, 24 female children, 11 male children. 46% checked out a book, busiest day was a Tuesday

- Next Trustee Meeting will be September 2nd, 2026 - recommend budget planning session

Old Business:

- Money from Carnegie Foundation was again discussed. Judith brought up contacting Brookside Glass in Stanford, VT.
- Other presentation were discussed including VT Historical Society, Peter Huntoon, and Stragnell in Castleton.
- Still no word from anyone with quotes on the main entrance glass.

There was no new business.

Cecelia moved to adjourn at 6:49 PM. Judith seconded.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia Hunt