



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

November 13, 2025

Board Members Present: Larry Blumenthal (Vice President), Eleanora Rosso (Secretary), Jessica Freundel (Treasurer), Charles Beem, Janet Braker

Staff Present: Wayne Lahr (Library Director)

Citizens Present: None

Call to Order

Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Reading of Library Mission and Vision Statement

Braker read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Approval of October 2025 Minutes

The Board approved the October 2025 Minutes unanimously.

Library Director Report

The Director distributed his monthly report in advance of the meeting. Additional discussion items:

- Pennsylvania passed its budget last night with a \$5 million increase to the Public Library Subsidy and a significant increase for LAMP funding.
- FLNT online store has been operational from 10/31 to 11/12. Orders are due to be delivered mid-December. Most will be delivered to the library for customer retrieval. We have had moderate level of ordering activity and hope to see more activity in future iterations of the store.
- Dec. 5th will be the first NT Parks & Recreation Winterfest. The Library will have a presence and all Board members were invited to participate. It's being held at the Municipal Park pavilion located directly behind Welch Elementary School from 5 – 9 PM.
- Carolyn Schmitz, a former Library Board member of more than 18 years, and library volunteer for over 40 years, recently passed away. Discussion occurred around how we might recognize Carolyn's contribution to the library.

2026 Officer Nominations

The following slate of candidates was approved. Election for offices will be held in January and new officer roles will begin in February:

- **President:** Larry Blumenthal
- **Vice-President:** Eleanora Rosso
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Freundel
- **Secretary:** Janet Braker

2026 Library Board Meeting Dates/times

The proposed calendar was approved unanimously.

Board Discussion

Rosso proposed that we use this agenda item in December to discuss how we might further introduce visual changes to the library to reflect the new branding, especially in the children's area. The Director will speak with the Youth Services Librarian for additional insights. Board members should attend with ideas to share.

Public Comment

None

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanora K. Rosso

Eleanora Rosso (Secretary)

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Date