

Town of Esopus Library  
January Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

**Agenda**

Call to order	Larry Decker
Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes	
Public Comment (2 minutes each)	Public
Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee	Allen Olsen
Director's Report	Jesse Chance
Friends	Elaine Rylance

Committees

1. Buildings and Grounds – Laura Petit
2. Governance and Personnel – Martha Farrell
3. Sustainability, Research and Development – Sharon Briden
4. Trustee Training Committee – Don Carragher

Adjournment

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Resolutions:

2026-01 – Payment of December Claims  
2026-02 – Acceptance of PILOT Payment  
2026-03 – Acceptance of Foundation Donation  
2026-04 – 2026 Holiday Closings  
2026-05 – Update Bylaws  
2026-06 – Personnel Actions – All Employees

TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
December 17, 2025

Board Members Present: Don Carragher, Elaine Rylance, Martha Farrell, Laura Petit, Sharon Briden, Larry Decker, Jamila Khan, Cynthia Capraro and Allen Olsen

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jesse Chance, Mary Garraty

Public:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Town of Esopus Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President, Larry Decker at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Written minutes for the November monthly Board Meeting held on November 19, 2025 was submitted and open for review. A motion to accept the minutes of the November monthly Board meeting held on November 19, 2025, as amended, was made by Elaine Rylance and seconded by Jamila Khan.

AYE: 9; NO: 0; ABSTAIN: 0

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

III. Presidents Word – Larry Decker

No additional comments at this time.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE – Allen Olsen

Allen Olsen reviewed the Finance Committee Meeting minutes and presented the resolutions listed below.

- **Resolution #58 of 2025 (Payment of November Claims):** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts and approves the payment of claims from November 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025 for items in the amount of \$24,155.20. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Martha Farrell and seconded by Jamila Khan.

AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

- **Resolution #59 of 2025 (Acceptance of Kingston City School District's 2025-2026 Tax Distribution):** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts funds from the Kingston City School District totaling \$8000.00 and will deposit the monies into the Town of Esopus Library's 2025 Operating Fund. A motion to accept the resolution, as amended was made by Don Carragher and seconded by Elaine Rylance.  
AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0  
Board Members Excused:  
Board Members Absent:

At this time there was a question regarding the placement of the School Tax Funds within the budget line items.

- **Resolution #60 of 2025 (Acceptance of Betty Chin Donation):** The Board of Trustees of the Esopus Library accepts this monetary donation of \$500 from Betty Chin for the 2025 Operating Budget. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Martha Farrell and seconded by Elaine Rylance.  
AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0  
Board Members Excused:  
Board Members Absent:
- **Resolution #61 of 2025 (Acceptance of Donation from Estate of Michael Minor):** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts these monetary donations totaling \$28,810.27 in the memory of Michael Minor for the 2025 Operating Budget. A motion to accept the resolution, as amended was made by Don Carragher and seconded by Jamila Khan.  
AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0  
Board Members Excused:  
Board Members Absent:
- **Resolution #62 of 2025 (Acceptance of Fuqua Family charity fund donation):** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts these monetary donations totaling \$500.00 for the 2025 Operating Budget. A motion to accept the resolution as amended was made by Laura Petit and seconded by Don Carragher.  
AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0  
Board Members Excused:  
Board Members Absent:
- **Resolution #63 of 2025 (Director Salary Increase):** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library agrees to the Director Salary Increase resolution. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Allen Olsen and seconded by Elaine Rylance.  
AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0  
Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

#### VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jesse Chance

Written reports were submitted from the Director, the Adult and Teen Programmer and the Children's Programmer. Jesse reviewed the Director's report. Jesse reported that the new bookkeeper had a death in the family. Our old accountant will be used for the month of January. The rebuilt geothermal pump has been installed. Jesse also reported that there will not be a bus available this year for Advocacy Day. The Town of Esopus Library received its first bill from Central Hudson for the digital sign use. We thought it was included in the monthly Central Hudson bill. Central Hudson will issue a correct bill for the last 2 years only and a correct name. Jesse is in the process of doing the staff evaluations.

Jesse is going to Marist to pick up some used donated computers for the Library

#### VII. FRIENDS – Elaine Rylance

It's been a quite month. Giving day brought \$1400 in money for new chairs. In April there will be a sale of crafts, plants, yarn and fabric.

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Buildings and Grounds – Laura Petit  
Written report was submitted. Laura reviewed the meeting minutes. Jesse has reached out to Green Valley Electric for a quote to install the hot water heater. Buildings and Grounds would also like to see a utility sink installed.
- Governance and Personnel – Martha Farrell  
The Governance and Personnel Committee did not meet in December. Martha will not be available to participate in the January Governance and Personnel Committee meeting. Laura Petit offered to fill in for Martha.
- Sustainability, Research and Development – Sharon Briden  
Written report was submitted. Sharon reviewed the Committee meeting minutes. SRD will focus on long-term planning. They are working on the Sustainability Library status as well as working on a few grants. Sharon asked Laura to send her info for the Bank of Greene County Grant. There is a meeting this Friday regarding an upcoming grant. The Town of Esopus has to be the lead for this grant. The library can't be the lead, only the town. The grant needs to be submitted by March, 2026  
Jamila informed everyone that each library must have a disaster recovery plan in place by 2027.

#### IX. Trustee Training

Jamila informed the Board of Trustees of upcoming training sessions:

- Trustee Handbook Training regarding Open Meeting Law on January 27, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- There is an online training session regarding Freedom of Information Law on February 10, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Jamila will follow up with an email to everyone regarding the upcoming training sessions. Cindi passed out the Trustee Code of Conduct to be read by each trustee as part of the Trustee Training.

The newly elected Town of Esopus Supervisor, Roscoe Pecora, has asked Laura Petit to be his confidential secretary. This is an appointed position. There was some discussion among the Board members regarding any conflict of interest. All agreed that Laura's new position should not affect her Trustee position.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Jamila Khan made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Martha Farrell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: 9; NAYS: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

Prepared by M. Garraty, Secretary to the Town of Esopus Library Board of Trustees

# Director's Report – January 2026

## *Ongoing and/or Completed Business*

**Children's Room Redesign:** This project went so much faster than anticipated! I honestly thought we would still be sorting out how to display the children's collections with this new layout but Charlotte and Laura were driven and determined and got it done in time to open the room back up on 1/15. If you haven't seen it yet, please stop in and check it out. There is so much more room now that it feels like a different room entirely.

**Solar Power Array Upgrade Project:** Craig Hightower of *New Energy Solutions* (our project manager) is coming by for a site visit tomorrow (Weds. 1/21). I will meet with him afterwards to go over timelines, our requirements, and the NY State Dept. of Library Development's requirements. Once we are satisfied that we are on the same page about all aspects of the project, Craig will prepare an RFP (request for proposals) that will be posted on all appropriate contractor bidding sites for 28 days.

**Hot Water Heater Issues:** After gritting my teeth for weeks and accepting that I couldn't get electricians here to give us an estimate on the hot water heater wiring because it was the holidays, I gave up on the two who kept saying they were coming and then not showing up and I called a new number I found with Google. A gentleman from *KGN Electric and Building Pros LLC* came right out and went over our request with me minutes after I got off the phone with them on Friday 1/16. We now have estimates for all parts of the installation of a residential hot water heater and a decision will be made at the next Buildings and Grounds meeting.

**Bookkeeper:** Our new bookkeeper is still taking the time she needs to mourn her loss as she needs to so is easing into beginning/continuing her work here. We have been in regular contact and she is not backing out and plans to get started this week sometime (probably Friday 1/23). In the meantime I have successfully set up our Payroll company account and we ran the last payroll in-house. Rose (our accountant) has successfully transferred our QuickBooks ledgers from their account to ours but could only go back to 2022 before the files got too big. Rose assures me that we will always have access to earlier years through her software and I can also talk to Intuit's Migration Support Team. Having our bookkeeper do a slow start isn't ideal, but we have people in place making sure that it is not a problem.

## *Continuing Education, Community Outreach & Library Advocacy*

**Postcard Party:** I hope some of you will join me on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in the main Library for a postcard writing party. We are participating in an MHLS sponsored effort to increase the Library advocacy mail our representatives and congress people are receiving.

**Advocacy Day in Albany:** Coming up on February third it is Library Advocacy Day in Albany. Anyone planning to attend should register with Mid-Hudson using the email regarding this that all Board members should have received. If possible, attending the online briefing on 1/23 will help

make sure you know what to expect and what is expected of us. There is no bus this year, so the prep talk we would have gotten on the ride up isn't gonna happen.

**Painting Party Rain Date:** On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, after the program is done (1:30ish), I will spend a couple of hours prepping the community room/Duck Pond Gallery for painting. A little help with taping things and moving things would be appreciated but not crucial. The big day will be that Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> when I hope a bunch of volunteers will join me from 10AM to 2PM to get it all painted. An e-blast call for volunteers will go out on Thursday, 1/22.

### *Upcoming*

**New Account Clerk:** I'm sure you've all read Deb's announcement by now. She is retiring at the end of April. We will be paying a lot of attention to what the account clerk's role will be in this new situation with an in-house bookkeeper through the next couple months and we won't begin to look for someone to hire until mid-March when we know more clearly what we are looking for.

**Annual State Report:** Due to Baker & Taylor going out of business, the State Report is getting started a little late this year. B&T owned the software we use to compile our reports so things are going to be a little different this year. The workshop explaining the changes will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> (we usually have a workshop mid-January) and we don't expect the portal to open for us to get to work till sometime around 2/19. The deadline for completion won't be until mid-March.

**Annual Report to the Community:** It is my practice to hold the Community Report until after the State Report because I refer to statistic I get from the State Report when compiling the Community one. As a result, this too will be a little later than normal this year.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jesse Chance, 1/20/2026**

## **Children's Programming Report - January 2026**

### 2025 Programming in the Rear View

December and 2025 ended with some lovely children's programs. The weather and illness caused some to be rescheduled, reconfigured, and occasionally canceled, however programs like our New Years Eve special storytime, craft, and countdown were a major hit and was a special way for me to welcome in the New Year. Earlier in the month we also had a wonderful Winter Holiday Concert with a performance from the Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians. And on Boxing Day our Winter Crafternoon was a delightful way to keep the celebratory nature of the season going.

Total Programs for December 2025: 23

Total Attendees for December 2025: 263

Total Programs 2025: 291

Total Attendees 2025: 4523

### January

January has been a slightly quieter month in terms of children's programming. My regularly scheduled programs which include Tuesday Morning Storytime, Wednesday Morning, Storytime, Lego Club, Thursday Afternoon Storytime, and Toddler Playgroup have all been meeting as planned and with plenty of smiles and laughs. This month I have added a new, hopefully regularly recurring program on Tuesday afternoons: Kid's Craft Corner. As of writing this we have only had one meeting with four attendees, but I look forward to growing this program!

Earlier this month I held the January meeting of the Young Readers Book Club. We discussed the book *Winter According to Humphrey*. The four participants ranging from ages 6 - 9, had such a lively and thoughtful discussion about our book that we barely had time to squeeze in the craft portion of our program. I am excited to see this book club progress through the new year and see where our conversations can take us. Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 13th.

### Outreach

In December I was able to visit Head Start Kingston for two storytimes. I visited two classrooms and got to meet many new faces along with a couple of familiar ones too (it's always exciting to get recognized outside of the library). Sharing stories and songs with this group of kids is extremely fun and rewarding and I look forward to more monthly visits. I currently have visiting storytimes scheduled for 1/23, 2/13, and 3/20 and hope to continue through the spring.

### Looking Ahead

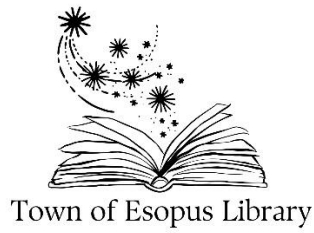


As we inch towards spring time I plan to slowly ramp up programming with more one-off, speciality programs on top of our regularly scheduled programming. This will include a couple of special storytimes in February and in March a therapy reading dog program as well as the return of Music and Movement, amongst many others. I am excited to see what this year will bring!

#### Children's Room Revamp

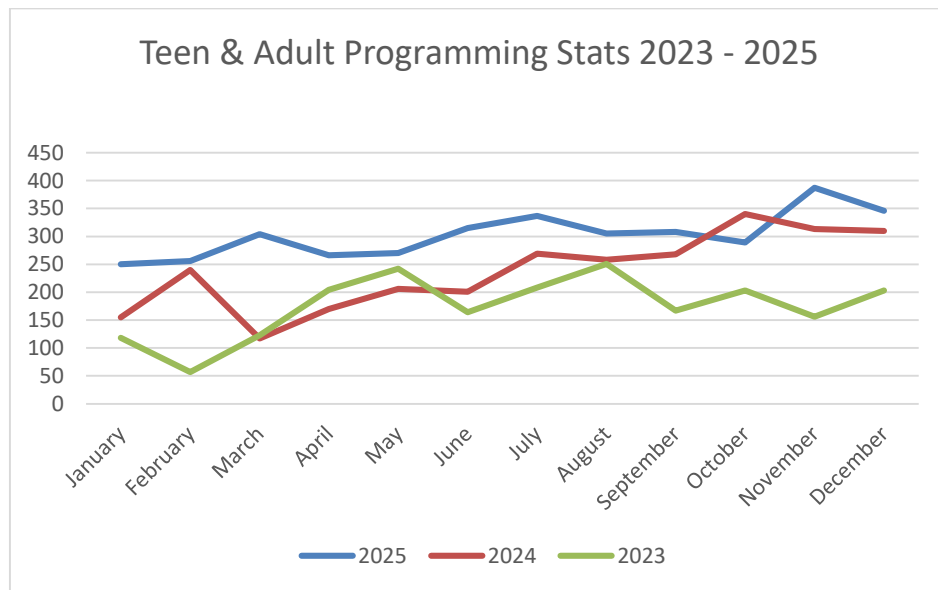
Towards the end of December we began our project to revamp and reorganize the children's room. It has been incredibly exciting and rewarding to see this vision come to life. The room, with the "peninsula" of shelves removed from the center, now feels open, light, and inviting. It has also opened up the opportunity to hold more programs in this space than before. I have also tried to organize the books on the shelves in a way that makes sense in terms of reading level and in a way that is appealing to both our youngest (babies) readers as well as our older (tween) readers too. While the project is not yet complete, the room is now open for browsing. I look forward to continuing to work on the space to make it as welcoming and useful to our patrons as possible.

Warmly,  
Charlotte, Children's Programmer



## Programming & Engagement Manager's Report – January

	Final December Numbers	January Numbers To-Date (1/15)
Teen	115 (10 programs)	43 (4 programs)
Adult	231 (21 programs)	124 (13 programs)



The start of a new calendar year is a cause for celebration – and more charts!

Year	Final Teen Attendance	Final Adult Attendance	Total
2025	1028 (76 programs)	2605 (247 programs)	3622 (323 programs)
2024	440 (28 programs)	2395 (204 programs)	2835 (232 programs)
Percent change	133.636% increase	8.76827% increase	27.7601% increase

It was a year of tremendous growth across our adult, and particularly teen, spheres. Though our numbers in adult slowly stabilized, our teen attendance exploded, thanks in large part to a full year of **Dungeons & Dragons programming** (now split for both teens and tweens) and a summer with a menu of **Club Wednesday** offerings particularly for teens. We also brought a new partnership in with **Ulster BOCES** beginning this September, creating a rotating cast of teens utilizing our teen room during our typically under-utilized daytime period.

Though our per-patron average decreased slightly across both age categories this year (down to 11 from 12 patrons), this is in a large part due to new initiatives undertaken – including **Cookbook Club**, and **the OutBook Book Club** – and many of these programs have also seen recent growth. We're now hosting both groups in our Library's main room, where they draw a bigger crowd of curious onlookers – plus it's just cozier. Our last Cookbook Club featured 5 participants and seems poised for more growth; our OutBook Book Club now hosts 6 and continues to grow. Minor changes in the way we order book club books has also been helpful at inviting in new patrons. Like our all-ages **All-Out Open Mic**, I suspect these groups will continue to grow. Occasionally in its first year, we'd have dips of low attendance, but we stuck with it and attracted some loyal fans among our participants. Now the open mic regularly draws 15-25 musicians, poets, and performance artists.

For 2026, I'll be embarking on new, more targeted series for adults, including a series of **gardening workshops by Lynda Keyes**, aimed at supporting our community gardeners and our upcoming children's garden construction project, as well as a **Burroughs Brunch Lecture Series** of local authors whose works are featured in our Burroughs collection. First up will be author **Anthony Musso on Mafia Burial Grounds** and Naturalist **Susan Fox Rogers with a lecture on John Burroughs and Birds**.

We'll also be at-long last launching our **Beyond the Stacks Concert Series**, aimed at drawing a slightly younger crowd of library patrons. For April, our inaugural **Beyond the Stacks** concert will feature klezmer artist **Ira Khonen Temple** and local poet **Andy Iverson** in what we're calling a "**Night of Simcha**" – an evening of culturally Jewish art. L'chaim!

Respectfully submitted,

Fox North

Town of Esopus Library  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026 @ 5 pm

Present: Larry Decker, Jamila Khan, Jesse Chance - Director, Allen Olsen

Agenda

1. Payment of claims of 53,466.67 approved.
2. Reviewed pre-audit December financial reports. Jesse touched on many items, including State Retirement pre-payment of \$29,478 (A7410.800), and will check on the expense of Friends (A9855).
3. Report from Director included new bookkeeper starting and the acquisition of QuickBooks online, ADP Payroll, Foundation contribution of \$50,800 (~\$500K over last 10 years), staff raises, and the consideration of changing our election to the 3rd Tuesday in September (from June).
4. Adjournment

Submitted by Allen Olsen

## Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

3:00p.m.

### **Attendance**

- Laura Petit
- Elaine Rylance
- Larry Decker
- Jesse Chance, Library Director

Excused:

- Martha Farrell

### **Call to Order**

The Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

### **Election Date Proposal**

Director Chance reviewed a proposal to move the election date for the library budget and trustee elections to the third Tuesday in September. He explained that the Library Association believes a later election date would result in better voter turnout, and several library districts have already adopted this change. An additional benefit is that the Library Board would be closer to the end of the fiscal year, allowing for more accurate budget projections for the upcoming year.

All members present were in favor of the proposal. Elaine Rylance commented that the change “makes sense.” Martha Farrell will present the resolution at the next Library Board meeting.

### **New Year’s Eve Closure**

The committee discussed the possibility of closing the library on New Year’s Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2026. Director Chance explained that the library’s regular hours that day would begin at 12:00 p.m., and that the library typically closes early (3:00 p.m.) on the day preceding New Year’s Day. He requested that the board consider a full-day closure instead.

All members present were in favor of closing the library on New Year’s Eve.

## **Employee Salaries**

Director Chance reviewed the 2026 salary budget. He noted that the 2025 salary budget of \$302,000 was underspent due to staffing changes. The 2026 budget includes a 3% increase, bringing total salaries to \$311,060. Director Chance proposed increasing salaries by 4%, matching his own increase, and using \$3,000 from the contingency fund to cover the difference.

Elaine Rylance made a motion to approve the proposed 4% salary increase for 2026. The motion was seconded by Larry Decker. The motion passed.

## **Old Business**

At the next month's meeting, the Governance Committee will review:

- The Personnel Manual
- The Donation/Gift Policy
- The Policy regarding Companion Animals

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY

RESOLUTION 07 OF 2026

Authorization of Hot Water Heater Repairs

WHEREAS, The Town of Esopus Library has identified an issue with the hot water heater which has been going on for some time.

WHEREAS, KGN Electric and Building Pros LLC ~~has identified the parts that need to be replaced, and provided the following quote:~~

- and Lowes home Improvement have provide quotes for the necessary repairs*
- ~~\$2,024.00 for a water heater and installation of said water heart;~~
  - ~~\$2,295.00 for wiring the new residential water heater and removing the wiring for the old 3-phase water heater;~~

*to totaling ~~\$4,319.00~~ \$4,319.00*

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has approved the quote from KGN Electric and Building Pros LLC to make the necessary repairs ~~and that payment to KGN Electric and Building Pros LLC,~~ is not to exceed \$5,000.00

*↳ Lowes home Impe*

WHEREAS, the funds for the repairs will be added to the Other Maintenance (Line item A7410.452) of the 2026 budget from the unappropriated fund balance of the operating account

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts and approves the repair work to the hot water heater be done by KGN Electric and Building Pros LLC for an amount to not exceed \$5000.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Allen Olsen Seconded: Don Carragher

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: Larry Decker

Larry Decker, Board President

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY

Resolution 08 of Year 2026

LUKATIS DONATION

WHEREAS, Catherine E. Lukatis named the Esopus Library as a quarterly recipient of a portion of her trust's earned net income, to be used in an unrestricted manner

WHEREAS, this quarter the library's share is \$1,232.68

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Esopus Library accepts the quarterly share of income in the amount of \$1,232.68 from the Lukatis Trust into the operating funds for the Library

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.<sup>2026</sup>

Moved: Allen Olsar Seconded: Jamila Khan

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: Larry Decker  
Larry Decker, Board President



## Resolution of the Board of the Town of Esopus Library

### Resolution 06 of the Year 2026

#### Personnel Actions

Recommended By  
Pending Personnel Action

Director  
Detailed in table below.

Name/Number	Civil Service Title	Type of Action	Effective Date(s)	Hourly Wages
Deborah McMenemy	Office Clerk	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$22.50
Barbara Wurtz	Library Clerk	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$20.35
Marilyn Genter	Circulation Clerk	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$19.35
Ellen Yeoman	Circulation Clerk	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$18.82
Laura Salgarolo	Library Assistant	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$22.10
Mary Garraty	Board Secretary	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$26.50
Fox North	Programming Communications Manager	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$28.34
Charlotte Svetkey	Children's Program Coordinator	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$26.00
Stephen Thomas	Custodian	Pay Raise	1/1/26	\$22.80

#### Action Requested

**MOVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library approves the personnel actions listed above.

#### Motion

Moved Don Carragher

Seconded Jamila Khan

#### Result of Action

In Favor 6

Against 0

Abstaining 0

Excused 3

Absent 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Decker  
Larry Decker, Board President

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY**

**RESOLUTION 5 OF 2026**

**UPDATE BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws need to be updated to align with New York State Education Law

WHEREAS, the Governance and Personnel Committee has reviewed and revised the Bylaws specifically regarding the annual day and month of the Election. It is recommended that the annual election be changed from the first Tuesday of June to the third Tuesday in September in order to align with the remaining library elections in Ulster County.

WHEREAS, the Governance and Personnel Committee recommends the acceptance of the amendment to the Bylaws

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts the amended Bylaws.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Allen Olsen Seconded: Don Carragher

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Larry Decker, Board President

#### A. ELECTIONS

Annual elections and budget voting will be publicly held the ~~first~~ third of ~~June~~ September. The election must be publicized in the newspaper of record not less than thirteen (13) days and not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the election. In addition, copies of such notices must be posted conspicuously in five public places in the town at least thirteen (13) days prior to the date of the election. In the event that the election cannot be held on the aforementioned date, the alternate date shall be publicized following the same guidelines as the regular date.

The Director shall appoint the Clerk of the Election.

The Clerk of the Election must be a registered voter in the district.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY**

**Resolution 04 of Year 2026**

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS for 2026**

The following fourteen (14) days will be general holidays for the Town of Esopus Library for 2026. The Library will be closed and employees scheduled to work on these days will receive payment for their scheduled hours.

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day  
Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Feb. 16 – Presidents’ Day  
May 25 -- Memorial Day  
June 19 – Juneteenth  
July 4 -- Independence Day  
Sept. 7 -- Labor Day  
Oct. 12 – Columbus/Indigenous People’s Day  
~~November 11 - Veterans’ Day~~  
Nov. 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving  
Dec 24 & 25 – Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve Day (for 202<sup>6</sup>)

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts this schedule of holiday closings for the year of 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Tamila Khan Seconded: Don Carragher

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: Larry Decker

Larry Decker, Board President

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY  
Resolution 03 of Year 2026**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FOUNDATION DONATION INTO OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus Library Foundation has provided its annual contribution to the Library without restrictions,

WHEREAS, this year the contribution is \$50,088.00

WHEREAS, these monies will be added to the General Fund, budget line A1003


RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Esopus Library accepts this ~~monetary~~ donation from the Foundation and approves the addition to the General Fund of the 2026 Operating Budget

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Allen Olsen Seconded: Jamila Khan

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: 

Larry Decker, Board President

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY

Resolution 02 of Year 2026

ACCEPTANCE OF PILOT PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has sent a check totaling \$5,102.00 as the Town of Esopus Library's portion of the PILOT payment

WHEREAS, this payment of \$5,102.00 has been received and will be deposited into the ~~2025~~ Operating Fund, budget line A1004  
2026

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts these funds from the Town of Esopus and will deposit the monies into the Town of Esopus Library's ~~2025~~ Operating Fund  
2026

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Jamila Khan Seconded: Don Carragher

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: Larry Decker

Larry Decker, Board President

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS LIBRARY

RESOLUTION 01 OF 2026

Payment of Claims  
December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the total of all claims for payment, excluding wages and taxes, from December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 is \$53,301.34. 53,466.67

WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to purchase all goods and services

WHEREAS, funds from the operating budget will be used to pay these claims

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Esopus Library accepts and approves the payment of these December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 items in the amount of ~~\$53,301.34~~.  
53,466.67

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Jamila Khan Seconded: Epine Rylance

VOTE: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Excused: 3 Absent: 0

Approved by the Board this Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Approving Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Larry Decker, Board President

To of Esopus Library  
~neck Listing  
As of December 31, 2025

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Credit
Checking/Savings							
A0200 Cash Operating Fund							
2020 Bank of GC Checking 6086							
Check	12/04/2025	4221	Jocelyn Gayle Krodman	V25-0515	X	Teen Programs	300.00
Check	12/10/2025	5568	Royal Carling Service Co	V25-0516	X	A7410.452 Trash	144.66
Check	12/10/2025	5569	New York State and Local Retirement	V25-0517	X	A7410.800 State Retirement	29,478.00
Check	12/10/2025	5570	Deborah McLanenny - Reimbr.	V25-0518	X	A7410.800 Health & Maj. Med.	424.45
Check	12/10/2025	5571	National Business Technologies	V25-0519	X	A7410.2439 Printer/Copier	251.33
Check	12/10/2025	5572	Vanguard ID Systems	V25-0521	X	A7410.430 Library Supplies	356.78
Check	12/10/2025	5573	Ingram Library Services	V25-0522	X	A7410.410 Young Adult Non-Ficti	60.15
Check	12/10/2025	5574	VZ Accountants	V25-0523	X	A7410.437 Accountant	625.00
Check	12/10/2025	5575	Esopus Business Alliance	V25-0524	X	A7410.437 Membership Fees	60.00
Check	12/10/2025	5576	Liberty Security System	V25-0525	X	A7410.452 Security System	76.00
Check	12/10/2025	5577	Friends of the Town of Esopus Library	V25-0526	X	A9855 Friends Exp. Exchange	210.50
Check	12/10/2025	5578	Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians	V25-0527	X	Childrens Programs	500.00
Check	12/23/2025	4222	Roger Cohn	V25-0528	X	Teen Programs	200.00
Check	12/10/2025	5580	Ingram Library Services	V25-0529	X	A7410.410 Adult Non-Fiction	11.40
Check	12/23/2025	5581	Visa	V25-0530		-SPLIT-	1,208.37
Check	12/23/2025	5582	Eastern VSP, Inc.	V25-0531		A7410.800 Health & Maj. Med.	89.04
Check	12/23/2025	EFTDEC2025	CDPHP	V25-0532	X	A7410.800 Health & Maj. Med.	3,860.18
Check	12/23/2025	5583	The Hartford	V25-0533		A7410.800 Workers' Comp.	1,249.00
Check	12/23/2025	5584	Dutchess TEKCON Industries, Inc.	V25-0534		A7410.413 HVAC Repairs	2,934.50
Check	12/23/2025	5585	Charter Communications	V25-0535	X	-SPLIT-	279.98
Check	12/23/2025	5586	Showcases	V25-0536		A7410.430 Library Supplies	676.56
Check	12/23/2025	5587	Daily Freeman	V25-0537		A7410.413 Newspapers	413.15
Check	12/23/2025	5588	Otis Signature Service	V25-0538		A7410.452 Elevator	824.19
Check	12/23/2025	5589	Central Hudson	V25-0539		A7410.452 Electric	906.38
Check	12/23/2025	5590	Tom Cuff	V25-0540	X	Other Grounds	3,350.00
Check	12/23/2025	5591	Friends of the Town of Esopus Library	V25-0541 EXCH		A9855 Friends Exp. Exchange	275.88
Check	12/23/2025	5592	Milk Street Magazine	V25-0542		A7410.413 Magazines	59.95
Check	12/23/2025	5593	Jessica Williams	V25-0543		Adult Programs	250.00
Check	12/23/2025	5594	Mindful Yoga with Liz, Inc.	V25-0544		Childrens Programs	90.00
Check	12/23/2025	5595	Amazon	V25-0545		-SPLIT-	124.15
Check	12/23/2025	5596	Amazon	V25-0546		A7410.410 Young Adult Non-Ficti	69.42
Check	12/23/2025	5597	Ingram Library Services	V25-0547		A7410.410 Young Adult Fiction	150.47
Check	12/23/2025	5598	Ingram Library Services	V25-0548		A7410.410 Young Adult Fiction	167.06
Check	12/23/2025	5599	Ingram Library Services	V25-0549		A7410.410 Juvenile Non-Fiction	70.15
Check	12/23/2025	5600	Ingram Library Services	V25-0550		A7410.410 Young Adult Non-Ficti	106.29
Check	12/23/2025	5601	Ingram Library Services	V25-0551		A7410.412 Adult Books - CD	38.48
Check	12/23/2025	5602	Ingram Library Services	V25-0552		A7410.410 Juvenile Non-Fiction	81.63
Check	12/23/2025	5603	Amazon	V25-0553		A7410.412 Adult DVD	387.17
Check	12/31/2025	5604	Binnewater Ice Co.	V25-0554		A7410.452 Water & Sewer	76.26
Check	12/31/2025	5605	Midwest Tape	V25-0555		A7410.412 E-Content	366.98
Check	12/31/2025	5606	Friends of the Town of Esopus Library	V25-0556 EXCH		A9855 Friends Exp. Exchange	41.28
Check	12/31/2025	5607	Demco	V25-0557		A7410.430 Library Supplies	206.61
Check	12/31/2025	EFT	Wage Works - Care Card	V25-0558	X	A7410.800 Health & Maj. Med.	2,654.96
Check	12/31/2025	EFT	Wage Works - Admin	V25-0559	X	A7410.800 Health & Maj. Med.	45.00
Check	12/31/2025	5608	Amazon	V25-0560		A7410.430 Library Supplies	28.99
Check	12/31/2025	5609	Amazon	V25-0561		Childrens Programs	213.98
Check	12/10/2025	5579	Roger Cotton	VOID: V25-0528	X	Teen Programs	
Total 2020 Bank of GC Checking 6086							53,994.33
Total A0200 Cash Operating Fund							53,994.33
Total Checking/Savings							53,994.33
TOTAL							53,994.33

Friends

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\$ 53,301.34

Year December 2025

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Voucher Log

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Voucher	Vendor	Invoice Ending	Audit Date	Audit Signature	AMT
V25-0515	Handwritten: (unclear) Socialyn Gayle Krodman	1204	12/1/25	Elaine Rylance	300.00
V25-0516	Royal Carting	Bill	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	144.66
V25-0517	NYS SLRS (Retirement)	Bill	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	29,478.00
V25-0518	Deborah McMenemy	Receipts	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	424.45
V25-0519	National Bldg. (copier lease)	2991	12/1/25	Elaine Rylance	251.33
<del>V25-0520</del>	<del>Amazon</del>	<del>6494</del>	<del>12/1/25</del>	<del>Elaine Rylance</del>	<del>311.32</del>
V25-0521	Van guard ID Systems	2579	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	356.78
V25-0522	Indygram	Multi	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	37.74
V25-0523	MZ Accountants	3598	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	625.00
V25-0524	Esopus Business Alliance	Bill	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	60.00
V25-0525	Giberty Secerity	4002	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	76.00
V25-0526	Friends of Esopus Riv.	Split Sheet	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	210.50
V25-0527	Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians	104	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	500.00
V25-0528	Roger Cohen	104	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	200.00
V25-0529	Indygram	1184	12/8/25	Elaine Rylance	11.40
V25-0530	Visa (Misc)	Bill	12/9/25	Elaine Rylance	1208.37
V25-0531	VSP (Medical)	Bill	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	89.04
V25-0532	CD PHP (Medical)	Bill	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	3860.18
V25-0533	The Hartford (workshops)	Bill	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	1249.00
V25-0534	Tek Corp. (HVAC)	4475	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	2934.50
V25-0535	Spectrum - Phone-Int'l	Bill	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	279.98
V25-0536	Shaw Glass	Multi	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	676.56
V25-0537	Daily Freeman	Renewal	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	413.15
V25-0538	Otis - Elevator - maintenance	4203	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	824.19
V25-0539	New Energy Project Management	Special System	12/22/25	Elaine Rylance	1255.00

VOIDED - Acct. to be used to ck. original CR to resolve any issues

Capitol Acct.

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Voucher	Vendor	Invoice Ending	Audit Date	Audit Signature	AMT
V25-0539	Lunthal Hudson	Bill	12/22/25	Don Lannan	906.38
V25-0540	Tom Cully - Grounds Maint.	Bill	12/22/25	Don Lannan	3350.00
V25-0541	Friends of Library	Spirited	12/22/25	Don Lannan	275.88
V25-0542	Milk Street Mag.	Printed	12/22/25	Don Lannan	59.95
V25-0543	Grace Williams 12/16	LOA	12/22/25	Don Lannan	250.00
V25-0544	Mildred Yoga with Liz	LOA	12/22/25	Don Lannan	90.00
V25-0545	Amazon	YF3	12/22/25	Don Lannan	124.15
V25-0546	Amazon	HGA V	12/22/25	Don Lannan	69.42
V25-0547	Amazon	GN67	12/22/25	Don Lannan	150.47
V25-0548	Program	7507	12/22/25	Don Lannan	167.04
V25-0549	Program	Muti	12/22/25	Don Lannan	70.15
V25-0550	Program	Muti	12/22/25	Don Lannan	106.29
V25-0551	Program	7508	12/22/25	Don Lannan	38.48
V25-0552	Program	Muti	12/22/25	Don Lannan	81.63
V25-0553	Program	Muti	12/22/25	Don Lannan	387.17
V25-0554	Binnewater	0032	1/4/26	Don Lannan	76.26
V25-0555	M. Hurst Tape (Hoople)	2925	1/4/26	Don Lannan	366.98
V25-0556	Friends	Spirited	1/4/26	Don Lannan	241.28
V25-0557	Denco		1/4/26	Don Lannan	206.61
V25-0558	Wage Work - Card		1-21-26	Don Lannan	2654.96
V25-0559	Wage Work - Admin		1-21-26	Don Lannan	45.00
V25-0560	Amazon	934M	1-21-26	Don Lannan	28.99
V25-0561	Amazon		1-21-26	Don Lannan	213.98
V25-0562	Jesse Chance (4th OTF Reimburse)	Travel Form	1-21-26	Don Lannan	133.28