

Whitehall Public Library
Board Meeting Agenda
April 8, 2026
General Session: 7:00 PM
Whitehall Second Chapter Café

Called to order in the Café at 7:00 pm.

Present: Liz Tuttle, Meg O'Brien, Tracy Brandtner, Barb Gjerstad, Deanna Gray, Allie Brooks (Via Zoom), Melissa Jones (Via Zoom), Anthony DiMinico (Library Director), Rich Kirsch (Council Representative)

Absent: N/A

- Introduction of Guests/Visitors
 - Councilwoman Beth Lynn Eicher
- Public Input
 - Mrs. Eicher asked about facilities issues at the library this calendar year. The library director responded that he is working with the borough manager to resolve the long running facilities issues. When the weather is right, people will be brought in to assess the roofing situation. Mrs. Eicher stated that the lighting has been funded for this calendar year. She stated the library building is all of ours and the issues need to be addressed.
- Approval of Agenda – unanimously passed
- Minutes of Last Meeting (March 2026) – unanimously passed
- Financial Reports (February & March 2026; General update) – unanimously passed
 - Anthony stated that the income sheet was updated with an auto withdrawal.
- Bill List (March 2026)- unanimously passed
- Director's Report (March 2026)- unanimously passed
- Highlights:
 - It was a busy month at the library.
 - There were 182 appointments for tax help. This was more than expected due to a shortage of volunteers.
 - Trying new events while keeping well loved programs.
 - Welcomed people in the community who were without power due to recent storms.

- The children's department had large attendance numbers at their in house and outreach programs. The Leprechaun trap program was very popular. Over 80 people attended. ASL storytime was also extremely successful. Hopeful that a partnership with the high school will expand the program.
- Adult programs were also well attended. Movie nights are in high demand. Mystery book club numbers are increasing as well. Medieval Dance remains popular as well. The miniature painting program was popular across generations. Looking at making it a regular monthly event.
- Old Business
 - Libraries and ICE
 - Policy suggestions were sent to all library directors. Anthony had a conversation with Chief Gagorik, and they determined that a policy was not needed at this time because it was covered under other policies. Chief Gagorik came to the most recent staff meeting and addressed staff questions and concerns. The library will be working with the chief to update additional emergency protocols.
 - Library Mixer
 - April 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The library will provide light snacks.
 - Committee Updates
 - Nominating Committee
 - No new updates at this time.
 - Fundraising Committee
 - No new updates at this time.
 - Budget/Financial Committee
 - No new updates at this time.
 - PR Committee
 - No new updates at this time.
 - The community engagement sub committee will be having another meeting soon to encourage attendance at the June meeting..
 - Strategic Planning
 - The new plan is in its final stages. Christy put all of the data into a Canva template. It will be in its final form for voting at the May meeting.
- New Business
 - There is no new business as of this time.
- Announcements
 - Next Board Meeting: May 13, 2026, 7 pm
 - Whitehall Borough Council Meeting: April 15, 2026, 7 pm
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 pm

