

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 10, 2023
Barker Village Gazebo, Main Street, Barker, NY

Present: Board of Trustees: Kathie Smith, Brian Carmer, Ashley Grabowski,
Cynthia Harris, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson

Public: Eric Wolbert, Leslie Wolbert, Wade Joseph, Karl Kowalski,
Tina Kowalski, Kristen Morello, Bill Morello, Mark Scofill,
Bessie Scofill, Kevin Bish, Christina Bish, Jim Fetes, Marie
Fetes, Bill Kerr, Lucy Kerr, Norm Atwater, Emily Atwater, Cash
Goux, Mary Ann Marotta, Meg Stener, Rita Rodriguez,
Shannon Collopy, Paul Collopy, Lisa Seiler, Dionne
Wekenmann, Dee Flagler, Jay Negl, Matthew Weir, Robert
Marotta, Zach Giroux, Steve Giroux, Samantha Verbocy, Sam
Atwater, Lynne Wilson, Janoah Atwater, Kathy Bloom, William
Wilson, Peggy Zaepfel, Glenn M. Bloomingd, Levi Atwater,
Bob Spencer, Jennifer Kieffer, Mark Kieffer, Linda Johnson,
Thomas Detschner, Zander Detschner, Pastor Joe Szalay, Ryan
Devine, Janna Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Matthew Marotta, Laeey
Reieko, Marie Lets, Sarah Devine, Kathy Shepard, Aaron Davis

Call to Order: President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report of June 5, 2023 was moved for approval by
Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Grabowski. All voted aye.

Treasurer's Report: •President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that
everything was in order.
•A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of July 10, 2023 was
made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Harris. All voted aye.

President's Report: •President Smith, Vice President Harris, and Director Thompson attended the
annual NIOGA dinner in May.
•President Smith and Director Thompson have attended the last two Village of
Barker meetings.

Director's Report: Trustee Grabowski moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to approve the Director's Report dated July 10, 2023. All voted aye.

Old Business: • Status of Phase 2 of the Library Rebuild was discussed; Bids were sought by the

Village of Barker in four areas: General Contracting, HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical. When bids were opened on July 6, bids were received in General Contracting, HVAC, and Electrical. No plumbing bids were received. The Barker Village Board will be meeting later tonight at 7pm.

• Trustee Monaco moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approve the updated Barker Public Library Circulation Policy to reflect the abolishment of library fines approved in October 2022. All voted aye.

New Business: • The Barker Public Library will have a table at the upcoming Town of Somerset Bicentennial Celebration. Trustee Monaco will prepare a sign-up sheet in Google Docs to send out to all trustees to volunteer for a time period.

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• Trustee Harris moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to adopt the American Library Association Code of Ethics. All voted aye.

Public Comment: • Several members of the community voiced their concerns with the books: [This Book is Gay](#) by Juno Dawson and [All Boys Aren't Blue](#) by George M. Johnson.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Vice President Harris and seconded by Trustee Carmer at 7:13 pm. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco
Secretary

Barker Public Library Circulation Policy

Purpose

The Circulation Policy of the Barker Public Library exists to facilitate community access to the materials and information contained in the library's collection. The ALA Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read policies reinforce the Library's commitment to provide access and information to all patrons.

Eligibility for a Library Card

In order to borrow materials from the Barker Public Library and to have access to computer and online services, library users must have a valid Barker Public Library card or a valid card from a library in the NIOGA Library System. Non-residents are charged \$40.00 annually for a library card.

Applicants must show photo identification which verifies a current residential address. Forms of ID may be a driver's license or student ID.

Applicants must be at least five (5) years of age. For all applicants under the age of eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian must be present in person with the applicant.

Lending Rules and Procedures

Books in the regular collection, periodicals and juvenile books may be borrowed for a three (3) week period, with the option to renew for another three(3) weeks, unless the material has been requested by another patron. CDs and DVDs may be borrowed for two (2) weeks with the option to renew for another two (2) weeks, unless the material has been requested by another patron. New books have a two (2) week period with the same option to renew.

A patron can renew material in person, by phone or online. A patron may check out up to twenty-five (25) print items at one time. A limit of three (3) DVDs and CDs may be checked out. A patron must be eighteen (18) years or older to check out DVDs or CDs.

Overdue Materials

Overdue fines were abolished by the Board of Trustees on May 9, 2022. The motion became effective on October 8, 2022 for all Barker Public Library items borrowed. Items borrowed from other libraries are still subject to fines if applicable. Patrons are still responsible for items borrowed from the library and the following procedures will apply.

Patrons with a valid email address will receive Courtesy notices (2 days prior to due date).

The following notices are emailed if applicable or printed and sent to the library:

1st Overdue (7 days after due date)

2nd Overdue (14 days after due date)

Assumed Lost/Bill (28 days after due date)

Lost Items

When an item has been lost or damaged severely enough to require replacement, the library user will be charged the original retail price of the item. A \$1.00 processing fee will accompany each lost item.

Confidentiality of Patron Records (NYS Law)

Pursuant to New York State Law, the Barker Public Library shall not disclose any record of information that identifies a user of library services as requesting or obtaining specific materials or services or as otherwise using the library.

Adopted April 25, 2016

Reviewed and revised May 10, 2021

Revised July 10, 2023

American Library Association Code of Ethics: <https://www.ala.org/tools/ethics>

Code of Ethics

As members of the American Library Association, we recognize the importance of codifying and making known to the profession and to the general public the ethical principles that guide the work of librarians, other professionals providing information services, library trustees and library staffs.

Ethical dilemmas occur when values are in conflict. The American Library Association Code of Ethics states the values to which we are committed, and embodies the ethical responsibilities of the profession in this changing information environment.

We significantly influence or control the selection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of information. In a political system grounded in an informed citizenry, we are members of a profession explicitly committed to intellectual freedom and the freedom of access to information. We have a special obligation to ensure the free flow of information and ideas to present and future generations.

The principles of this Code are expressed in broad statements to guide ethical decision making. These statements provide a framework; they cannot and do not dictate conduct to cover particular situations.

1. We provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests.
2. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.
3. We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.
4. We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.

5. We treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness, and good faith, and advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions.
6. We do not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues, or our employing institutions.
7. We distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and do not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources.
8. We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.
9. We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces.

Adopted at the 1939 Midwinter Meeting by the ALA Council; amended June 30, 1981; June 28, 1995; January 22, 2008; and June 29, 2021.