Wenonah Free Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2026

Attendees: Ellen Hummel, Deb Cline, Susan Mayer, Gary Christensen, Chrissy DeMaise and Anne Zuber. Absent: Linda Helmbrecht, Colleen Johnson

Treasurer D. Cline called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at which time the Open Public Meeting Notice was read: ***In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been sent to The Courier Post and posted on the library's webpage and on the bulletin board in the library. In addition, a link to the library home page Legal Notices tab is advertised twice monthly in The Sentinal of Gloucester County and on the NJ Department of State's state-wide legal notices link.***

- The Board approved the meeting minutes for June 3, 2026. (Motion by G. Christensen/Seconded by S. Mayer/All in favor.)
- Treasurer's report: Bank balances as of July 1, 2026: TD Bank checking $1,522.77 and savings $39,963.03. Total: $41,485.80.
- The Board approved the June 2026 bills list. (Motion by G. Christensen/Seconded by S. Mayer/All in favor.)

Librarian Report
- Bees in the roof. Monitoring, nothing new.
- Orange fire hydrant will be anchored by Lion's Club. D. Cline reminded R. Cline. Awaiting scheduling.
- New Wenonah Library brochure being prepared for publication.
- Testing Amazon solar light to illuminate US flag. Still taking flag in and out at open and close of library.
- Circulation desk computer storage replaced to address ongoing problems. May also need new printer.
- Summer Reading Theme is "Unearth a Story," dinosaur theme. Opening day July 2, 2026. Edelman Fossil Park staff scheduled to present finale program on Thursday, July 30th. Advertising has begun.
- June's Fossil Passport Challenge had 13 families participating. Six completed the challenge and were given a small gift bag. One randomly selected winner received 6 one-day passes to Edelman Fossil Park in their gift bag.
- Tischler grant application opened June 22, 2026, application deadline is August 12, 2026. Up to $3,000.00 available. Anne learned it must be used for collection development and will submit application in keeping with guidelines.
- Investigating StoryWalk station replacement. Quotes range from about $4100.00 to 10,000.00+. Still working on it.
- Bank of America purchasing card management is being transitioned to USBANK. Anne has forwarded required paperwork and is awaiting further communication. Meanwhile, have switched Amazon billing to Bill by Invoice payment method.
- Anne contacted 7 slate roof professionals from the Slate Association.org site, as well as Emmons, the company that has worked on the library roof for years. Still collecting quotes.
- Anne contacted several "handy-persons" to quote on library to-do list: refinish front door, seal basement window, modify table for cables, refinish sides of audio/dvd racks and repaint drop boxes. Still collecting quotes.

Board of Trustees Business

- Cynthia Mullens has offered a donation in memory of her husband, John.
- Action Planning to implement Strategic Plan 2026-2030 continues. Draft Capital Spending overview plan pending.

Friends of Wenonah Library
- June 5th's "Meet the Author" event featuring Sam Carchidi was attended by 21 people and deemed a success.
- July 4th bike/wagon decorating event held July 1, 2026 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
- Niki Odenbrett is investigating program through Arrayscape Gaming for Minecraft, Roblox and other video, on-site, and hybrid programs. $400.00. Plan to coordinate with schools to see about overlap in features, etc.

- Plans for future events are discussed at each meeting, for example: Escape Rooms, Teddy Bear Picnic, scavenger hunts.
- Niki Odenbrett ordered orange azalea shrub to go with fire hydrant. It is very small and she is nurturing it at her home until planting time. Niki replanted flower pots and front garden and weeds the rain garden regularly.
- Oral history project with Lisa Clanet and Wenonah students pending.

D. Cline adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm. (Motion by S. Mayer/Seconded by G. Christensen/All in favor.)

Next Meeting: September 2, 2026

7:30 pm on first Wednesday of the month in 2026: 1/7/2026, 2/4/26, 3/4/26, 4/1/26, 5/6/26, 6/3/26, 7/1/26, 8/5/26 (cancelled), 9/2/26, 10/7/26, 11/4/26, 12/2/26 and in 2027, 1/6/26

Holidays for 2026: 1/1/26, 5/25/26, 7/4/26, 9/7/26, 11/26/26, 12/24/26, 12/25/26, 12/31/26.