

Benson Library Board Meeting

March 9, 2026

Library Board Robin Wilson: Chair, Gina Parker: Treasurer, Bonny Baldwin: Secretary, Jaci Lussier: Librarian/Board Member

Meeting called to order by Robin at 10:03 March 9, 2026

Minutes for February 16, 2026 read aloud by Bonny.

Approval of the minutes was motioned by Robin and Seconded by Gina with the addendum that her name be corrected from Gina Bianchi to Gina Parker.

Public Comment/ Guest Speaker Anthony Ryan

Author of a Series of books of nine Children's Mystery Cases per grade.

These upgrade in complexity, critical thinking and logic as the series progresses from grade 1 through a reader's senior year.

The stories help build reasoning skills and characters grow with the series allowing the reader to grow with the characters.

Ryan would like to have an Event 1.5 to 2 hours long to include children and parents with children as Detectives and Parents as Chief Inspectors.

The event would include book reading with books laid out. May sell books on site and have book signing.

Ryan is working on developing a website.

It was decided that the Event would take place Sunday, Father's Day, June 21, 2026 at 11:30 AM Anthony Ryan will create a flyer which we can help distribute and advertise.

We will provide donuts, coffee, water and juice.

Robin suggested this as a kickoff for a book reading and craft project to be held periodically.

Jaci reported that Ryan's mother had written a book and she would try to have that available on the day of the event.

Librarian's Report

Scott Perron is getting back to us regarding updated costs for addressing radiator covers.

Jaci will teach us how to reset fire alarm.

Consider hiring Chia to finish computer entry of older books.

Motion was made by Gina to hire Chia for the 17, 24, and 31 of March for the task.

Seconded by Bonny.

Treasures report

None

Old Business

Hiring of new Librarian

Karina has expressed an interest.

Robin to attend Select Board meeting to bring up hiring new librarian and what level the Select Board needs to be included in the process.

Jaci will notify the Select Board by the end of March of her intentions to retire.

We will begin the process for advertising and getting candidates for Librarian to apply.
Application deadline is May 1st, 2026.
Training to begin in May, with Librarian to work on her/his own June 2, 2026.

Book Purchases up to the Librarian with advice from the Board.

Seed Project

Leah will let Jaci know about set up.
We will put flyer on social media.
We will provide tea/water and cookies.
Ready to launch 3/21/2026.

N2N Upcoming plans

Sugaring presenters were discussed
Phil Stannard on the Green Mountain Boys.
Robin will contact.
Gina presented organizational template for more efficient use of time discussing N2N projects.

Tech grant no current news.

New Business

Annaleigh new board Member.
Change Meeting time to 5:30 PM on Tuesdays.

Summer reading program
Consider drawings for prizes after books are read. Can be done for adults and children.

Book sale indoors versus outdoors.
Let go of book give away during Fall Festival.

The library has no petty cash.

We would still like to do something to honor passed members of the Benson Library.

Considering Childrens Reading project including a craft, i.e., 3 books and 3 craft projects.

Discussed Makers Market
Typically charge for space for crafters, i.e., 8x8 foot space.

Town Scavenger hunt with teams following clues.

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 7th 2026 at 5:30 PM

Adjourn 12:04

Motion by Robin, Seconded by Bonny

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonny Baldwin/ Secretary