



# Town of South Kingstown

## Library Board of Trustees

Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Peace Dale Library  
Meeting Room  
1057 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI  
[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Session - March 17, 2026

Motion to approve March minutes

### 3. Correspondence

None

### 4. Public Comment

None

### 5. President's Report

None

### 6. Director's Report

Pam Kaczynski will be retiring in July.

There was a discussion on the Battle of the Books program. Lindsay explained the process in which students sign a compact with their school and are assigned books to read. Totals are compared with other schools to determine the winner.

Hilary asked about the Reading Adviser program. Laurel explained that it is a program which informs you what books and authors are available by genre.

There was a discussion on the Library of Things webinar which was on March 12th. In this program, libraries loan out items or things. South Kingstown loans out backpacks.

Kim asked about filling Pam's position. Laurel reported she wasn't sure of the time frame. She will be evaluating the job description and may make changes to include more administration and scheduling functions.

### 7. Project and Grants Updates

#### A. Community Learning Center

- Peace Dale Reopening
- Roof Replacement
- Parking Lot Expansion

- Hazard Garden Revitalization

Peace Dale Branch is now open with normal hours, except Saturday's which still has construction activities. Hale Branch will be open on Saturdays.

Tim asked about the timeline for Saturday openings. Laurel estimates it will be early summer.

Laurel hopes for a formal ribbon cutting in September depending on everyone's availability.

Mike asked when the second floor would be open to the public. Laurel reported it will be late summer.

CLC grant activity includes,

Tree work in Hazard Garden completed.

Friends of Peace Dale Library donated \$32,982.65 for new furniture at Peace Dale.

Town Council approved \$229,950 for the parking lot expansion work.

## **8. National Library Week & Library Workers Day**

- A. National Library Week — April 19th - 25th  
National Library Workers Day — April 21st

Hilary spoke about the baskets for the library staff. We have \$21.00 dollars remaining from last year. Members agreed to donate \$20.00 each. Hilary and Lindsay will again handle the purchase and delivery of snacks.

National Library Week- There will be a contest during the week where patrons can get a raffle ticket (1 per day) for a Friday drawing. There will be 8 winners at Peace Dale, 5 at Kingston and 3 at Hale.

## **9. Statistics**

There was a 50% drop in circulation during the construction closing.

## **10. Next Meeting:**

May 12, 2026

Next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at Peace Dale Branch.

## **11. Adjournment:**