AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 4:30pm
LaMarsh Room, Victoria Ave Library

Acknowledgement statement

The Chonnonton people have called these lands where we are gathering home for thousands of years and more recently, the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory. We would like to acknowledge the enduring resilience of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who call this territory home.

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interests

3. Approval of Minutes
   - 3.1. Regular Minutes of March 19, 2025 Board Meeting
   - 3.2. Special Minutes of March 31, 2025 Board Meeting
   - 3.3. Special Minutes of April 7, 2025 Board Meeting
   - 3.4. Special Minutes of April 9, 2025 Board Meeting

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. Board Information
   - 5.1. Chippawa Arena & Library Redevelopment Study Survey Results Summary, Let's Talk Niagara Falls
   - 5.2. Niagara Regional Chair Jim Bradley delivers 2025 State of the Region address, Niagara Region
   - 5.3. Baldinelli, Badawey, comfortable with Niagara electoral changes, NOTL Local
   - 5.4. Niagara's population breaks through half-million barrier, Niagara this Week
   - 5.5. Artificial Intelligence and Public Library Policy, Let's Talk Libraries
   - 5.6. Saskatoon Public Library temporarily closing two locations over safety concerns, CTV News
   - 5.7. Temporary closure of Saskatoon library branches amid overdose crisis needed but won't fix broader issues: CUPE, CBC News
   - 5.8. Opinion | We shouldn't have to choose between compassion or safety, The Hamilton Spectator

5.9. Response to March 28, 2025 Reader Letter: We Shouldn't Have to Choose Between Compassion and Safety, Hamilton Public Library
5.10. Ottawa Public Library says cost for new Bookmobile has doubled – thanks, in part, to Trump, Capital Current
5.11. Book industry fears Canada's proposed counter-tariffs against U.S.-printed books will do more harm than good, CBC News
5.12. Books Escape New Tariffs, At Least for Now, Publishers Weekly
5.13. CULC/CBUC's Response to the Government of Canada's Intent to Impose Tariffs, Canadian Urban Libraries Council
5.14. CULC, CFLA respond to proposed 25% tariff on library materials, Librarianship.ca

6. Consent Agenda
   6.1. Department Reports
      6.1.1. NFPL In the Media, March 2025 - K. Stewart, Communications Associate

7. Action Items
   7.1. Policy Index
      7.1.1. Procurement Policy
      7.1.2. Budget Spending and Signing Authority Policy
      7.1.3. Payment Policy
      7.1.4. Mileage & Travel Expenses Policy
   7.2. Reserve Funding of 2023 & 2024 Capital Spending Report

8. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

9. New Business

10. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025
September 17, 2025