# AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 4:30pm
Rosberg Gallery, Victoria Avenue 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 April 23, 2026 Board Meeting

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. Consent Agenda
   - 5.1. Departmental Reports
     - 5.1.1. NFPL In the Media – April 2026, K. Stewart, Communications Associate
     - 5.1.2. Q1 Update: Year Three Work Plan / 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Report, K. Hastie, Service Delivery Specialist
     - 5.1.3. Q1 2026: Philanthropic Impact Report, L. Martin, Manager, Community Engagement
     - 5.1.4. 2025 Fundraising Campaign Conclusion: Niagara Falls Review Digitization Project, L. Martin, Manager, Community Engagement
     - 5.1.5. Q1 2026 Statistical Report, L. Martin, Manager, Community Engagement
     - 5.1.6. Q1-2026 Finance Report, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator

5.2. Correspondence / Board Information
    5.2.1. Polaris Press Release, Niagara Falls Public Library / St Catharines Public Library
    5.2.2. Integrated Library Service Joint Statement, Niagara Falls Public Library / St Catharines Public Library
    5.2.3. Notice of Resignation, S. Mongrain, Niagara Falls Public Library Board Member
    5.2.4. Notice of Successful 2025 Library Statistics, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
    5.2.5. May 2026 NFPL Staff Wellness Newsletter, K. Mongeon, Human Resources Generalist
    5.2.6. Inside OLBA Spring Edition, Ontario Library Association
    5.2.7. Inside OLBA - Ask OLA, Dr. Sabrina Saunders, OLA Deputy Director
    5.2.8. MPP Oosterhoff Delivers Nearly $44 Million to Rehabilitate Aging Water Infrastructure in Niagara, Sam Oosterhoff, MP, Niagara West
    5.2.9. Impact of Ontario's New Recycling Rules on Libraries Survey April 2026, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
    5.2.10. Strategic Plan 2026/2027—2029/2030, Ontario Library Service

5.3. Articles
    5.3.1. Ford government adds power to cut more Niagara councils to strong-chair bill, The Trillium
    5.3.2. Ontario Modernizes Its Freedom of Information and Privacy Regime, FTR NOW, HicksMorley.com
    5.3.3. Zero-tolerance: Barrie mayor outlines his plan of enforcement and outreach to combat drugs and crime, CTV News

5.4. Bundle: Province of Alberta - Bill 28
    5.4.1. Proposed provincial changes that would affect Alberta municipalities spark concerns about autonomy, CBC News
    5.4.2. Opinion: Bill 28 puts Alberta libraries at risk of government censorship, Edmonton Journal
    5.4.3. 'Serious privacy concerns': Library leaders raise alarm over proposed government restrictions, Calgary Herald
    5.4.4. ULC Stands With Alberta, Canadian Libraries Against Book Bans, Urban Libraries Council
    5.4.5. Alberta trustees worried about the future of school boards under proposed bill, CBC News
    5.4.6. Alberta's access restrictions threaten privacy and democratic role of libraries, critics say, CBC News
    5.4.7. Open Letter re: Bill 28, Canadian Urban Libraries Council
    5.4.8. National libraries group urges Alberta to ditch 'political interference' in libraries, CTV News

5.4.9. CFLA-FCAB Statement Bill-28, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
5.4.10. Letter: Opposition to Bill 28 and Defense of Local Library Governance, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
5.4.11. Statement on the Continued Protection of Canadian Public Libraries in Response to Alberta's Bill 28, Dina Stevens, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
5.4.12. Statement of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) on the Continued Protection of Canadian Public Libraries in response to Alberta's Bill 28, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

6. Action Items
   6.1. Ratification of Reserve Funding – Chippawa Lease, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator
   6.2. Policy Index
      6.2.1. Public Notices and Publication Policy

7. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

8. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

June 24, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 21, 2026