AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 4:30pm
Conference Room 3, 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 December 17, 2025 Board Meeting

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. Consent Agenda
   - 5.1. Departmental Reports
     - 5.1.1. Program Evaluation Report, B. Dixon, Manager of Operations
     - 5.1.2. Incident Wrap Up 2025 Report, B. Dixon, Manager of Operations, A. Lowe, Customer Service Associate / Joint Health and Safety Co-chair
     - 5.1.3. NFPL In the Media - December 2025, K. Stewart, Communications Associate
   - 5.2. Board Information, Correspondence, and Articles
     - 5.2.1. EarlyON Press Release, Niagara-On-The-Lake Museum
     - 5.2.2. Public Ontario Operating Grant Payment Notification, Government of Ontario
     - 5.2.3. Thank You/Holiday Card, University of Niagara Falls
     - 5.2.4. Form Letter to Minister Lightbound regarding Changes to Canada Post Corporations Act, Dina Stevens, Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
     - 5.2.5. Ontario Building Destination Niagara, Ontario Newsroom

5.3. Articles
    5.3.1. Are Toronto libraries the city's most underrated third space?, NOWToronto
    5.3.2. Public Libraries, Loneliness, and the Quiet Power of Belonging, Ontario Library Service
    5.3.3. Mayor Diodati claimed UNF students would revitalize downtown. What happened?, The Pointer
    5.3.4. Nearly 85K homeless in Ontario, up 8% in 1 year, Global News
    5.3.5. IFLA MetLib 2025 Addresses Social Isolation and Civic Engagement, Library Journal

6. Action Items
    6.1. Library Space Leasing Policy
    6.2. EarlyON Policy Manual Report, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager
        6.2.1. Niagara Falls Public Library EarlyON Child and Family Centre: Operational Policy Manual
        6.2.2. EON101 - Vulnerable Sector Police Check Policy
        6.2.3. EON102 - First Aid and CPR Certifications Policy
        6.2.4. EON103 - Student Placement Policy
        6.2.5. EON201 - Serious Occurrence Reporting Policy
        6.2.6. EON202 - Hot and Cold Weather Policy
        6.2.7. EON203 - Sanitation and Maintenance for EarlyON Areas & Materials Policy
        6.2.8. EON301 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy
    6.3. Scholarship Program Update Report, C. Grayley, System Schedule/Volunteer Coordinator, K. Hetherington, Operations Supervisor, S. Nicholson, Customer Service and Programming Associate, K. Reyes, Finance and Administrative Technician, M. MacLaren, Finance and Executive Associate

7. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

8. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026