AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday March 18, 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 February 18, 2026 Board Meeting

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. Consent Agenda
   - 5.1. Departmental Reports
     - 5.1.1. NFPL In the Media – February 2026, K. Stewart, Communications Associate
     - 5.1.2. Q4-2025 Finance Update, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator
   - 5.2. Board Information
     - 5.2.1. Good news re BillC-15 and impact on libraries, Dina Stevens, Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
     - 5.2.2. Library Impact and Community Support Overview, Niagara Falls Public Library

5.3. Articles
    5.3.1. Niagara Region chair resigns over Hitler book controversy, The St. Catharines Standard
    5.3.2. Hamilton’s downtown library may temporarily close amid safety concerns, CHCH News
    5.3.3. Closing Hamilton Central Library 'off the table' for now as staff look at other ways to stop onsite drug use, CBC News
    5.3.4. Troubles, and joy, at downtown library, The Hamilton Spectator
    5.3.5. Hamilton Public Library looks to check cards, screen visitors at Central branch as drug concerns persist, CBC News
    5.3.6. Drug use and overdoses run rampant in Canada’s public libraries, CTV News
    5.3.7. Government of Sask, NDP and CUPE continue to spar over issue of library safety, CTV News
    5.3.8. Saint John libraries board seeks extra security as safety incidents spike, CBC News
    5.3.9. Oakville main library to move to old post office site, keep façade, The Oakville Beaver
    5.3.10. Sault librarians rise up against city's TikTok ban, SooToday
    5.3.11. Showing Up Editorial, Library Journal
    5.3.12. The Newest ‘Third Spaces’? Restaurants and Bars That Feel Like a Living Room, Eater

5.4. Amalgamation Articles and Information Bundle

6. Action Items
    6.1. 2026 Capital Budget Amendment Report, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator
    6.2. Reserve Funding of 2025 Capital Spending Report, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator
    6.3. Policy Index
        6.3.1. Right To Disconnect Policy

7. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

8. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 24, 2026