

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD**

Chairperson – Mary Fischer - Talkeetna
Vice Chair – Kathy Kysar - Sutton
Chad Scott – At Large 1

Karen Crandall – Big Lake
Georgia Knazovich - Wasilla
Mark Spohn - Willow

Sally Pollen - Palmer
Virginia Robson – Trapper Creek
Martha Kincaid – At Large 2



MEETING MINUTES

Sutton Public Library and Teams

Meeting ID: 289 421 144 590 Passcode: Zw9Cj63Y

REGULAR MEETING

1:00 PM

OCTOBER 14, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 1:00

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Kathy Kysar, Mary Fischer, Mark Spohn, Virginia Robson, Sally Pollen,
Karen Crandall, Marty Kincaid, Chad Scott @ 1:02pm

B. Absent: Georgia Knazovich

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. September 9, 2025 - Minutes approved with one change: IX. NEW BUSINESS, B. September Library Book List, item 2 should be "Motion passes" instead of "Motion fails."

B. Kathy Kysar moved to accept minutes as amended, Virginia Robson seconded. Motion passed.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager - Community Development Director Jillian Morrissey filled in for Mr. Leslie in his absence. She discussed the upcoming FY27 budget calendar and updates on parental notifications.

B. Librarians

1. Marita Crosby - Trapper Creek - Programming numbers and new attendees.
2. Cassidy Drake – Big Lake Library – After school programs and STEAM activities.
3. Juli Buzby – Sutton Library – Community garden potluck and fiber arts group.
4. Joy Bailey – Palmer Library – Summer reading program and contractor bids.
5. Zane Treesh – Wasilla Library – Expansion project updates and job openings.
6. Geri Denkwalter – Talkeetna Library – Summer reading stats and fall programs.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Heidi Johnson – Spoke about the Sutton Public Library, librarians, and using the interlibrary loan program.
- B. Jackie Goforth – Spoke about Title 18 U.S. Code.
- C. Libby Clayton – Spoke about librarians and family library use.
- D. Jeanne Troshynski – Spoke about Lesley vs. Campbell County court case and book challenges.
- E. Kendra Zamzow – Spoke about library use and librarians.
- F. Cindy Gilder – Spoke about the Strong Women program and librarians.
- G. Gerry Bates – Spoke about lifetime library use and local library experiences.
- H. Robert Black – Spoke about democracy and parents’ rights.
- I. Joanna Russell – Spoke about working with the homeless, moving to Sutton, censorship, and mental health.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Secretary officer nomination – Kathy Kysar to take over the responsibilities temporarily until January as there were no nominations for Secretary.
- B. Book challenge procedure
 1. Kathy Kysar made a motion to ask the assembly to amend the Book Challenge policy to the following: 1. Any cardholding patron can challenge one book at a time at their home library. 2. The patron will fill out a form and take it to their library. 3. If the borough feels that there should be an appeal process, the patron could be heard by a designated committee.
 2. Marty Kincaid made a subsidiary motion to amend the wording of part 2 to: The patron will fill out a form and take it to their home library.
 3. Mary Fischer seconded the motion.
 4. Community Development Director Jillian Morrissey informed the board that the Book Challenge Policy is created by borough administration, not the assembly.
 5. Kathy Kysar amended her motion to ask the borough administration to make the change.
 6. Discussion ensued, 2 votes for yes, 3 votes for no, 3 abstain. Motion failed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. October library materials list
 1. Marty Kincaid flagged one book
 - a. *Immortal Consequences* by I.V. Marie for the YA Fiction collection in Talkeetna.

2. Chad Scott flagged 4 materials
 - a. "White Lotus Seasons 1-3" for the Adult DVD collection in Talkeetna
 - b. *Heart the Lover* by Lily King for the Adult Fiction collection in Big Lake
 - c. *The Most Unusual Haunting of Edgar Lovejoy* by Roan Parrish for the Adult Fiction collection in Big Lake
 - d. *Mate* by Ali Hazelwood for the Adult Fiction collection in Big Lake
- B. Board Report to the Assembly
 1. Kathy Kysar presented "Community Connections: The Impact of Our Borough Libraries" that will be presented to the assembly at their regular meeting on December 2.
 2. Discussion ensued, 5 votes yes, 1 vote no, 2 abstain. Motion passes to have the presentation given by Kathy Kysar on December 2, 2025.
- C. Budget calendar
 1. Jillian Morrissey stated that Hugh Leslie expects to have a draft budget for the November meeting.
- D. AI in the libraries
 1. Jillian Morrissey reported that all libraries will hold public classes on safe and ethical use of AI. She also explained the security measures in place at the borough through the use of Microsoft Copilot.
- E. Addressing AI-generated materials in the library collection – Let's have a conversation
 1. Marty Kincaid suggested using AI to review the monthly library materials list. She also expressed concern over AI materials appearing on library shelves.
 2. Jillian Morrissey explained that the current Collection Development Policy in place provides sufficient safeguards.
 3. No motion was made.

X. ADVOCACY

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Informational articles in packet

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Sally Pollen – Spoke about free speech
- B. Mark Spohn – Spoke about book challenge procedure
- C. Kathy Kysar – Spoke about anti-book ban legislation and 1st Amendment
- D. Karen Crandall – Spoke about available genres in libraries
- E. Chad Scott – Spoke about flagged books
- F. Marty Kincaid – Spoke about flagged books and Charlie Kirk

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. November 18, 2025 – Wasilla Library

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

ATTEST:

X Mary E. Fischer X 11/19/2025
 Mary Fischer - Chair Date

X Sarah Thomas
 Sarah Thomas - Staff
 Support

X 11/19/2025
 Date