Derby Public Library
Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday April 15, 2026
Minutes

1. Ms. Gleason, President, called the meeting to order at 5:50pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call: Present - Ms. Gleason, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Barry, Ms. Cecarelli, Ms. Kopchik, Mr. Foley, Mr. Middendorf, Mr Lionetti, Ms. Smertiuk, Library Director. Absent with notice: Ms. Stankye.

3. Mr. Lionetti moved to adopt the agenda as written. Ms. Doherty seconded and all were in favor.

4. Public Portion was closed.

5. Ms. Kopchik moved to approve the March 18, 2026 Minutes as written. Ms. Cecarelli seconded and all were in favor.

6. Old Business - Board members voted to award the Library Scholarship to Genesis Alvarado. She and her family will be invited to the May meeting to accept her check. Thanks to DHS Principal Olson for having the essays checked for AI before sending them to the Board. Ms. Smertiuk had Zoom set up as an alternative approach for future meetings. The Board asked for more information on internships and volunteering at the May meeting before voting. The DHS Honor Society Project will have their fundraiser on April 20, 2026. Ms. Smertiuk would like this to be a "Year of Visibility ". She and staff will put out on the internet all of the wonderful programs that will be happening at the Derby Public Library.

7. New Business - We were awarded $5,000 from VCF to continue the digitization of newspapers on Microfilm. We will bring us up to 1939!

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Mr. Foley moved to allow staff member Geisha to have a small birthday party for her daughter in the meeting room across from children's room on April 21st.She will pay $50 for 2 hour use and will do all clean up. Ms. Kopchik seconded and all were in favor. Hotchkiss Hose will be celebrating their 190th Anniversary in September 2027. A display will tie-in with other Anniversary celebrations. Check out Christine and Whiney's of time capsule items from the library. New custodian, John DeCarlo,work began on April 6,2026. The Staff agreed to the temporary summer hours. Still waiting to hear which HVAC will win the bid and when work will begin. Water problems need to be addressed. Letter from the CT General Assembly wants to use Library for a Youth Summer Employment Program. Board is interested but would like more information and time for discussions.

8. Executive Session was not necessary.

9. Mr. Lionetti moved to adjourn at 6:50pm. Ms. Kopchik seconded and all were in favor.

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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Barry, Secretary

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