

Avon Grove Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Avon Grove Library, West Grove, PA
Submitted by Allison Thomas

I. Welcome: 6:59 pm

- A. In attendance: Sue Geiger, Pat McKeon, Barbara Hart, Walter Borys, Allison Thomas, Suzanne Regnier, Cordelia Rosazza, Shelly McCoy, David Payne

II. Adoption of Agenda

- A. Motion to adopt the agenda made by Suzanne, seconded by Cordelia, the motion carried.

III. Minutes of 02/25/2026

- A. No changes.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes made by Pat, seconded by Cordelia, the motion carried.

IV. Director's Report – David Payne, Director, see attached report.

- A. February circulation was slightly higher than January, and program and door count numbers were good.
- B. Sarah Lacour has been promoted to the manager of Youth Services. The marketing position has been filled by Kathryn Horan, who is starting April 13th. We are still recruiting for part-time library assistant positions in circulation and youth services.
- C. Storytime attendance continues to be high, with 42 people attending the Dark History program. The Seed to Supper workshops have only had 4 attendees.
- D. Numerous summer programs have been scheduled, and there will also be art programs in 8 parks in the spring and summer.
- E. The Maternity Care Coalition vending machine has been referred to the West Grove Borough Council. They will consider it next month.
- F. Joe Sherwood will be making annual board visit on May 27th.
- G. Motion to approve the Director's Report made by Cordelia, seconded by Pat, the motion carried.
- H. Motion to approve last month's Director's Report made by Cordelia, seconded by Pat, the motion carried,

V. Treasurer's Report - Cordelia Rosazza, Treasurer, see attached report.

- A. The overall fund is about \$20k more than in December (end of February).
- B. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Pat, seconded by Sue, the motion carried.

VI. Old Business

- A. Walter asked about the status of the generator work. Parts have been ordered but there was a backorder.
- B. No other old business for discussion.

VII. New Business

- A. New Avon Grove Library website – current website is with Flipcause. David is talking with another company Lowthian Design, which works exclusively with nonprofits, and pricing is scaled based on means and has been recommended. The Chester County libraries manage their websites independently.

- B. In-person meeting at London Britain Township Meeting Room – it was proposed that we have an upcoming board meeting there.
- C. Chester County 250 programming – a lot of upcoming programming is planned, see attached report.
- D. Charlie Brown Christmas fundraiser – December 8th is available; David will confirm that date.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. No committee reports.

IX. Other items for discussion

- A. Barb noted corrections to the her membership on Committees; she is not on Corporate Donations but is on Planning. David will make the updates.
- B. No other items for discussion.

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm made by Shelly, seconded by Suzanne, the motion carried.

Signed By
Allison Thomas
Secretary

AGL CC250 Report

Chester County Library System Requirements

- Bells Across Chester County
 - o Decorate & display a small bell at the library from May 1st – August 31st, 2026. There will be a bell at each library in the CCLS and a passport that encourages patrons to visit each bell.
- Dare to Declare
 - o Host a dare to declare event that includes the reading of the Declaration of Independence.
- A completion task that involves the number 250.
- Schedule three, or more programs related to America250.

Avon Grove Library's CC250 Plan

- Bells Across Chester County:
 - o Bell will feature local physician, quaker, educator, and abolitionist Ann Preston
 - o Painted by local artist Emily Eggers
- Dare to Declare
 - o The "Local History Geek" Jim Segrave will lead a lively discussion of the Declaration of Independence and the contentious debates in the Continental Congress that led to the creation of one of the world's greatest documents addressing "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". There will be a reading of the Declaration, which Thomas Jefferson considered one of his greatest accomplishments.
- 250 Completion Task: Asking patrons to contribute to a food drive. Looking to collect 250+ food items.

Timeline & Programs

April 2026:

- **April 1st-April 30th** : Chester County History Center Traveling Exhibit → Forged in Freedom: 250 Years of Chester County
 - o on display through month of April
- **April 29th at 6:30PM**: Hidden Patriots: Women of the American Revolution presented by local historian Roberta McManus (history speaker series)

May 2026:

- **May 1st – August 31st** : Avon Grove Library Bell on display
- **May 9, 2026 at 10:30AM**: STEM Saturday: Revolutionary Women (family STEM program)

June 2026:

- **June 24, 2026 at 11AM**: The Amazing Magi presents the American Story (magic show with American history theme for all ages)
- **June 25, 2026 at 6:30PM**: Dare to Declare & presentation on the Declaration of Independence by local historian Jim Segrave-Daly

July 2026:

- **July 1st, 2026 at 11AM**: Bald Eagle Storytime led by local Park Ranger Sarah Sato

- **July 25th, 2026 at morning:** Workshop w/ Hook – “Cardboard Town: Historic Landmarks”

August 2026:

- **August 1st, 2026 at evening:**

Other Planned Events:

- June & July school age writing workshops with American history inspiration → led by local authors (Annette Whipple & Christie Purifoy) → dates & times TBD
- CC250 Mini Grant for Art Workshops:
 - o Series of art workshops for all ages inspired by local history → dates & times TBD
 - o Using Mark Lanyon’s *Lost Chester County* for inspiration
 - o Gallery show – August 1st, 2026 at The Hook Experiment in Oxford, PA (time TBD)