

**Bentley Memorial Library Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 9th, 2025
206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT.**

1. Call to Order:

Ms. Loni Hryn opened the regular meeting at 4:05PM.

2. Attendance:

Present at the regular meeting were Board Members, Claire Fazzina, Dot Neil, Kelly Goldsnider, Loni Hryn, Camden Soucy, Brook Nowak, and Library Director, Liz Thornton. Board Member absent with notice was Chair, Rebecca Holliman.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8th, 2025: A motion was made by Ms. Nowak, seconded by Ms. Soucy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Review of Monthly Statistical Report: July and August Statistical Reports were distributed and reviewed.

6. Review of Monthly Library Budget Summary: Ms. Thornton reported after six failed budget referendums, the library budget has been frozen since June. No orders have been placed since June.

7. Director's Report:

- Downloadables have been increasing and are reported to be the highest ever.
- Due to failed referendums, there is still no physical budget in hand, but the library has been submitting invoices.
- No Book, supplies, or material orders have been placed since June due to frozen budget. Only paying for necessities.
- Donations of books and materials have been helpful during this time.
- Funding is finally unfrozen after the 6th referendum passed.
- Purchase orders and invoices have been submitted to the Finance Department and have been paid.
- New copier is needed. A quote was received for new copier.
- New copier will reduce costs through new contract.
- Over 500 participants in activities/programs that were offered this summer.
- Parents in town are providing positive feedback and gratitude for library programs being offered.
- Federal funding cuts will not affect Bibliomation.
- IMLS is being canceled at the Federal level.
- Federal funding cuts may affect CT State library employees.
- Bibliomation Benefits of Membership for Bentley Memorial Library was distributed for review.

- Letter of Agreement was requested, signed and sent to the CT State Library.
- "Freedom To View" Statement which is adopted and endorsed by ALA is to be added as an addendum in our policy book. There will be an upcoming board vote at the next board meeting.
- Handouts distributed to Board Members: *Bibliomation Benefits of Membership for Bentley Memorial Library, Bentley Memorial Library Statistical Report July 2025, Bentley Memorial Library Statistical Report August 2025, Bentley Memorial Library Board Meeting Dates 2026, Bentley Memorial Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy*

8. Old Business:

-Approval of Library Policies Document: *Tabled until January board Meeting.*

9. New Business:

-Approval of Collection Development and Maintenance Policy: The board voted on new statutory requirements to adopt the Collection Development and Maintenance Policy including program and display policy.

A motion was made by Ms. Hryn, seconded by Ms. Soucy to approve the adoption of the presented policy. The motion passed unanimously.

-Approval of Board Meeting dates for 2026:

A motion was made by Ms. Goldsnider, seconded by Ms. Fazzina to approve the board meeting dates for 2026 as follows. The motion passed unanimously.

January 13, 2026

March 10, 2026

May 12, 2026

July 14, 2026

September 15, 2026

November 10, 2026

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Nowak, seconded by Ms. Hryn to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is November 18, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camden Soucy

Bentley Memorial Library Board Secretary

Please refer to minutes of subsequent meeting for any addition or correction to these minutes.