

ALFRED BOX OF BOOKS

AGENDA BOARD MEETING Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 4:00 PM (Box of Books Library)

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes: April 14th, 2026
- Treasurer's Report: April 2026
- Director's Report: April 2026
- New Business:
 - Library Budget Vote: June 16th, 2026, 2 – 9
 - i. Public Hearing: May 26th at 5:00pm – Almond Library
- Old Business:
 - Caleb's Pay Rate
 - Personal Policy
- Next meeting (Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 4 pm – Parish House)
- Adjournment

Library Director's Report April 2026

Meetings Attended:

- 4/1- DAC DEI Programming Committee Meeting
- 4/9- Summer Workshop presentation prep
- 4/15- Summer Learning Workshop at STLS- presented on DEI in Programming
- 4/29- Met with Bec Cronk (Almond) to discuss summer reading plans

Activities:

- Grant applications submitted
 - Children's Book Council (CBC) Favorites Coordinator- awarded; we will receive ~300 books for ages K-2 to be added to our collections beginning in August
 - Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries- not awarded
 - Allegany County Area Foundation- \$956 awarded for summer reading
 - Believe in Reading Grant
 - Ralph Wilson Grant (STLS)- Allegany County libraries awarded \$80,000 for libraries to purchase outdoor equipment and Library of Things Items.
 - We included snowshoes, snow tubes, pickleball, ladder toss, kan jam, bucket golf, corn hole, small inflatable bounce house. We also will add an outdoor musical chime center to the butterfly garden; a sand table and caterpillar play tunnel. We will be adding active play items such as boom whackers, and activity mats for storytime.
- Annual report completed and submitted. Errors in the financial portion of the report. Melanie coordinated with STLS to unlock the report and with Michelle and Lori to correct the errors.
- Fourth Annual Community Read
 - Only 12 people attended the discussion, but all copies of the books were distributed.
 - Begin planning again in August, so hopefully increase participation.
- Melanie and Bec (Almond 20th Century Club Library) attended Alfred-Almond Central School's Earth Day STEM night. Made 100 buttons!
- Summer reading planning
 - Calendar finalized
 - Storytimes planned

- Melanie and Bec coordinated so our “larger” programs do not compete. Will be working on a joint calendar to deliver to Alfred Almond in early June.
- Budget Vote
 - Legal Notice into the Alfred Sun
 - Working on FAQ’s and Website
 - Working on Annual Report to the Community
- Outreach Activities
 - Community Potluck hosted by Alfred State’s Center for Civic Leadership
 - Alfred Senior Luncheon
- Letter submitted to Tammy Raub re: building.

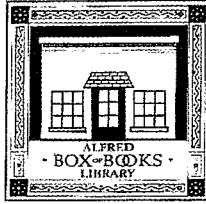
Program Statistics:

- 4/2: Read & Do Crew: No Sew Sock Bunny- 7C 3A
- 4/8: Mini Library: 5A
- 4/9: Rock Wall: 19C; 8A
- 4/15: Community Read: 12A
- 4/25: Hot Dog Day Facepainting: 130 faces
- 4/25: Hot Dog Day Balloon Animals: 200 balloons
- 4/29: Community Potluck & BINGO: 47
- Storytime: 28C, 17A (4 sessions)
- Dungeons and Dragons: 10A (2 sessions)
- Mah Jongg: 15A (4 sessions)

Statistics

	2026	2025
Circulation	1003	937
Holds Received	157	219
Holds Filled	338	296
Users Added	13	6
Items Added	108	125
EBook Check Outs	113	102
Audiobook Check outs	195	170
Digital Magazines	192	145
ILL	6	3
Kanopy	13	
Mango	8	

Overdrive checkouts: +7 OWWL Checkouts; +5 FLLS Checkouts
Alfred Almond Central School: +25 ebook; +5 audio; +6 FLLS



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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026

4:00 PM Parish House

Present: Allison Snyder, President; Megan Parry, Secretary, Mechelle Romanchock. (No quorum.)

Also Present: Melanie Miller, Library Director.

Absent (excused): Deb Stephens, Vice President; Sam Frechette, Treasurer, Pat Crandall, Isaac Matson, Amy Powers, Carlyn Yanda

Public Comment: none.

Approval of Minutes, April 14th, 2026. Tabled, due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report: April, 2026. Tabled, due to lack of quorum. And lack of Treasurer.

Director's Report: April 2026. Melanie Miller, Director.

Three hundred books for ages K-2 will be added to the collection thanks to a grant awarded by the Children's Book Council. The CBC will publish a list of favorites after participating children cast their votes.

The Allegany County Area Foundation awarded the library \$956 for the summer reading program.

A group of Allegany County Libraries received \$88,000 from the Ralph Wilson Foundation for outdoor equipment and Library of Things items. The Box of Books is part of that group, so it will receive a long list of equipment and Items to be loaned out and used on site.

Melanie and Almond Librarian Bec Cronk attended the Alfred Almond Central School's Earth Day STEM Night.

Melanie attended a community potluck hosted by Alfred State's Center for Civic Leadership.

In spite of uninviting weather, Hot Dog Day was very well-attended and a great success! Box of Books highlights were face painting, and balloon animals.

Melanie would like to establish a regular and reliable liaison with the Village Board. She will approach board member Jim Cronin about this.

There's a question about whose responsibility it is to mow the library's lawn. The Village has declined this past favor. If AU follows suit, Melanie will solicit bids from lawn-care services.

New Business:

Library Budget Vote, June 16th, 2026, 2-9pm at AACS. There will be a public hearing in advance of the vote, during which Melanie and Allison will present the Library budget. This hearing takes place May 26th, 5pm, at the Almond Library.

Old Business:

Circulation and Programming Assistant Caleb Fesmire's activities have greatly increased following Rima O'Connor's recent retirement. The board discussed bumping up his paid time off to 10 days, and giving him a 5% raise. **(NOTE: An on-line Executive Session resulted in a vote approving these changes.)**

Personnel Policy: A discussion and vote on approval of this policy was tabled for the June meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 4pm, Parish House.

Adjournment: Allison Snyder adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Megan Parry, secretary.