

Utica Public Library Board of Trustees – August 2026 Meeting

Director's Report

- 7/20/26 - Met with Heather Watson from the Center of Family Life & Recovery (EAP) for formally plan the Staff Day schedule
- 7/22/26 - Had lunch with Diana Koury and Sara Billman to discuss bank accounts & variance analysis in relation to the current audit
- 7/27/26 - Met with Mandy Travis & Lisa Matte in Rome to discuss this coming year's Co-Central Plan of Service & CLSA meeting
- 7/29/26 - Met with Chelan Vanno at the Portal to discuss the afternoon portion of Staff Day 2026
- 8/4/26 - Taped a segment for CNY's Open House on community partnerships, the school supply drive, & general interest items about the library
- 8/5/26 - Had lunch with a potential new board member & possible Treasurer
- 8/6/26 - Went to the Portal's 1st Anniversary and Ribbon Cutting by the Chamber
- 8/7/26 - Received \$37,500 from the estate of Mary Elizabeth Tranquille. This comes after an initial distribution of \$20,000 from the same estate.
- 8/7/26 - Participated in Munson's "Lunch & Listen" series where I read letters from Charles Burchfield
- 8/10/26 - Attended the LC Communication/Inclusion Work Group Meeting
- 8/11/26 - Had a Facilities Committee meeting and met with Phil Sbarra to discuss working with a structural engineer on a quote to retrofit our current elevator. The LED lighting project and building insurance was also discussed
- 8/13/26 - Lunch meeting with Dan Olivadoti from 50Forward to discuss possible collaborations going forward
- 8/14/26 - Attended the 2026 Community Champions Gala

Comings and goings: Hired Zoe Griffin as the new PT Librarian