

Utica Public Library Board of Trustees – July 2026 Meeting

Director's Report

- 6/23/26 - Had a Zoom meeting with Hannah Barley to discuss branding and logo design. She is the third (and maybe final) artist that will submit their design for consideration.
- 6/24/26 - Met with Dan Olivadoti from 50 Forward to discuss potential collaborations and partnerships.
- 6/25/26 - Went to the Munson Book Club debriefing meeting. UPL will be the “host” library for the August/September book, *Whistler* by Ann Patchett.
- 6/29/26 - Summer reading kicked off on Monday, June 29th. First week signups for Juv and Teens is the most since Amanda started here at the library and maybe the most ever.
- 6/30/26 - Attended the Munson For All public campaign kick off
- 7/1/26 - UPL celebrated America's 250th with a music performance in the Gallery and with Oneida History Center in the lobby. Other programs were planned in the coming weeks
- 7/7/26 - Reached out to Mid York's EAP partner, CFLR, to conduct trainings on Staff Day in Sept which would cover the following topics:
 - Self-Care That Actually Works
 - Holistic Wellness: Body, Mind, Lifestyle
 - General Wellness: Hydration, Sleep, and Routine
 - Daily Micro-Habits That Improve Mental Health
 - Work-Life Balance During Busy Season
 - De-escalation Training
- 7/8/26 - Actual Summer Reading Kick Off party for the kids at UPL
- 7/8/26 - Sara and I had a conference call with Andrew from Gilroy Kernan and Gilroy to discuss new building insurance rates, the increases, and GKG working to adjust those
- 7/9/26 - Meyda Lighting, with coordination with Dale & Chris Granger from Eastern Energy, was out to do a full assessment of our building's lighting and Exit sign configuration. That assessment will be the basis for the Mid York Construction Grant I

plan on writing for this project. This project is overdue and the opportunity is there. The assessment should be complete by July 20 and the grant is due by August 5th.

- 7/9/26 - The second branding and logo design was submitted to me from Red Pixel studios (stay tuned)
- 7/14/26 - Scheduled to participate in the Recharge & Reset: The Power of Self-Care webinar
- 7/15/26 - Mid York DAC meeting
- 7/15/26 - MVCEP meeting
- Comings and goings: Hired Diarra Leggett as the new PT Circ Clerk
 - Have a PT Librarian position posted until filled