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Dennis Town Clerk
Date: March 14, 2026
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Minutes from Meeting Dennis Library Board, January 8, 2026

Members Present: Kate Byron, Chair, Jane Wilson, Flo Harris, Nancy Wilson, Carol Terala, Cindy Cullen, Eileen Murphy.

Members Absent: Jamie Forster, Lynn Carlson

Also in attendance was the Director of the Dennis Memorial Library.

Meeting was called to order at 3:42p.m.

Minutes from November 13, 2025, meeting were accepted with corrections.

Director's Report: Proposed Library Budget will go before the Finance Committee in February of March. The libraries received a generous grant from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. Among the items received from the Grant include Desktops, Laptops, Tablets and White Boards. Visits to the Ezra Baker classrooms are ongoing. Kindergarten and First grade students will be visiting Dennis Memorial Library this month. Brainstorming has begun for celebrating our Nations's 250th Anniversary at the libraries.

Chair Report: Dennis Conservation Trust's Story Walk ran through January 5. The Town Report is due at the end of January. Kate will provide the Library Report to the Town. Dennis Conservation Land Trust Action Plan was approved by the State in December 2025.

Library Representatives Reports

South Dennis: Flo Harris updated the Board on upcoming events including Music and Movement Storytime held every Wednesday, A Frozen Paint Party set for Saturday January 10, A Sensory Friendly movie, "The Wild Robot" will be on Tuesday January 13. Registration is required as there is limited space. The Native Plant Gardening Club will meet on January 27. Paint Night featuring Abstract Brushstrokes will be held on February 2. Participants will need to register.

Dennis Memorial Library: Jane Wilson reported that Tai Chi classes are now being held on Tuesday. Following the presentation on AI, the library will hold subsequent programs on this topic. A talk on Chat GPT will be held on January 10. During February vacation, volunteer Girl Scouts will help with STEM activities and games.

Dennis Public Library: Nancy reported that a hospice volunteer will present a talk on Death and Dying on Friday January 30. The library is participating in the Massachusetts Center for the Book Challenge. This month's book theme is "Winter".

West Dennis Library: Plans are being made to bring players from the YD Cape Cod Baseball team to the library this Summer for reading time. Val is looking into having a Storytime at the West Dennis Graded Schoolhouse during the Summer months.

Jacob Sears: The library is completing a drive collecting personal hygiene products for the Family Pantry of Cape Cod. Upcoming plans include a Valentine themed project day planned for February 7.

There was a lengthy discussion on the impact the town wide road construction is having on the libraries. Two buildings are currently impacted. Suggestions to increase awareness that these buildings are remaining open during the project included signage around detours. Further discussion will be ongoing as this is a long-term project for the Town of Dennis.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Next meeting will be February 12. Time and place TBD.

Respectfully submitted

Eileen Murphy

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