

SALS Board Meeting

May 18, 2026 at 5 p.m.
The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

Minutes

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on May 18, 2026, at The Queensbury Hotel, and brought to order at 5:45 p.m. with President Carol Kuhr presiding.

1. Call to order and welcome. A moment of silence was observed for Robert “Bob” Jeffords.
2. SALS trustees and SALS staff were introduced.

Present in-person were Sue Beck, Heather Crocker, Laura Goodman, Eleanor DeVries, Jordan Hornstein, Secretary Janet Lindner, Noelle McCrum, Patricia Partello, Treasurer Thomas Shaginaw, and Vice President Margaret Shapiro. Not present was Debbie Warnock. SALS staff present in-person were: Executive Director Kim Bolan, Assistant Director Jill Ryder, JA Project Manager Jesse Jensen, Office Manager Pamela DeSignore, Outreach and Information Services Librarian Jack Scott, and Member Services Librarian Lisa Christopher.

3. Ms. Lindner took the roll call of member libraries, and SALS Superlatives were announced.

Sixty-eight trustees and one hundred eighteen representatives from twenty-seven of the thirty-four member libraries were represented.

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| Argyle Free library | Ballston Community Public Library – Burnt Hills | Ballston Spa Public Library |
| Bolton Free Library | Caldwell-Lake George Library | Cambridge Public Library |
| Clifton Park/Halfmoon Public Library | Corinth Free Library | Crandall Public Library-Glens Falls |
| Galway Public Library | Greenwich Free Library | Horicon Free Public Library-Brant Lake |
| Hudson Falls Free Library | Inlet Public Library | Mechanicville District Public Library |
| Pember Library and Museum | Raquette Lake Library | Raquette Lake Library |
| Rockwell Falls Public Library-Luzerne | Saratoga Springs Public Library | Schuylerville Public Library |
| Stillwater Public Library | Stony Creek Free Library | The Richards Library (Warrensburg) |
| Town of Chester Library | Town of Johnsbury Library | Waterford Public Library |

Ms. Kuhr introduced the SALS staff and welcomed guest speaker, Saratoga Springs’ Poet Laureate, Jay Rogoff.

4. Ms. Bolan, along with Faith St. John, Chair of the SALS Directors Council, made brief remarks and Ms. Bolan introduced Jay Rogoff, the keynote speaker.

5. Jay Rogoff presented "Poets and Libraries."
6. Ms. Goodman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the Election of Trustees to fill two vacancies for Warren County. The following candidates agreed to serve, if elected:

- For Warren County: Noelle McCrum and Rachelle Tessier, both for a first five-year term

Brief biographical information about these nominees was provided in the April 27, 2026 notice. Ms. Goodman asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Seeing no nominations Ms. Goodman instructed the secretary to cast one ballot for the people nominated by the Trustee Nominating Committee who are hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

7. Ms. Lindner presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Sue Beck for her service as a member of the SALS Board of Trustees for five years of service.
8. Ms. Partello, Chair of the Library Services Committee, presented the Program of the Year Award to the Mechanicville District Public Library. An honorable mention was also presented to the Schuylerville Free Library.
9. Mr. Hornstein, Chair of the Personnel and Planning Committee, presented the Trustee of the Year Award to Robert "Bob" Odess of the Cambridge Public Library.
10. Ms. Kuhr asked if there were questions for her, the SALS Board of Trustees, or the Executive Director.
11. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Trustees Noelle McCrum and Rachelle Tessier took their Oaths of Office immediately following the adjournment. The notarized Oaths of Office, the Certification of Election, and a copy of the draft minutes were mailed to the Saratoga County Clerk's office on May 25th, 2026.

Next SALS Board Meeting: June 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the SALS Service Center.