

Daniel Pierce Library  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
January 28, 2026

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:08 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Leanore Egan, Bob Eddings, David Schneyer (arrived at 7:16 pm), Laura Denman, Scott Allison and Bill Richardson. Also present was Cathy Russo, Library Manager.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Correspondence:** L Egan read thank you notes from Rhea DeMaria and Lori Ansbro for Christmas gifts.

**Financial Reports:** C Russo presented the financial statements for December, 2025. The Balance sheet figures were similar to the previous month. Donations were received in memory of Margaret Coombe. Income and expenses for operations were within their normal ranges for the month of December. We ended the year in the black.

It was moved by S. Allison and seconded by L. Egan to accept the financial statements for December, 2025. Motion carried.

**Director's Report:** C Russo presented the Directors Report for December, 2025 into January, 2026. She highlighted activities and programs sponsored by the library. She stated the annual report to the community has been completed. The full report is attached.

**Old Business:** M Martin reported that Library Advocacy Day is on February 3 in Albany if anyone is interested in going.

**New Business:**

1. C Russo presented the Tax Cap Resolution language to be adopted by the Board of Trustees for the 2027 budget:

Whereas, the adoption of this 2027 budget for the Daniel Pierce Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2027 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 28, 2026.

Moved by D. Schneyer, seconded by L. Egan. Motion carried.

2. Sexual Harassment Training will be held 6:00 pm March 18, 2026 (an hour before the board meeting).
3. Board Trainings will be held one hour before the May and November board meetings.
4. Reminder Donut Day is February 17. Trustees signed up for shifts.
5. The Museum has partnered with the library and is having a program with Chris Gibson on February 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

**Committee Updates:** There was discussion regarding the Giant Pumpkin Party and how the structure will be revised this year to include a parade. Trustee members signed up for committees for 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by L. Denman and seconded by L. Egan. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Russo