



GEORGIA VERMONT

Georgia Public Library Trustee Meeting Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM Georgia Public Library Community Room Agenda

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Georgia Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
4. TREASURER REPORT
5. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Capital Budget Update
 - B. Emergency Call/Vendor List
 - C. Hazardous Materials Policy
 - D. Library Narrative in Town Plan Update
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)
10. ADJOURN

Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Georgia Public Library, Georgia Elementary & Middle School, Maplefields & Georgia Market).

Signed: Therese Cleveland, Trustee Chair

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The Georgia Public Library supports the town with programming and services wholly valued by the townspeople. GPL programming includes weekly story time, chess club 3x a week, bi-weekly dungeons and dragons club for both kids and adults, robust summer reading programming with 3+ activities and presentations per week during summer break in addition to regular activities, a tween book club, art-based activities, tech education classes, author visits, dance classes, story walks that bring books to hiking trails in town, hosting community meetings like the Stream Wise program by the Friends of Lake Champlain, and organizational meetings for Georgia United Soccer club, plus so much more!

This snapshot of the in-progress 2024 summer program (June 14-July 31) is a simple, strong example: 70 programs were presented, and 231 adults and 367 youth attended these. Between June 1 and July 31, 1,783 people came through the library door.

The GPL has received grants from the National Library of Medicine, The Northwest Counseling Support Services, the Winnie Bell Learned Fund, the United Way of Northwestern Vermont, and Vermont Department of Library Grants for the Summer Reading Program and an Inter-library Courier Grant.

The GPL does not just provide access to books and e-resources, often considered the sole role of libraries. These additional services include: a cooling station for towns' people; providing seniors with tax services through AARP; giving shelter to high school students after being dropped off by the "late afternoon" school bus; providing technology support; assistance with resume writing support, and so much more. Residents just need to ask and we will try our best to find a way to support that request.

Long-term goals for GPL include, but are not limited to bringing the building into compliance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; a two-person circulation desk that is sized to meet Library programming needs; additional electrical outlets and an exterior electronic sign that promotes not only the Library but Georgia Town information vital to the townspeople; updated parking; and most importantly, staff to accommodate the growth and needs of the community.