

**Dunbarton Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monday, March 24, 2025 6:00PM  
Emergency Meeting: IMLS  
FINAL**

**Attendance:**

Trustees: Sara Anderson, Bruce Banks (Chair), Carol Kilmister, Karen Lessard

Staff: Mary Girard (Library Director)

Members of public: There were no members of the public.

Bruce Banks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

**New Business:**

The Board discussed how to inform the Dunbarton Public Library patrons of an Executive Order signed on 3/14/25 by the Trump Administration which calls for defunding of the **Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)**, the federal agency charged with distributing congressionally approved funds to state libraries and to the library, museum and archives programs.

The Board approved the following statements:

1. The federal funds from this agency fund the New Hampshire State Library's Interlibrary Loan system, the van drivers, administrative staff, and computer software used to order items. It is important to note that using the State-wide Interlibrary Loan system, our library borrowed 221 items for patrons and lent out 735 items to other libraries last year. Interlibrary loan is an important service, especially for small libraries like ours that have small budgets. We also rely on Interlibrary loan for book kits and books for multiple book discussion groups. Losing this service will impact our patrons and library.
2. Also funded at the New Hampshire State Library with IMLS funds is the platform for the Libby app used for e-Books and audiobooks. We know how much our community utilizes New Hampshire

Downloadable Books—last year we downloaded 5805 items, which is a large increase from previous years. The loss of downloadable content would have a very strong effect.

3. Also funded is the New Hampshire State Library's **Talking Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program**. If these funds are cut, these services will go away.

**It was decided that we will do the following:**

1. Mary will construct an information chart to display in the library which will relay the above information.
2. Mary will put the above information into the weekly library newsletter.

**Next meeting:** The next regular meeting will be MONDAY, April 4, 2025 at 6:00PM in the library.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Carol Kilmister

Seconded: Karen Lessard

Motion approved via roll call vote: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Anderson