NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 21, 2026

Present: Director Lynn Brown, President Monica Blank , Mary Christina Jones, Joan Hawthorne, Francis Schwalm, Kari Cameron, Barbara Mitrano, Debra Landers.
Absent: Pamela Kissel, Linda Branch, Ann-Marie Dean
Call to Order: President Monica Blank called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the September 21, 2026 Agenda made by Joan Hawthorne, 2nd by Debra Landers-unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

Board of Trustees Update: Director Lynn Brown reported that Martin Zess has resigned from the Board due to a conflict. Will review member return dates at next meeting. Will possibly decide on a new person for the Board.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept July 20, 2026 meeting minutes made by Kari Cameron, 2nd by Joan Hawthorne-unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking	$16,645.84
Business Savings	$ 5,149.30
Bullet Aid	$16,936.39
Comm ODP 7611	$ 0.00

A written copy of bank balances submitted. Picture graphs of the Investment Portfolio's progress were handed out to all Board Members. Treasurer Joan Hawthorne reported she spoke with Andy. She was informed that year-to-date we have increased by $135,000. He told her there's no cause for alarm, they're just being more conservative & taking less risks.

Budget Status Reporting: A written copy of the Profit & Loss Budget Performance for January through August 2026 was provided for all Board Members,

Director's Report: Director Lynn Brown reported on Programming and Programming Statistics, Meetings Attended, and Circulation Statistics. A written copy of the full report was provided to all Board Members. She also reported that Marty Molinari will be doing

another presentation on the Kennedy Conspiracy and Steve Brew will be scheduled to come again also.

Fundraising & Community Engagement: Kari Cameron reported the Art Show will be held on November 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 23.

Old Business: Director Lynn Brown reported that the tree is scheduled to be taken down this week by Tim's Tree Service at a cost of $1500 with the drain work to follow.

New Business: The MCLS Direct Access Plan of Service was reviewed. **A motion to approve the Monroe County Library System Direct Access Plan of Service for 2027-2031 and authorize the MCLS Director to submit the plan to the New York State Library Division of Library Development was made by Kari Cameron, 2nd by Mary Christina Jones-unanimously approved.**
The revised plan was endorsed by the MCLS Director's Council on July 8,2026 and approved by the MCLS Board of Trustees on August 17, 2026.

Full Plan: MCLS Direct Access Plan of Service 2027-2031

Dates of Future Board Meetings:
Nov. 16th

Meeting adjourned 6:52 p.m.