East Haddam Library Systems Board of Trustees
Subcommittee Public Relations Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 3, 2026

Meeting called to order 2:36pm

Members present: M Mazur, L White
Also in attendance: E Morgen, Library Director
Approval of May 6, 2026 minutes accepted with changes noted. Under **Director's Report**, paragraph 1(one), the award for Words From the Woods Book Circle was bestowed at 3:15 pm, not 3:30 as was reported. Under **Library Program Updates**, paragraph 1(one), the library system website was misspelled. Eathaddamlibrarysystem should say easthaddamlibrarysystem.org

Director's Report

Library Director, E Morgen shared several pages of articles written for The East Haddam News, including The Library and Land Trust Award article she wrote and submitted as well as upcoming activities planned by the Children's Librarian, including the Summer Reading Kick Off celebration coming up on June 19, 2026 at the Moodus branch, East Haddam Free Public Library. Patrons are reminded to visit the website, easthaddamlibrarysystem.org to see the current programs schedule.These articles share exciting opportunities for all ages being held throughout the summer.

She continues to report increasing membership in the East Haddam Land Trust partnership Woods From the Woods Book Circle as well as a new informational display set up at the East Haddam branch, Rathbun Library.

The Library System will have displays set up to celebrate Juneteenth.

She is preparing a program with the Sustainability Committee and the East Haddam Land Trust, to present the Doug Tallemy video about Oak trees. This is being held at the Grange potentially in September, as both library buildings are inaccessible to some of the public as well as being too small to host programs that have more than 7-10 attendees.

Library Program Updates

Patrons are always encouraged to visit the EHLS website for a complete and updated calendar of events. eathaddamlibrarysystem.org There are recurring events as well as specialty events listed for both locations. Upcoming highlights include several programs for children ages 5-12 years old, making paper lanterns and paper plate bugs at the Rathbun branch in East Haddam and a rag flower creation to celebrate the 250th of the country, at the East Haddam Free Public branch in Moodus.

Old Business

Community Invitations/Opportunities and Upcoming Events and participation

As mentioned above many community partnerships have created amazing programming. See the Easthaddamlibrarysystem.org website for current offerings. Upcoming community partnership programs for the East Haddam Free Public Moodus branch include The Denison

Pequotsepos Nature Center, Four Root Farm, Klassic Kreations, Food Explorers, Tri Gable Lea Farm, LLC and Cathy & Company. Keep your eyes on the website for all activities, dates and times as well as pre-registration requirements.

A brief description of the first New Library Exploratory Committee meeting was presented by L White, Secretary to the New Library Exploratory Committee.

New Business

Public Relations and Media Policy

Changes to policy discussed and accepted by the Public Relations Committee.

The Library System will have a table with the Ancestry database available as part of the town's upcoming 250th celebration being held at the Grange and The First Church July 11, 2026. E Morgen reminds the community that help is needed by the 250th Celebration Committee. Contact First Selectman, Todd Gelston- todd.gelston@easthaddam.org, to sign up. She also mentioned ushers are needed at The First Church.

Discussion of member availability for July and August subcommittee meetings and Regular trustee meetings.

M Mazur is unavailable for the Regular Trustees meeting July 9, 2026, L White will report for the Public Relations Committee at the July 9, 2026 Trustee meeting.

M Mazur is unavailable for the August 5, 2026 Public Relations Committee meeting, M Mazur and L White are unavailable for the August 13, 2026 Regular Trustees meeting. A paper report from the Public Relations Committee will be submitted to the Trustees for the Regular Trustees meeting August 13, 2026.

No Other New Business

Meeting Adjourned 3:46pm

Next meeting July 1, 2026 2:30pm at the Rathbun Library

Respectfully Submitted, Laurel White, Secretary