

Gowanda Free Library January 29, 2026

In attendance, Charity Knighten, Jeff Hatfield, Hayley Wilkins, Adriane Miller, Heidi Khawam  
Charity Knighten calls the meeting to order at 6:53pm.

Charity Knighten moves to accept the secretary report, Jeff Hatfield seconds, all in favor.

The director's report is read. Electricians will report for work in February and again in the spring.  
The library system computers need to be replaced. By January 2027, 13 computers. The Board  
discussed fundraising for the computers.

Officer elections- Officer bylaws, regarding the election of officers: Hayley Wilkins motions for  
the election of officers on the same docket as we currently have. Charity Knighten, President;  
Jeff Hatfield, Vice President; Hayley Wilkins, Treasurer; Adriane Miller, Secretary. Charity  
Knighten seconds, all in favor.

#### Tax Levy Proposition

Motion proposed by Charity Knighten that the annual appropriation for the operation of the  
Gowanda Free Library be increased by 5%, from \$61,383.60 to \$64,452.78 and that the  
Gowanda Board of Education of the Gowanda Central School District, Cattaraugus,  
Chautauqua, and Erie counties, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary taxes thereafter.  
Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

The board discusses wage increases of 3.125%. The clerk went from \$16.50 to \$17.02.  
Page per the minimum wage increase, their wage will go from \$15.50 to \$16.00. Charity  
Knighten proposes the wage increase for the page and the clerk and to be backdated to  
January 1, 2026. Hayley Wilkins seconds, all in favor.

Board members signed conflict of interest forms

Deleting loan requests from the Library Circulation Policy.

Changed to age, rather than grade.

Hayley Wilkins moved to accept changes to age and removing book loans from library  
circulation policy. Charity Knighten seconds, all in favor.

The board discussed snow removal.

Hayley Wilkins read the budget report. To call the bank about the safety deposit box.

Call the insurance company about new quotes.

Call Savers about fundraising for new computers.

Discussed budget, Charity Knighten moves to pass the 2026 budget, Jeff Hatfield seconds, all  
in favor.

Charity Knighten moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

Next board meeting is March 26, 2026

