

Gowanda Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting

May 1, 2026

Call to order at 5:40pm

Present: Rebekah Newell, Charity Knighten, Hayley Wilkins, and Jeff Hatfield

Discussion led by Hiring Committee about interviews

Hiring Committee recommended Jessica Mekus as the Director of the Gowanda Free Library.

Charity motioned to Jessica Mekus, Jeff seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Charity will call Jessie to make the offer.

- \$22 per hour - \$32,032 per year
- 28 hours a week salary
- Start day 5/4/2026

Board discussed meeting monthly for the next few months.

We also discussed meeting earlier than 6:30 going forward.

Kiwana's meeting Tuesday May 5, Heidi will take Jessie to introduce her and request money for summer reading plan.

Rebekah brought up Legion Board Meeting on 5/21/2026 at 6:30 – will ask Jessie to attend

Change meeting to 5pm on May 21, 2026.

Adjourn meeting at 6:12pm.