

OCSLD Meeting

June 4, 2024 at Solvay Public Library and via Zoom

13 people in attendance

Amanda P. updated the group on library construction aid. The portal opens June 5 for the 2024 – 2025 funding year. The strategic plan is moving along with focus groups being formed. OCPL planned to participate in CNY Pride and was looking for people to march. There are also new OCPL trustees.

We had a discussion regarding service animals in the library and emotional support animals. The discussion concluded by acknowledging a need for a policy about the difference between a legal service animal and emotional support animals.

Books by Mail was discussed. Everyone was in support of the proposal but wanted OCPL to look further into it. Should other initiatives take priority? Should a needs assessment be done? What criteria will we use to determine eligibility?

New business included Pride Month displays and what other libraries are doing to celebrate pride. Building maintenance and its challenges was also talked about. Lastly, COVID leave was brought up because the NYS paid COVID leave is still in effect until July 31, 2025.

Libraries then shared ideas including looking into reviving the booth at the NYS Fair, EV charging stations at DeWitt, OCPL trustees attending member board meetings.

Our next meeting is August 6th at 10 am. Location TBD.