Members of the Public may sign up for Public Comment via the CHAT by 9:00 a.m. Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, pcarver@bpl.org.
The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library’s Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

*We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for* our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto ‘free to all.’

*Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.*
Chair’s Report
Priscilla H. Douglas

• Roll Call of the Board

• Introduction of New Trustees
  ➢ Jose C. Masso III
  ➢ Lynn Perry Wooten

• Approval of Minutes from 5.24.22

• Introduction of New Affiliate Board Chairs
  ➢ Charles Cooney, Leventhal Map & Education Center
  ➢ Alyce Lee, The Affiliates of the BPL
FY23 TRUSTEES THEME

**ENGAGE, AMPLIFY, & PARTNERSHIP**

1. Trustees as Library Ambassadors

1. Discussion by Trustees
UPDATES TO TRUSTEES’ COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Special Collections
- Jabari Asim*
- Joe Berman*
- Ben Bradlee Jr., Chair*
- Charles Cooney
- K. Matthew Dames, Vice Chair
- Elliot B. Davis
- Juan Enriquez
- Jeff Hawkins*
- Elizabeth Johnson
- David Leonard
- Beth Prindle

Community Engagement
- Evelyn Arana-Ortiz*
- Joseph Berman*
- Michelle Coleman
- Linda Dorcena Forry, Chair*
- Imari K. Paris Jeffries
- David Leonard, President
- John Linehan
- Jose C. Masso III*
- Dayron J. Miles
- Nam Pham
- Representative Chynah Tyler*
- Pam Waterman

Governance & Development
- John Hailer, Chair*
- Navjeet Bal*
- Cheryl Cronin*
- Linda Dorcena Forry*
- David Leonard
- Christian Westra*
- Lynn Perry Wooten*

* = Trustee
UPDATES TO TRUSTEES’ COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Fellowes Athenaeum Trust
- Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Chair*
- Priscilla Foley
- Jacqueline Johnson
- Allen Knight
- Elizabeth T. Nagarajah
- Che Madyun
- Rep. Chynah Tyler, Vice Chair*

Finance & Audit
- Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Chair*
- Navjeet Bal*
- John Hailer*
- Jeff Hawkins*
- David Leonard
- Senator Mike Rush*

Executive Committee
- Ben Bradlee Jr*
- Priscilla Douglas, Chair*
- Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair*
- Cheryl Cronin*
- Linda Dorcena Forry*
- John Hailer*
- Jeff Hawkins*
UPDATES TO TRUSTEES’ COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. Facilitate Deeper Topic Engagement  
   • (Full Board vs. Executive Committee)

2. Executive Committee membership  
   • Planned Strategic Planning Sub-Committee (TBD)

3. Community Engagement Committee: Name, Membership, Future Topics:  
   • Library’s Outward Communication Strategy  
   • Neighborhood Outreach Strategy  
   • Strategic & Local Partnerships Strategy

4. Discussion by Trustees
President’s Report
David Leonard

A. Recent highlights
B. Current challenges
C. Where are we: Current Roadmap and needs for Strategic Plan
D. Invitation to follow the Library’s News (multi-channel).
E. Proposed topics for FY23 board meetings
• The key message was clear: these are your treasures, and we want you to come see them
• Ribbon cutting attended by Mayor Wu and Cabinet members
• Media plan resulted in a “full house” of media coverage: Daily, Weekly, Radio, and TV -- including a full color, full-page feature in the Boston Globe Ideas section.
• Continue to support opening messaging with ongoing social media coverage
A brilliant idea from a Children’s Librarian; now a full branding + awareness campaign:

• 108-page booklet mapping routes between all 26 locations

• Ad campaign for Library Card signup month, including bus shelters, digital signage, billboards, and placements in weekly neighborhood papers

• **Book it Around Boston** fun run/walk, in partnership with Heartbreak Hill Runners

• New library cards
Adult Summer Reading had its highest participation year on record, with more than 2,000 participants.

Pictured is Christina Jones, who signed up 192 people to win the Louis Saint-Gaudens Trophy for staff participation in Adult Summer Reading.
Our diverse booklists continue to be a source of pride and excitement, with two new additions this year:

• The launch of Native Lives, Native Stories, which explores the experience of indigenous peoples through literature. Published in November, this offering will become part of the City of Boston’s promotion of indigenous peoples during November.

• In addition, our Web Services team collaborated with our Reader Services team to launch the first-ever archive of our equity booklists, reaching back more than 50 years.
BPL closed system-wide on 9/23 so we could gather as one library community.

More than 30 different workshops and team building opportunities included health and wellness sessions, technology training, EDI workshops, yoga, and the very popular escape room game in Bates Hall.

In an anonymous post-event survey, more than 60% of attendees rated the day Very Good or Excellent.

We were joined by Mayor Wu, Human Services Chief Jose Massó, and Chair Priscilla Douglas.
Mayor Michelle Wu joined us in May to announce equity weddings at BPL. Couples can be married at the BPL in a one-hour, $200 wedding ceremony in the Guastavino Room at the Central Library.

The offering was so popular that summer dates were filled within just three days of the announcement.

The offering received significant broadcast, TV, and print coverage, along with social media coverage from influencer accounts across the city and the Urban Library Council.
President’s Report
David Leonard

B. Current challenges:
- Vacancy Management
- South End Branch Closure

C. Where are we: Current Roadmap and needs for Strategic Plan

D. Invitation to follow the Library’s News (multi-channel).
President’s Report
David Leonard

Proposed topics for FY23 board meetings:
1. Invited guests (urban public library trends and best practices)
2. Collections Usage: patterns & metrics
3. Library Services initiatives & metrics
4. Equity & Outreach metrics
5. Technology, Digital Services, & Engagement with metrics
VOTES

F. North End/Il Panino Agreement

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to approve an extension to the 2017 lease agreement for the North End Branch and Il Panino.”

G. West End Branch

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston authorize the President of the Library to collaborate with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and other agencies as needed, for the redevelopment of the current site of the West End Branch Library under the city’s ‘Housing with Public Assets’ program,’ such redevelopment to include a new branch library as part of the development based on the recently completed programming study.”
Finance & Audit Committee

Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Member
Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer
CONTRACTS FOR VOTE

A. Approval of Catering and Food Service Vendor  
Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer and Emily Tokarczyk, Director of Special Events

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve a contract with The Catered Affair, 70 Ledgewood Place, Rockland, MA 02370 for a term of three years beginning November 1, 2023 with (2) one-year additions.”


VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Boston Public Library’s Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.”
# FY 22 Donations, Gifts, and Grants

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Fellowes Athenaeum
Trust Advisory Committee

Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair
The Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee met on August 17, 2022. There were 19 applicants with 21 grant proposals. Subsequent to the meeting, additional information was requested of 4 applicants. Ultimately 20 grants were awarded to 18 applicants (9 new, 9 returning), totaling $115,376.28 for the 2023 fiscal year.

*In addition to the grant proposals, the FATC also approved the Roxbury Branch’s annual distribution of $5k for programming, $3K for administrative costs, and the allocation for the Program Manager’s salary.

An orientation meeting for grantees was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Roxbury Branch. Programs begin October 2022.
SUBJECT CATEGORIES

Arts
• Dance
• Film
• Exhibit
• Music Concerts
• Music Lessons
• Play Reading Book Club
• Visual Arts

Instruction
• Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement
• Brazilian Dance Class
• Chess Classes
• Math for Life (4th & 5th graders)
• Creative Writing & Visual Art Making
• Genealogy “Tracing Our Roots” Bootcamp
• Smart Phones workshop
• Collage Workshop
• Creativity as Meditation
• Family Cooking classes
• Senior Cooking classes
• Sewing Classes
• Movers and Shakers
• Play Reading Book Club
• Piano classes
• Musical stories – Interactive literature and music learning
• Arts Camp (Artist & Activists of Harlem Renaissance)

Empowerment
• Beyond the Bars (for people impacted by incarceration)
• Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement

Health /Well-being
• Cooking Classes (for Families and Seniors)
• Creativity as Meditation
• Movers and Makers
• Intro to Chakras and Chair Yoga

Audience Categories (There is some overlap)
Families – 3 Youth – 7 Adults –12 Seniors - 4
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<td>Interactive literature &amp; music learning for kids ages 7+</td>
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<td>Michelle Coleman</td>
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<td>Piano classes for youth ages 6-12 (older kids from previous classes can attend)</td>
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<td>Movement and Art classes for families</td>
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<td>Isaura de Oliveira</td>
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<td>Brazilian Dance classes</td>
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New Business

Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair
Public Comment

- People will be chosen in the order they were received and allowed 2 minutes to speak.

- The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.

- Comments made in chat during meeting will not be acknowledged.

- If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at pcarver@bpl.org
Adjournment

*Next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Library*