



BPL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Joe Berman and Elliot B. Davis, Co-Chairs
Wednesday, April 11, 2024 at 8:30AM

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BPL OPENING STATEMENT

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call of Committee Members
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023

II. COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, June 11, 2024, 8:30 AM, Central Library, Commonwealth Salon

**Meetings are suggested to be 75 minutes and in-person*

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE CHARTER

Joe Berman and Elliot B. Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Special Collections Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston accept the revised committee charter as presented.”

UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Beth Prindle, Director of Research & Special Collections

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Beth Prindle, Director of Research & Special Collections and David Leonard, President

New Business

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Public Comment

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- If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at pcarver@bpl.org
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- The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.
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