

📅 Library tech committee Minutes | Aug 5, 2026

Attendees: Bob Ferrante, Margaret Atkinson, Matthew Wojcik, ~~Leo Schiff~~, ~~Lindsay Bellville~~

Agenda

Opening

- Call to Order: **4:29**
- Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approved.
- Consent agenda: Yes.
- Public Comment: No.

Continuing business

- Talking about Tech
 - Recap of July session:
 - Did a bit better with advanced publicity for July;
 - 4 members of public and Matt
 - 2 added to mailing list
 - Topic: WiFi: Conversation went organically.
 - Review survey responses
 - Didn't put out survey. Getting feedback using a survey will be kind of tricky.
 - Bob: Let's do a Google Form.
 - Matt: We can bring one of the donated laptops to the meeting for doing the survey. Approved.
 - Confirm process to review/confirm topics & presenters ongoing
 - We'll decide on content for these meetings ongoing, but we will do so outside the meeting. **Approved.**
- Followup discuss and decide
 - TaT assistance (prep and day-of)
 - Have a rotation of folks who can show up.
 - TaT email list
 - In May, Matt started an email list. All Committee members should be on the list now. New attendees are invited to the list.
 - Integrating HS and other volunteers
 - We can get this done by September.
 - Clear ability to vet the HS students with the Town. Bob will talk with Sally.
 - Any other people we could use? Matt will give it some thought.
 - Other people to do topics.
 - SEVCA to present about energy tech and financial tech

- People that do services in tech can use TaT presentations to promote their businesses.
 - Create an article for the Newsletter saying we're looking for presenters for future TaT sessions. Are you a TechSpert? Come present at TaT.
- CCI Status
 - We'll stop covering this as a recurring item.
- Equipment installation Status
 - Catalog Kiosk PCs are now installed.
 - Did we submit a report to the TT? They came and haven't asked for anything else.
- The library got a donation of 12 laptops from New Chapter.
 - Turned 2 of the old laptops into catalog systems with Linux installed.

New business

- Initiatives related to the outdoor project
 - WiFi extension
 - We have a tech grant that will cover this—it's good until 2030.
 - Setting aside for purchasing equipment to do the extension.
 - Making sure we have conduits that extend into the Pavilion area.
 - Adding repeaters to extend to the front of the building (down the alley).
 - Bob: Signage telling people how to connect.
 - Since it'll be cold when the project is completed, Likely we won't see a lot of outdoor adoption until Spring 2027
 - Other items (open discussion)
- What do we do with old equipment?
 - Donate, sell, use as replacements.

Closing

- Next meeting date: **October 7**
- Adjournment: **5:22pm**

Action items

- ☐ Get a PR out & written for August TaT (once we are confirmed on a topic)
- ☐ Bob Ferrante Article come on for presenters.
- ☐ Bob Ferrante : Talk to Sally about vetting HS students for volunteering at Library programs (e.g., Talking about Tech).
- ☐ matt@brookslibraryvt.org Edit the [checklist](#) for volunteers to use when assisting for TaT
- ☐ matt@brookslibraryvt.org send Bob and Margaret the Google Form.
- ☐ matt@brookslibraryvt.org Bring a donated laptop to the next TaT session with Google Form preloaded.

