

**Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2026**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Betsy Usami	X	Deepti Dutta	X	Jennifer Eisberg	X	Councilperson Peter Laub	X
Brenda Kahn	X	Erica Krasny	X	Jody Rozenblit		Regina Eftychiou	X
Chris Stratton	X	Mayor Heather Wasser		Laurie Roncati	X		

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

TIME 7:00 pm by Betsy Usami

**2) SUNSHINE LAW:** Pursuant to the terms of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been given to local newspapers, posted in the Haworth Library and provided to the municipal clerk.

**3) OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:** Open for comments at 7:01 pm. No public present, closed at 7:01 pm.

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, December 8, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Regina Eftychiou. The motion was approved unanimously.

**5) TREASURER’S REPORT:**

It’s normal course of business, bank balances are healthy. Part of accumulated funds from 2025 will be used in 2026.

A motion to approve the checks for December 2025, was made by Laurie Roncati and seconded by Chris Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

**6) DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Friends of the Library:**

- **Museum Pass** to [Hudson River Museum](#) was added to the collection. It is located in Yonkers, NY.
- **Gift cards:** The Friends showed their appreciation for the DPW team with gift cards to Minit Mart.
- **A Digital Frame** was sponsored by the Friends to promote the programs at the library. It is located at the library entrance.

**Housekeeping:**

- **Staff Holiday Dinner** at Hanami in Westwood was enjoyed by all. A check is included for your approval, for the use of funds from the Discretionary Account.
- **Building Repairs:** The **door** to the entrance of the library, which was missing screws was repaired. The second door was not closing completely. It was also adjusted and screws were replaced with bolts. Assistance from DPW was also requested before the technician arrived. The **picture hanging system**, for displaying the art work was reinforced and fasteners replaced.
- **Per Capita State Aid** payment for 2025 was received.
- **Library Displays:** Adult Collection showcases books by author we lost in 2025 and the Youth collection showcases a seasonal display.

- **Art Exhibition:** The new art exhibit, is the ‘Second Annual Portrait Show’, featuring 18 artists and 35 works of art. The show will run from January 8<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. A reception will be held on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:30 pm.

- **2025 Circulation Statistics**

The overall circulation of physical and digital materials was on a rise in 2025

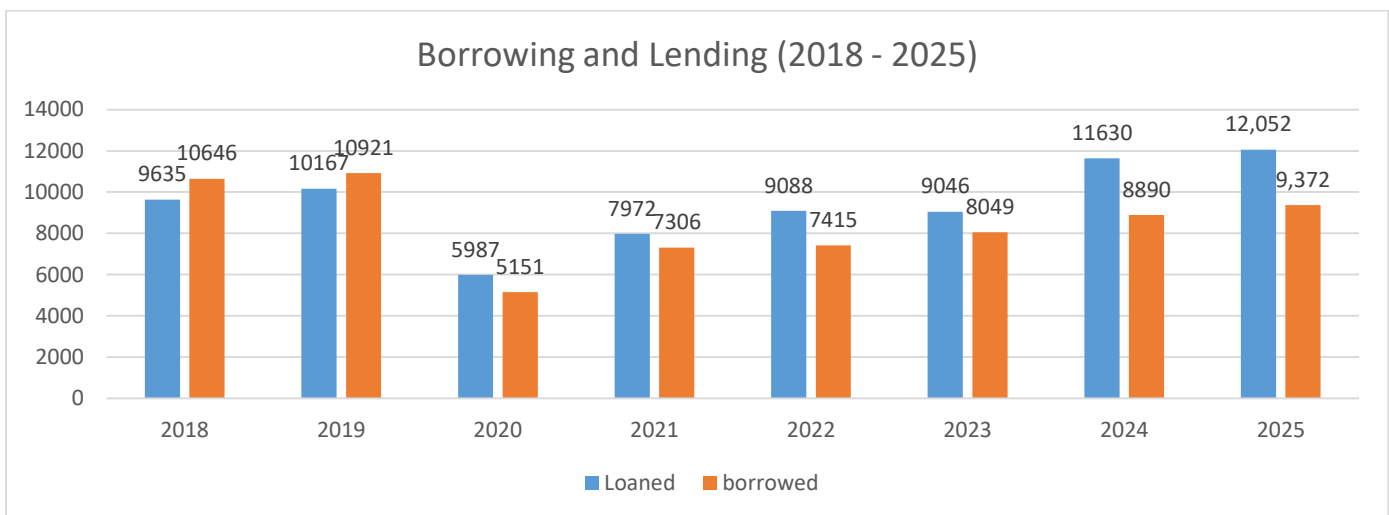
Collection	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Adult Fiction	7696	7251	6745	6372	6174			
Adult Non-Fiction	4289	4209	3592	3416	2784			
Adult Media	5531	5513	4959	5058	4616			
Juvenile Print	20450	18717	15235	16789	13962			
Juvenile Media	607	528	628	819	792			
Young Adult	1488	1283	1279	1241	1339			
Periodicals	502	523	419	371	298			
eBCCLS	9978	9013	7789	5224	6423			
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>50,999</b>	<b>47,039</b>	<b>40,648</b>	<b>39,290</b>	<b>36,388</b>	<b>28,382</b>	<b>36,031</b>	<b>33,447</b>

The use Libby and Hoopla has increased.

Year	Overdrive (Libby)			Hoopla				Kanopy
	eAudio	eBook	eMag	eAudio	eBooks	eVideo	eMusic	eVideo
2022	1,863	2,753	608	86	43	41	8	385
2023	2,703	4,479	934	230	60	28	16	666
2024	3,254	4,583	1,176	348	149	92	5	418
2025	3,499	4,704	1,775	566	166	70	9	259

**Borrowing Vs Lending**

Haworth Library has been a net lender for the past few years. Our goal is to anticipate and fulfill the needs of our patrons. We lend more than we borrow from other libraries in BCCLS.



**Community:**

- **Sad news:** Former Library Board of Trustee, Florence Poris passed away on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She was 100 years old and a resident of Haworth for 68 years, before moving to a senior living residence in Harrington Park in 2021. She was an avid reader and a beloved library patron. A memorial service will be held for her at Haworth Municipal Library in spring. In lieu of flowers, the family is encouraging donations to be made to the Friends of the Haworth Library.

[https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/florence-poris-  
obituary?id=60374120&utm\\_source=webshareapi&utm\\_medium=share\\_button&utm\\_campaign=wsapimobile  
beta](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/florence-poris-obituary?id=60374120&utm_source=webshareapi&utm_medium=share_button&utm_campaign=wsapimobile_beta)

- **Woman's Club donated** funds to Haworth Municipal Library.
- **NJMVC visit:** A mobile Motor Vehicle Commission will visit the Borough and will use the YA room to conduct their business during the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Appointments can be made [online](#) starting January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

## 7) MAYOR'S /COUNCIL REPORT:

1. Sine Die Meeting was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
2. New council person, who will be the liaison to the library will be sworn in soon.
3. Housing Meeting will be held at the school on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## 8) OLD BUSINESS: None

## 9) NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. Reorganization

- i. **Oath:** Councilperson Peter Laub administered the Oath of Office to Brenda Kahn and Laurie Roncati. Their term will expire on 12/31/30.
- ii. **Election of Officers for next two years:** According to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Haworth Municipal Library, "The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary who shall be elected at the reorganization meeting by the Board of Trustees from among its own members. The length of office is two years."

A motion to nominate the following officers for 2026 and 2027 was made by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg.

- a. Regina Eftychiou as the Board President
- b. Erica Krasny as the Vice-President
- c. Chris Stratton as the Board Treasurer

The motion was approved unanimously.

### 2. Financial Resolution for 2026

A motion to approve the Financial Resolution was made by Betsy Usami and seconded by Chris Stratton. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Naming the Auditor for 2025 Audit**

A motion to approve the 'Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP' as the Auditors for 2025 was made by Betsy Usami and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. BCCL Bylaws Certification**

A motion to approve the BCCLS Bylaw certification was moved by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Erica Krasny. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Personnel (Closed Session):**

Motion to go into closed session at 7:30 pm was made by Betsy Usami and seconded by Brenda Kahn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to end closed session at 7:42 pm was made by Laurie Roncati and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the director's request to carryover 10 days of vacation, one time only, from 2025 to 2026 was made by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg. Motion passed unanimously.

**10) MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 pm by Erica Krasny and seconded by Betsy Usami. Motion approved unanimously.

**11) NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom.