Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
TIME 7:02 by Regina Eftychiou

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, published on the Haworth Library website and provided to the municipal clerk.

3) **OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:** Open for comments at 7:03 pm. No public present, closed at 7:03 pm.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 13, 2026, was made by Jennifer Eisberg and seconded by Chris Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

5) **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
- Nothing unusual to report
- Bank balances are healthy
- All expenses are within the budget
- Check for Auditors included this month
- Chris will reach out to the auditors and request to deposit the monies in the bank once a week instead of three times each week for the small amount that is collected.

A motion to approve the checks for July 2026 was made by Erica Krasny and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the checks for August 2026, checks was made by Chris Stratton and seconded by Laurie Roncati. Motion passed unanimously.

6) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **Delayed Opening Sep 14:** Library was closed from 10:30 am – 1 pm due to power outage**.**
- **Borough Check Received:** The library received the third quarter installment for 2026.
- **Team updates:**
  - Volunteer reduction in hours for one of the team members.
  - More responsibilities and time given to other team members
- **Computers Upgraded**: BCCLS updated two computers (children's office and one public) in August.
- **Congressman Josh Gottheimer** hosted a Lyme disease roundtable at Haworth Library on Thursday, July 30, 2026. A report about his visit can be found at the following link

https://gottheimer.house.gov/posts/release-gottheimer-hosts-lyme-disease-roundtable

Beth reached out to Board President Regina and Mayor Wasser to seek permission and advice about hosting a nonpolitical event at the library. Councilperson Alana Davis attended the event. Dean assisted by setting up and cleaning up after the event. The Thursday afternoon movie matinee was cancelled.

- **BCCLS**
  - BCCLS ILS Systems Administrator, William Louigene accepted a new position at Maplewood Library.
  - Margaret Rose O'Keefe, a BCCLS cataloger replaced William. BCCLS has advertised for the position of a Cataloging Librarian.
  - Dave Hanson, the Executive Director of BCCLS has accepted to become the Head of Pollack Library at Yeshiva University. His final day would be October 23, 2026. He was with BCCLS for 8 years
- **Friends of the Library**
  - **Sculptures Installed**: The bronze sculptures donated in memory of Florence Poris were installed outside the library. The landscaper Todd Bradbury donated his time and expertise in installing them.
  - **National Night Out**: Beth Potter, Terry Gala and I represented the Friends of the Library at the Memorial Field on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 from 5 – 8 pm. They promoted the brick fundraiser.
  - **Haworth Day**: The Friends will also represent the library on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 12 – 4 pm. They will continue to sell bricks and will also solicit donations through the dedication of children's books.
  - **Patio Tables and Chairs**: The friends approved the purchase of two patio tables with chairs in their meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.
  - **Scarecrow Event** is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026 at noon.
  - **Summer Reading Program**: The friends contributed towards the summer reading program and prizes.
- **Youth Services**
  - There were less number of young patrons (142) who signed up for summer reading program as compared to last year (159), but they read more books (1837 vs 1826)
  - The number of programs (35 vs 34) offered were comparable to last year but they drew more audience (909 vs 691)
- **Adult Services**
  - The participation in the Adult Summer Reading program was also less as compared to last year (63 vs 78), but the number of books read were comparable (398 vs 401).
  - Adult Book Club: The members will read *Murder on the Orient Express: A Hercule Poirot Mystery* (Christie, 2011) for their next meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 1 pm.
  - Cook Book Club: Members will select recipes and prepare a dish from *I Could Nosh* (Cohen, 2023) for the upcoming Cook Book Club meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7 pm.
  - Art Reception: '**When Words Are Not Enough'** is a juried small works show by Signature Members of NAWA (The National Association of Women Artists). Fifty works by twenty-five artists interpret the theme with an eclectic mix of subject and medium. First, second, third and two honorable mention prizes will be announced on Instagram @nawa_usa . The show runs from September 3 to October 5 with a reception on Saturday, September 26 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

- **Trustee Education**
  - Wed 9/16/26 – What Does BCCLS Do For You! By Dave Hanson at Hasbrouck Heights Library (6-8pm)
  - Wed 9/30/26 - Technology: What Trustees Need to Know! (7-8:30 pm)
  - Thu 10/08/26 - AI: What Trustees Need to Know! (7-8:30 pm)

7) Mayor's / Council Report

- The Council Report from July 13, 2026 meeting was amended. It was clarified that
- The collection bin for equipment will be placed by the company, 'Gear Give'. The company collects gently used or new sports equipment from the community, refurbishes and sells them. It donates part of the funds back to the community. It will also donate equipment.
- The Pastor from the Congregational Church gave the presentation about environmental issues.

- The council members received raffle applications from American Cancer society, Bergen County Centre for Child Development (BCCD), Sacred Heart Casino Night and some permit applications.
- There was a presentation on employee health benefits by the World Insurance Associates on September 8.
- Litigation concluded with the builder on 320 Haworth Ave.
- Haworth Day and 5K is scheduled for September 19, 2026.
- Planning board meeting will meet on Wednesday night to discuss some zoning issues.
- Parking restrictions on Valley Road near the school were amended. Part of the area will be reserved for the staff. Others can park only on one side of the road, for an hour.
- Parking restrictions were also amended for Hill Street; for commuters who take bus from Chestnut Bend.
- Members discussed renovating the Bocce courts at the Memorial Field. There has been a resurgence of interest.
- There is a program in place for memorial remembrance to donate a tree or a bench with a plaque. Applications are available at the Borough Hall.
- Xavier Hernandez is the new Foreman for the DPW. He was the Interim Foreman when Tommy Runge was promoted as the Superintendent. Xavier has now been hired permanently.
- There were emergency appropriations of funds to the swim club.
- Will follow up on why the Lake Shore Drive (between Maple and Sunset) is closed around the reservoir, for Veolia and PSE&G work.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

a. Delayed opening at 11 am, Sat, Sep 19, 2026 (Haworth 5K/ Haworth Day): The roads leading to the library are blocked for Haworth Run. A motion to open the library at 11 am was made by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Regina Eftychiou. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Review of By Laws for the Haworth Library Board of Trustees : Sample By Laws, from other libraries were provided to the member of the Board of Trustees to compare with current By

Laws. Any recommended changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. **Signatory for Library Checks:** Betsy Usami will complete her term at the end of the year. Request to replace her as the signatory. Erica Krasny will be the third signatory for the bank checks.

10) **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 pm by Jennifer Eisberg and seconded by Laurie Roncati. The motion approved unanimously.

11) **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 19, 2026, at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom. (Closed on October 12 for Columbus/ Indigenous Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Deepti Dutta, Regina Eftychiou and Brenda Kahn.