

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

- **CALL TO ORDER:**

TIME 7:02 by Erica Krasny

- **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.

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

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from Monday, April 20, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Statton and seconded by Laurie Roncati. The motion was approved unanimously

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Business as usual.
- The total is higher because of BCCLS payment.
- Everything is within budget.

A motion to approve the checks for April 2026 was made by Betsy Usami and seconded by Chris Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **Staff Training:** Continued education requirement for library employees was updated. It is 4 hours for non-professional and 6 hours for professionals. All library team members, except one, have signed up to attend in – person Circulation Meetings at Hasbrouck Heights Library, Livingston Library and Westwood Library.
- **Library Audit:** The auditors have rescheduled their visit to the library from Tue, May 12 to Wed, May 13.
- **Reading Table:** The top of the table has been replaced to match the older tables.
- **Bergen Centre for Child Development (BCCD):** Five Classes from BCCD will visit the library during the month of May. I set up the community room for them with books and activity sheets.
- **HVAC maintenance** for part of the library was done on May 1. The technician will be back to work on the children's room and the community room. He also came at the end of April, when the air conditioning did not come on during a week of high temperatures.

- **Book Displays:** The adult collection highlights books on theme 'Delicious Fiction for Food Lovers' and the children's room has a seasonal display.
- **Multilingual Library dedication for Florence Poris:** Haworth Public School (HPS) will name their growing multilingual library after longtime HPS librarian Florence Poris, who worked with Haworth students for over 30 years. The Dedication Reception will be held on Friday, June 5 at 4 pm.
- **Eric Carle Art donation:** Canvas Art from the Eric Carle Museum will be donated in memory of Florence Poris, for the children's room.
- **Circulation and Program Statistics:** The circulation of print and digital materials has been steady in the last quarter. The program stats for the Library and Non Library Programs hosted at the library in the last quarter were also included in the packet.
- **BCCLS Statistics:** Monthly and Yearly Stats were included in the director's report.
- **Adult and YS program Statistics:** The programs hosted for the adult and youth in the month of April and their attendance were included in the director's report.
- **Town Wide Garage Sale:** 70 Haworth residents registered for the garage sale. Patrons have been visiting the library to signup, make payment and pickup garage sale signs.
- **Exterior Window Cleaning:** The Friends sponsored the cleaning of the library windows.
- **Trustee Education:**

i. A new edition of the New Jersey Library Trustee Guide is now available at the following link

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/New-Jersey-Library-Trustee-Guide.pdf>

ii. **Trustee 101: Review of the Role and Responsibilities of Trustees.**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Hosted by New Jersey Library Trustee Association (NJLTA). Tom Madru, NJLTA Board member who also serves on BCCLS Trustee Development Committee, will join Pat Tumulty, Pat Massey, and Bob Keith. [Please register here.](#)

- **Mayor's / Council Report**

- Budget hearing are underway.
- Pool painting awarded to Closter.
- Reissue solicitation of snack stand for the swim club.
- Bids out for solid waste and recyclable materials – exploring single stream recycling.
- Introduced a memorial bench and tree dedication program to honor loved ones while contributing to the beatification of Haworth's parks and public spaces.
- Seeking sponsors for Haworth Day and Haworth 5K scheduled for Sep 19, 2026. For more information reach out to haworthrec@gmail.com.
- Bids for pedestrian bridge improvements near Memorial Field.
- Established Summer Rec. program compensation program.

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:** None

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 pm by Betsy Usami and seconded by Jennifer Eisberg.
Motion approved unanimously.

- **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom.