

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, July 13, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Betsy Usami	X	Deepti Dutta	X	Councilperson Jane Cabourg	X	Laurie Roncati	X
Brenda Kahn		Erica Krasny	X	Jennifer Eisberg		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 from Monday, Jun 8, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jody Rozenblit and seconded by Laurie Roncati. The motion was passed unanimously.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bank balances are healthy
- All checks are in line and expense are within the budget.
- The audit looks good.

A motion to approve the checks for June 2026 was made by Erica Krasny and seconded by Chris Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Director's Report
July 2026**

- **Emergency Closings:**
 - **Tuesday, June 30th:** Veolia shut the water to the library and borough hall from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm. The library was closed from 1pm – 5 pm.
 - **Monday, July 6th:** The library was closed due road closures after the storm. The library had lost power and I received calls from the fire alarm company (Pye-Barker Fire & Safety) and panic alarm company (J&B Lock & Alarm) that the communication was lost. Beth and I visited the library on Monday to check on the building and any damage. Beth checked-in the books in the book drop and I processed the hold requests and had the delivery bins ready for the pick up next day.
- **Book Donations:** Nancy Ryan and her daughter Lynn will donate \$500 to purchase books on art in honor of Joyce Weir, who was an art teacher.

- **Book Displays:** The adult display has books, which highlight 'The American Experience from a variety of perspectives' and the children's room has displays on United States, summer and dinosaurs.

Friends of the Library

- **Teak Benches Cleaned:** Barbara Zahor scrubbed the teak benches on the patio and oiled them.
- **Sculptures in Memory of Florence Poris** were delivered to the DPW building. The Friends of the Library have hired a landscaper to install them and landscape the area. I have also requested the friends for a picnic table to put on the patio.

BCCLS

- **New BCCLS Member:** Bayonne Public Library petitioned for BCCLS membership. The petition was successful and the Bayonne Public Library will become the 79th member starting in the fiscal 2027 year.

Youth Services

- **Summer Reading** is in full swing. Friends of the Library will sponsor the prizes and programs. 46 children signed up for summer reading on the Kick Off Day, June 24th. Allison requested donations from Humdingers and received two gift cards, which are raffled as a prize. Children's room, YA area and the rest of the library has been decorated with the pre-historic theme featuring the dinosaurs. To celebrate 250 year of independence, Allison has participated in 'Project Postcard' and is collecting postcards from every state in America. She is also mailing post cards in return to other libraries. The post cards are pinned on the map of United States of America in the children's room.
- **Tonie and Vox books:** Children's shelves were stocked with new Vox books. New Tonies were also purchased including few chapter books.
- **Haworth Summer Camp:** Five classes will visit the library during the month of July and August.
- **New Yoga Studio RockHaus:** The library has collaborated with RockHaus for reading and movement activities for 3-5 year olds. The owner and a Haworth resident Stephanie Hernandez will offer a 45 min class in the months of July and August.
- **Vacation:** I am going to India on Thursday, July 16 and will join back on Tuesday, August 4. Dean has been instructed to do the payroll in my absence. I will be reachable my email and text if needed.
- **Upcoming Youth Programs** ([Events Calendar](#))

Adult Programs

- **Summer Reading** is for adults also. Thirty seven adults have signed up so far. They can get a raffle ticket for every book they read or audiobook they listen to. Gift cards for eight local business will be sponsored by the Friends of the Library. I reached out to Chipotle for the donation of a gift card of \$25.
- **Upcoming Adult Programs** ([Events Calendar](#))
- **Book Club and Cookbook Club:** Members of the Book Club and the Cookbook and will take a break during the summer months.

Non-Library Programs

In addition to Music with Ms. Wendy, meetings for Haworth Recreation Commission, Haworth Swim Club, Shade Tree Commission and Building Commission were also held at the library.

Haworth Moms group met at the library to take lessons on Bridge, the card game.

Professional Meeting and Training in June

- BCCLS Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting (6/4)
- Everything eBooks: Digital Licensing in Libraries (6/10)
- Hasbrouck Heights Staff Development – BCCLS Policies (6/11)
- BCCLS System Council (Hasbrouck Heights Library) (6/18)

Trustee Education:

Continuing education is required by law. Under NJSA (New Jersey Statutes Annotated 15:21-2.3): each member of the board or commission must complete a minimum of two hours of library-related education annually to qualify for state aid, among other requirements. FAQs about the continued education requirement for the library employees and trustees can be found at the following link

https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/library-development/library-law-and-regulations/state_aid/faq/

- Recording for Library Trustee Training Series - **Everything Ebooks: Digital Licensing in Libraries** can be found at the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Agrakp-s9YU>

The shifting landscape of digital content licensing (ebooks and digital audiobooks) is a complex and critical topic for libraries. Shared Services Project Specialist Michael Maziendien will present on common licensing terms, long term publishing trends, challenges and solutions, pending legislation, alternative licensing models and statewide collections.

- The recording of **‘Regional Listening Meetings for Trustees’**, presented by BCCLS Executive Director – Dave Hanson is available on the BCCLS YouTube Channel at the following link.

<https://youtu.be/rYkD7IYF8Jk>

Respectfully submitted,
Deepti Dutta

7) Mayor’s / Council Report

- The council meeting in June approved an equipment bin for Special Olympics at the Memorial Field.
- Planning for sidewalks on Valley Road.
- Presentation from the Congregational Church about environmental issues
- June 23 meeting was usual.
- [Sign up for town emails](#) through the link on the website of the Haworth Borough

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

Audit 2025: A motion to accept the audit for 2025 was made by Betsy Usami and seconded by Chris Stratton. The motion was approved unanimously.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 pm by Betsy Usami and seconded by Chris Stratton. The motion was approved unanimously.

11) NEXT MEETING:

Monday, Sep 14th, 2026, at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom. (No meeting in August 2026)