

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, November 10, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1) CALL TO ORDER:

TIME - 7:04 pm 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 and provided to the municipal clerk.

3) OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: Open for comments at 7:04 pm. No public present, closed at 7:04 pm

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Monday, October 20, 2025

Moved by Brenda Kahn
Motion passed unanimously

Seconded by Jody Rozenblit

5) TREASURER'S REPORT:

Finances look robust
It is business as usual
Nothing unusual in the checks

A motion to approve the checks for October 2025, was made by Erica Krasny and seconded by Chris Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Housekeeping

- **Head of Youth Services:** Allison Hammer's hours were increased from 25 hrs./ wk. to 27.5 hrs./wk. starting November 3, 2025. She will now work 2 half days (Mon & Fri - 4 hrs.) and three full days (Tue, Wed, Thu - 6.5 hrs.). She is occasionally given extra time for training, meetings or program preparation if needed.
- **BCCLS: The Budget for 2026 was approved.**
 - BCCLS budget increased by 3.5%.
 - Personnel raises were 3%
 - Healthcare increase was 15%
 - Montclair Library added a second stop; delivery charges were reduced by \$500.
 - 2026 BCCLS charges for Haworth Library will increase by 3.10%, which is around \$900.
- **Opportunity to serve on BCCLS Executive Board, 2026:** Haworth Library has been chosen to nominate a Library Trustee to be a part of 2026 BCCLS Executive Board. An official schedule for the Executive Board meetings in 2026 will be available soon, but they are tentatively scheduled for 10:00 am on the 4th Thursday of the month in January, February, April, May, July, August and November.

It is not required, but trustees are also welcome to attend the System Council meetings in March, June, September, October and December if they would like. There will be some adjustments to account

for holidays and other conflicts. Meetings generally run for about 1-1/2 hours. As of right now, it is expected that the meetings will be held in person at the member libraries of the EB members.

In addition, there is a joint 2025/2026 transitional Executive Board meeting on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 10:00 am, that you have been invited to attend. It will take place at the Millburn Public Library.

Friends

- **Upcoming Programs Sponsored by the Friends:** Jane Austen Week: Celebrate the 250 Anniversary of Jane Austen's Birth. The complete program is now available. We invite you to join us for a variety of festive events, including
 - A community reading of Pride and Prejudice,
 - Movie screenings,
 - Austen Bingo with chances to win prizes,
 - Talks by esteemed Jane Austen historians,
 - A Jane Austen Basket Raffle and

Cap off the celebration with an afternoon of tea and scones on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm.

Youth Services

- Over 30 events were hosted for the youth in the month of October including various school visits.
- **Upcoming Youth Program:** Wicked party will be hosted this week, before the release of the new Movie.

Trustee Education

Title: Advocacy: Developing and Enhancing Relationships at the Local Level

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 7:00–8:30 pm

Registration (for Zoom meeting): [Advocacy Panel Discussion - Register Here!](#)

Panelists: Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr., Closter; Councilwoman Alissa Latner, Closter; Chris Langschultz, Alternate to the Superintendent of Schools, Bergenfield

Board members were requested to attend educational webinars.

7) MAYOR'S /COUNCIL REPORT: Peter Laub was re-elected.

8) OLD BUSINESS: None

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Opportunity to serve on BCCLS Executive Board, 2026:** Deepti will follow up with more information about the Term of the Trustees on the EB, total number of members and the locations of meetings in 2026.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:14 pm by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Laurie Roncati. Motion approved unanimously.

11) NEXT MEETING:

Monday, December 8th, 2025, at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom.