

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, September 8, 2025

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		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: No public present, closed at 7:01 pm

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Monday, July 14, 2025

Moved by Brenda Kahn

Seconded by Regina Eftychiou

Motion passed unanimously.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT:

Was prepared by the Director, Deepti Dutta.

A motion to approve the July 2025 Checks# 3556 – 3569 in the amount of \$ 9,770.94 and a Check from Discretionary Account, Check# 1073 in the amount of \$ 250.00, in memory of Elizabeth Rosenberg.

Moved by Jennifer Eisberg

Seconded by Brenda Kahn

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the checks for August 2025, Checks# 3570 – 3582, in the amount of \$ 5,754.87

Moved by Laurie Roncati

Seconded by Regina Eftychiou

Motion passed unanimously.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Sad News:** Mr. Edmond Ezra, a former member of Haworth Library Board of Trustees passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. He moved to Harrington Park and had resigned from the Board in October 2024.
- **Donation in Memory of:** The Pickleball committee donated \$180 in memory of Mr. Ezra.
- **Borough Check Received:** The library received the third quarter installment for 2025 in the amount of \$30,195.00.
- **Audit Report Received:** 2024 Audit Report was received with no audit recommendations.
- **Haworth Library Art Exhibition:** The new exhibition titled – Seeing through Kyung's eyes by Kyung Shin is being showcased at Haworth Library till September 29th, 2025. The [Reception](#) is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.
- **Donation in memory of Elizabeth Rosenberg:** The library received an acknowledgement for the donation to Construct.

- **Library Display:** The adult collection highlights sci-fi and fantasy books. The children's area showcases books on I Spy and Back to School. An interactive display of 'I Spy' will keep our young patrons engaged in the hallway.
- **Carpet cleaning:** The Friends of the library paid for cleaning the carpet in the children's room.
- **Donation:** The Friends graciously contributed over \$1500 for the Summer Reading Program supplies and prizes for kids and adults. They also helped the library host a caricature artist for the kickoff event, a craft program for the youth and an Ice Cream Truck for the Finale.
- **Haworth Paws and Wings :** The Friends of Haworth Library fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 7:30 pm at the library. Silent auction will start through an [online auction site](https://www.32auctions.com/Haworthpawsandwings) (<https://www.32auctions.com/Haworthpawsandwings>) on September 7th and end on October 6th. The highest silent auction bid will become the opening bid at the live auction on October 9th.
- **Friends of the library** will represent the library on Haworth Day
- **Summer Reading Program** for the youth had 159 participants who read 1826 books. Children in Grades PreK – 5 could choose a Jibbit/charm for a bracelet after they read 5/3 books. They also had an opportunity to earn a raffle ticket by completing a bingo sheet. They could win a ticket to the Crayola Factory.

Students in grades 6 and up earned a raffle ticket for every book they read. Writing a book review or completing a genre bingo gave them a chance to get more raffle tickets. The teens and tweens competed for \$20 gift cards to Guzzo's, Alessandro's, Humphrey's, Minit Mart, Sephora and Dicks Sporting Goods.

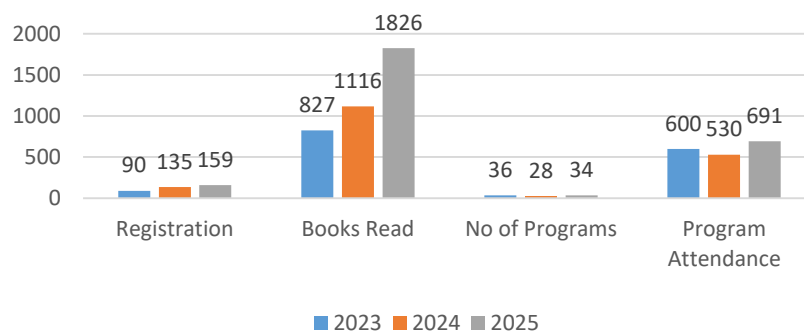
The library also partnered with the New Jersey Jackals. The young readers who had read at least 5 books till the designated deadline, could receive two tickets to the Jackals game in August. 72 children qualified.

- **Summer Reading Finale** was well attended. It featured a magic show and Kona Ice Truck. Raffles and prizes given out to the participants included gift cards for Humdingers and the Crayola Factory, which were donated by the Friends of Haworth Library and Crayola respectively. Other giveaways included Ice Cream Sundae coupons from Applebee's and Pizookie coupons from BJ's

2025 Summer Reading Statistics – Youth

	Participants	Books Read	Programs	Attendance
PreK - Grade 2	83	1375	19	342
Grades 3 - 5	52	397	14	344
Grades 6 & up	24	67	1	5
TOTAL	159	1826	34	691

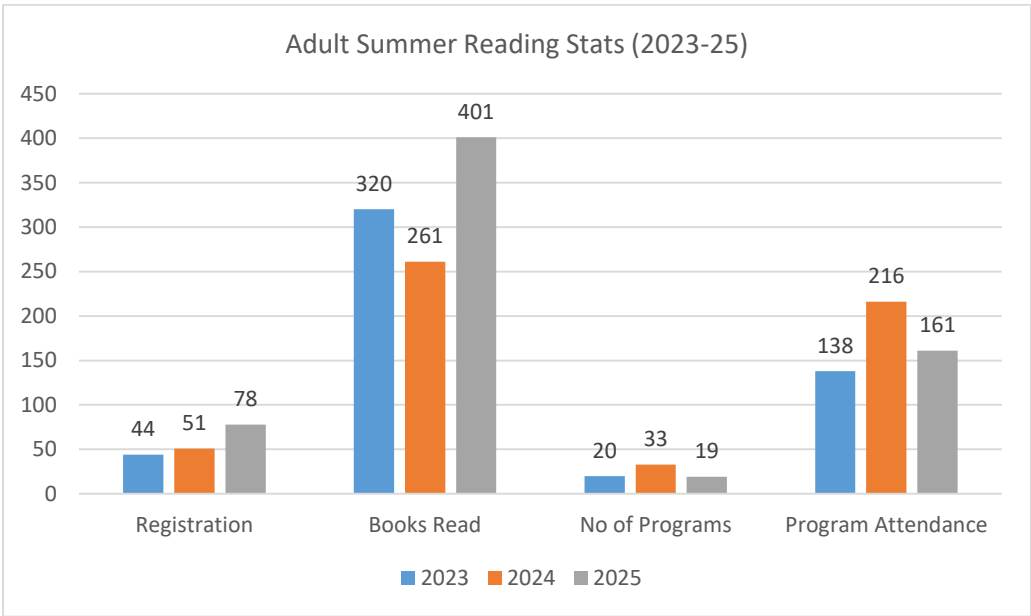
**Youth Services Summer Reading Stats
(2023-25)**



- **Adult Summer Reading Program:** The participation in the Adult Summer Reading program was better than the last couple of years. A comparison of the fluctuating reading rate is provided in the chart below. The adults received a raffle for every book they read or audiobook they listened to. They could win a \$25 gift card to one of the 10 local businesses in Haworth.

Adult Summer Reading (2023 – 2025)

Year	Participants	Books Read	Programs	Attendance
2023	44	320	20	138
2024	51	261	33	216
2025	78	401	19	161



Program: In addition to the Adult Book Club and Cooking club, Ed Koch will be present at talk at the library on Wed, Sep 10, 6 pm on How he became an Olympic Official, Author of two track and field novels and the Referee of the Haworth 5K.

7) **MAYOR’S /COUNCIL REPORT:** None

8) **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of 2024 Audit:** Digital copy of Audit report was emailed to the Board of Trustees and a printed copy available. It was a clean audit with no recommendations. Motion to approve 2024 Audit

Moved by Jennifer Eisberg
Motion passed unanimously.

Seconded by Brenda Kahn

- b. **Delayed opening on Saturday, September 27, 2025:** The roads which lead to the library are blocked on the day of Haworth Run. Motion to open the library at 11 am.

Moved by Regina Eftychiou
Motion passed unanimously.

Seconded by Brenda Kahn

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN:

TIME – 7:17 pm

Moved by Laurie Roncati

Seconded by Jennifer Eisberg

Motion passed unanimously.

11) NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 20th, 2025 at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom. (closed on Oct 13, Columbus/Indigenous Day)