

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, October 20, 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	x	Mayor Heather Wasser		Laurie Roncati			

1) CALL TO ORDER:

TIME - 7:02 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: Open for comments at 7:02 pm. No public present, closed at 7:02 pm.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Monday, September 8, 2025

Moved by Jennifer Eisberg
Motion passed unanimously

Seconded by Peter Laub

5) TREASURER'S REPORT:

This month's bill includes the accountant charges and BCCLS Bill.

Preparing the budget for 2026.

1/3 mil numbers are now available.

A motion to approve the checks for September 2025 was made by Chris Stratton and seconded by Regina Eftychiou. Motion passed unanimously.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Housekeeping

- **Borough Check Received:** The library received the fourth quarter installment for 2025
- **1/3 mill:** The NJ State Library has published the 1/3 mil numbers for 2026.
- **Baker and Tylor Shutdown:** The company was founded in 1828 and has ceased operations. For many months now, there were delays in the delivery of books and many backordered books had to be purchased from Amazon.
Haworth Library has an Amazon Business Prime account. Prime for Libraries is offering books at a discounted price, 40% – 45% off the MSRP.
Other options for wholesalers that sell to the libraries are Brodart and Ingram. They are also experiencing delays due to the volume. Barnes and Noble offers institutional membership and a discount of 20%.
- **Staff computers upgraded:** Three staff computers were upgraded by BCCLS. Assistance from J&B Lock was requested to install and configure the software for cameras on these later.
- **Building Maintenance:** DPW was requested to replace the burnt out bulbs in the library. Thomas Runge also scheduled a visit from the pest control company to spray for the bees in the children's room and other critters in the community room. The timer for the lights at the library entrance was replaced by Pesh-E-Lectric.

- **Fire Truck Visit:** Thomas Runge also helped in hosting a Fire Truck visit for our little patrons.
- **Haworth Library Art Exhibition:** The exhibition titled, The Pure Landscape Show is on display at Haworth Library till December 1th, 2025. It showcases work by 20 artists and focuses exclusively on natural landscapes, without significant human or man-made elements. A reception was held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 and was very well attended.
- **Exhibition Donation:** A donation was made by the artist who sold four pieces showcased during the photography show in July and August, 2025.
- **Bergen Center for Child Development:** Once again the library will provide an opportunity for a student to do an unpaid internship once a week for 1 hour for the upcoming school year. Haworth Library has collaborated with the school for some years now. The library will also host five classes for a visit in the month of October 2025 and May 2026.
- **Library Display:** The adult collection highlights 'Read and Weep' books. The children's area showcases seasonal books on Fall and Halloween.
- **QuickBooks Online Subscription:** The subscription was renewed till September 22nd, 2026.

Friends

- **Haworth Day:** The Friends of the Library, Regina Eftychiou, Allison Hammer, and I represented the library on Saturday, September 27th. The friends solicited donations by selling bird houses painted and donated by Regina Eftychiou. They also raised over \$500 through book dedications of children's books.
Some of the painted dogs, cats and butterflies were on display and bids for the silent auction could be placed. Upcoming Family Scarecrow Event was also promoted.
- **Haworth Paws and Wings:** The Friends of Haworth Library fundraiser auction, scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 7:30 pm was attended by 55 library patrons. Food and beverages were served. All the beautiful creations found a good home. One of the dogs was donated to the library after the auction. Many thanks to everyone who came to support the library.
- **BCCLS Friends Brunch:** Beth Potter, Terry Gala and I will attend the BCCLS brunch on Tuesday, October 21st at the Fiesta in Wood Ridge. The event celebrates the Friends Groups and supports the BCCLS Scholarship Fund. The Friends of Haworth Library will contribute a Jane Austen basket for the silent auction.
- **Upcoming Programs Sponsored by the Friends:**
 - **Family Scarecrow Event:** This yearly event is sponsored by the Friends who charge \$20 per scarecrow to offset the cost of hay and pumpkins. The Friends also sponsor a live musician for the event. Many thanks to DPW who assist by installing frames for the scarecrows outside Haworth Borough Hall.
 - **[Author Visit](#):** Haworth native and best seller Lauren Grodstein will visit Haworth Library to discuss her new book, *A Dog in Georgia* (Grodstein, 2025) on Saturday, November 15th, at 1 pm. The event cost will be shared by the Friends and the Library.
 - **Jane Austen Week:** 250th Anniversary of Jane Austen's birth will be celebrated with a reading of *Pride and Prejudice* in the first week of December. Other programs are being organized by Beth Potter including a zoom call with an author who has written books on Jane Austen. The library will also show one of the movies based on her novels.
 - **[Gay Willis and Friends Holiday Concert](#):** The Holiday concert featuring Gay Willis is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th at 3 pm.

Youth Services

- **School Visits:** In addition to three 7th grade classes, the library is hosting visits from five classes at Bergen Center for Child Development. Students from Haworth School Pre-K, Kindergarten and 6th grades will also

visit later this month.

Trustee Education

BCCLS Trustee Roundtable will be hosted virtually on **Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm.**

Title: Advocacy: Successes and challenges at the local level.

Register via Eventbrite: [Advocacy: Successes and Challenges at the Local Level - 10/22/25](#)

7) MAYOR'S /COUNCIL REPORT

- PSE&G will be done laying the gas pipes by the end of the month.
- The town will repave the streets.
- Issues with sewage on Durie Ave. Utilities will be coming to talk to the Mayor.

8) OLD BUSINESS: None

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- **2026 Holidays and Board Meeting Dates:** The school spring recess is from April 13 – 17. The Board Meeting in April will be moved to the third Monday, April 20, 2026. A motion to approve the 2026 Holiday, Summer Hours and Board Meeting dates was made by Brenda Kahn and seconded by Regina Eftychiou. Motion passed unanimously.
- a. **QuickBooks price change:** Motion to approve the direct payment, for QuickBooks online through the checking account till September 2026 was made by Chris Stratton and seconded by Peter Laub. Motion passed unanimously.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:21 pm by Jennifer Eisberg and seconded by Brenda Kahn. Motion approved unanimously.

11) NEXT MEETING:

Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom.