

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on August 7, 2024, in the Hackbarth Auditorium at the Library.

In accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey, the area newspapers have been properly notified of this meeting.

President Stathis called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, A. Sabatini, N. Jengo, R. Stuetz

Library Director: C. Hull

The following were absent:

Mayor: R. Bolan

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2024, moved by Stathis, seconded by Stuetz.

Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	abstain	Yes	Yes		

Public Portion -

Samantha Combs sat in on the meeting.

Friends Report

There are 3 bookcases and 2 rollercarts with mostly novels advertising "Summer Sale" and "Good Reads". There will be an announced sale in late September / early October.

Correspondence

There were 2 emails from patrons about use of the space.

The first was from Linda Reppert asking about using the space for a Bereavement Group on Saturday mornings.

The second was from Akash Sathish asking about leading meditation sessions for young adults at the library.

Director's Report

- 1) Amanda has created brochures for the Maker Space, the Library of Things, and the Museum Passes.
- 2) There are over 80 painted garden rocks created by patrons.

- 3) Over 325 kids signed up for Summer Reading.
- 4) July circulation was the highest since “forever”. We broke 5000 physical books borrowed and over 6000 total, including ebooks.
- 5) The BCCLS bill is based on collection size, so Director Hull will continue to weed and purge items from the collection.

June 2024 Bill List

a) **Prestige:** 24 items amounting to \$12, 053.62

Moved to accept by Jengo, seconded by Stuetz. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

b) **Hackbarth:** 10 items amounting to \$12, 894.83

Moved to accept by Sabatini, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

July 2024 Bill List

a) **Prestige:** 17 items amounting to \$12, 662.52

Moved to accept by Stuetz, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

b) **Hackbarth:** 6 items amounting to \$1335.65

Moved to accept by Sabatini, seconded by Stuetz. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

c) Motion to pay Wolfson \$489.27 moved by Sabatini, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried.

This is for items purchased with the classical music bequest.

Sabatini suggested buying albums by Vitamin Quartet, which plays pop songs in a classical style.

d) Motion to pay \$6,788.32 for the renovation project moved by Stathis, seconded by Sabatini. Motion carried.

This is for media technologies and end caps.

There was one comment about the P&L. The library is receiving a lot of request / jobs for copying and printing. We may want to consider increasing our prices. Director Hull will do some research on pricing of Staples, UPS, and other libraries to see how the library’s prices line up.

Committee Reports

1) Construction Committee - nothing to report

2) Strategic Plan Committee – the committee will meet to make decisions about which next steps to take – possibly a few surveys of stakeholders

Old Business - none

New Business

a) Tom and Derga went above and beyond with the shop vac during the recent flooding from the remnants of the hurricane.

There was flooding in the Hackbarth auditorium and the computer section of the new space. Landscaping is not running the correct way.

DPW fixed the leader that was running into the stairwell, cleaned out the gutters, and cut back a tree.

Two possible fixes for the leak in the Hackbarth auditorium are either ordering a leak-proof door for \$15,000 or buying an awning to prevent water from getting into the stairwell. Director Hull will look into the price of an awning.

Sabatini moved to adjourn at 6:51 PM, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bina Dugan, Secretary