

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on March 18, 2026, in the Trinka Room 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 6:15 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, E. Engel, A. Sabatini, N. Jengo, K. Smith, R. Stuetz

Library Director: C. Hull

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano (left at 6:45 for School Board Meeting)

Friends: Helene Trinka-Faustini

The following were absent:

Mayor: R. Bolan

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting moved by Engel, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried.

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

Public Portion - none

Friends Report

- 1) There will be a piano program on Monday, March 23rd @ 6:30 performed by Amanda Fernandes (Bach, Beethoven, and the Boys)
- 2) School of Rock has reached out about holding recitals or having performances at the library.
- 3) Helene has reached out to Briar Rose Bookstore in Teaneck for information about selling books.
- 4) She has also contacted Sag Harbor Books about selling the Frank Sinatra collection.

Correspondence -

Director Hull received a book challenge to Gooseberry by Robin Gow. She wrote a response to the patron per library policy.

Director’s Report

- 1) The Strategic Plan committee has held focus groups @ Maywood Ave School with students and teachers. They are planning to reach out to high school kids, the adult book club, and the PTO moms.
- 2) 4 staff members took the Red Wagon to the Circus. They raffled 4 tickets to patrons.
- 3) The new chairs for the adult area will arrive in March or April. The furniture for the circulation area should arrive in late April or May.

- 2) There are new regulations for Trustee Education. Instead of 7 hours per board/year, it is expected to be 2 hours per trustee/year.
- 3) There was additional language added to the Reconsideration Policy, which will be voted on in the April meeting.
- 4) A Children's Room map that is color coded with a description of age suggestions and a disclaimer. This is used in other libraries.
- 5) Discussion about which Museum Passes to purchase for 2026 included the idea that passes should be rotated, meaning that new passes will be added for variety. Passes not purchased this year can be added again in the future. Passes to be added: AKC Dog, Thomas Edison, Dia Beacon, NYC Fire Museum. Passes to be dropped: Aviation, Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Empire.
- 6) We received an update from the architect. The basic renderings look good - final plans should be available late March. At that point, the building department will be contacted for permits.

Dugan moved to adjourn at 7:28PM, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bina Dugan, Secretary