



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting of October 13, 2025 7:00 PM

(DRAFT until Accepted in meeting)

AGENDA

I. Call to order - 7:00 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and Approve Agenda

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda as presented.

IV. Privilege of the floor

V. Approval of the Minutes.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting.

VI. Personnel

VII. Finances

a. Financial report – Jack Denman

[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report for September 2025.

b. Warrant Schedule for September 2025

[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the September 2025 warrant schedule as presented.

VIII. Director's Report – Rose Chiocchi, Library Director

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Physical Resources Committee

ii. Community Resources Committee

iii. Human Resources Committee

- iv. Sunshine Committee
- b. Ad hoc Committees
 - i. Historical Society Committee

X. Reports from Partner Groups

- a. Friends
- b. Junior Friends

XI. New Business

XII. Privilege of the floor

XIII. Executive Session

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session

XIV. Report of Trustee Continuing Education Credits

XV. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourn.

Next Regular Meeting: November 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Privilege of the Floor

Pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, any member of the public, present at the meeting, may speak during privilege of the floor. The Chair of the meeting shall designate a maximum amount of time for privilege of the floor in order to run the meeting in an efficient manner. Comments may not personally denigrate staff or Board members. Attendees' behavior shall be held to the Library Rules of Conduct. Members of the public wishing to speak will be recognized by the Chair and be asked to stand, state their name and address for the record, and face the Board when making their comments.



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025**

Draft Minutes

- I. Call to order
A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society (GPLHS) was called to order by President Emily Collado at 7:00 PM on September 9, 2025.
Attendance:
Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Alison Newman, Michael Panzer (arrived after agenda item VI. Personnel), and Lynn Tabbott. Also in attendance: Library Director Rose Chiocchi, Principal Account Clerk Jack Denman and Clerk of the Board Meghan Boroden.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Approve Agenda
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda.
Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno (Approved 6-0-0)
- IV. Privilege of the floor – None.
- V. Approval of the Minutes.
a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2025.
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 6-0-0)
- VI. Personnel
a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the appointment of Krystal Coleman to full-time Library Assistant. Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0)
- VII. Finances
a. Jack Denman presented the Financial Report for August 2025, reporting on the second month of the fiscal year. The one-time expense to sealcoat and re-stripe the parking lot resulted in the budget being over. The salaries line will increase with the recent appointment of full-time library assistants. The first tax revenue

check from the school district is anticipated later this month.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Financial Report for August 2025 as presented. Motion: Trustee Markey. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)

b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the warrant schedule for August 2025 as presented. Motion: Trustee Markey. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 7-0-0)

c. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board accept the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement. Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)

VIII. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi thanked employee Gustavo Lopez for coordinating the sealcoating and re-striping of the Library's parking lot. The Village of Goshen notified the Library of a suspected water leak and the likely culprit has been identified as toilet flushers, which will be replaced. Director Chiocchi explained that the Circulation Desk is now accepting credit cards for payments to better serve patrons who don't carry cash. The opening of the Libratory, which was funded by a grant secured by Assemblyman Mahar, was successful and well-attended by local elected officials. The study pod is also regularly used. Director Chiocchi has met with the publisher of a new publication, Goshen Living. The publication will be reaching all mailboxes in the community and will regularly include Library programming information. Director Chiocchi is regularly meeting with staff. She thanked Erica Gati for a very successful Staff Appreciation gathering last month. Last, Director Chiocchi reported the final 10 percent of a DLD grant reimbursement will be forthcoming after meeting with representatives from RCLS to put together the proper documentation. The grant initially was secured to fund a generator, but because the project came in under budget, the cost of security cameras was also added on.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Physical Resources Committee – The paint color to match the shed with the Library building has been identified. The purchase and installation of a shed will provide onsite storage space and eliminate the need and expense of an off-site storage unit.

ii. Community Resources Committee – Trustee Newman met with Lisa Clancy of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and shared ideas they brainstormed for a potential event series. Trustees also discussed a separate Meet the Director event to introduce Director Chiocchi to interested community members.

iii. Human Resources – Staff evaluations will be forthcoming.

- iv. Sunshine Committee – Funds were contributed for desserts at the Staff Appreciation gathering.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Historical Society Committee – The committee resumes meeting this month.
- X. Reports from Partner Groups
 - a. Friends of the GPL&HS event updates: The annual Big Band Concert was successful with approximately 150 attendees.
 - b. Junior Friends resumes meeting on Sunday, September 14 at 3 PM.
- XI. New Business
 - a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the photo release form. Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 7-0-0)
 - b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the RCLS annual budget for 2026. Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna.
- XII. Privilege of the Floor – None.
- XIII. Executive Session
 - [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:14 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals. Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)
 - No action was taken.
 - [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:30 PM. Motion, Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 7-0-0)
- XIV. Report of Trustee Continuing Education Credits. Several trustees reported having participated in recent continuing education classes and upcoming classes.
- XV. Adjournment
 - [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 9:36 PM. Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)

Next Regular Meeting: October 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
Statement of Activities
September 1 - 30, 2025 and YTD Jul 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1				MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			FULL YEAR		FULL YEAR
2				September 25/2	Budget	Over/(Under) Bud	25/26 Act YTD	YTD Bud	Over/(Under) Bud	% of Budget	Budget 25/26	Debt 25/26
3	Income											
4	Real Property Taxes			-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	2,032,180	493,394
5	Real Property Taxes-Bond			-			-	-	-	0%	-	
6	PILOT Revenue			-	5,000	(5,000)	-	15,000	(15,000)	0%	60,000	
7	RCLS Grants			5,477	417	5,060	5,477	1,250	4,227	0%	5,000	
8	Other Grants			-	83	(83)	-	250	(250)	0%	1,000	
9	Library Charges			975	458	517	2,596	1,375	1,221	189%	5,500	
10	Tech Lab			4	-	4	77	-	77	0%		
11	Appropriated Reserve			-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	50,000	
12	Friends of the GPLHS			-	208	(208)	1,930	625	1,305	309%	2,500	
13	Donations			225	-	225	1,375	-	1,375	0%	-	
14	Interest Income			1,222	2,917	(1,695)	5,429	8,750	(3,321)	62%	35,000	
15	Total Income			7,903	9,083	(1,180)	16,884	27,250	(10,366)	62%	2,191,180	493,394
16	Expense											
17				(Over)/Under Bud			(Over)/Under Bud					
18	Total Employee Benefits			108,583	117,857	9,274	342,814	353,571	10,757	97%	1,684,640	-
19	Library Materials/Services											
20	Books - Adult			2,152	3,500	1,348	5,663	10,500	4,837	54%	42,000	
21	Books - Teen			67	583	516	397	1,749	1,352	23%	7,000	
22	Books - Juvenile			953	1,417	464	2,089	4,251	2,162	49%	17,000	
23	Reference Databases			-	375	375	-	1,125	1,125	0%	4,500	
24	Serials			-	667	667	4,302	2,000	(2,302)	215%	8,000	
25	AV			540	333	(207)	971	1,000	29	97%	4,000	
26	AV - Audio Books			223	333	110	470	1,000	530	47%	4,000	
27	AV - Audio Music			-	42	42	-	126	126	0%	500	
28	Museum Passes			225	167	(58)	225	501	276	45%	2,000	
29	E Content			240	1,667	1,427	3,169	5,001	1,832	63%	20,000	
30	Total Library Materials/Services			4,400	9,084	4,684	17,286	27,253	9,967	63%	109,000	-
31	Building Equipment			-	200	200	-	600	600	0%	2,400	
32	Building Repairs/Improvement			30	833	803	18,410	2,500	(15,910)	736%	10,000	
33	Utilities			4,384	4,167	(217)	14,112	12,500	(1,612)	113%	50,000	
34	Insurance			-	-	-	6,352	-	(6,352)	0%	42,000	
35	Building Services			4,230	4,000	(230)	14,634	12,000	(2,634)	122%	48,000	
36	Custodial Services			317	833	516	1,734	2,499	765	69%	10,000	
37	Total Building			8,961	10,033	1,072	55,242	30,099	(25,143)	184%	162,400	-
38	Total Technology			533	6,708	6,175	19,835	20,124	289	99%	80,500	-
39	Programs/Public Relations											
40	Newsletter/Marketing			182	333	151	258	1,000	742	26%	4,000	
41	Programs - Adult			2,080	1,500	(580)	6,806	4,500	(2,306)	151%	18,000	
42	Programs-Community Dev			-	958	958	-	2,874	2,874	0%	11,500	
43	Local History			2,325	417	(1,908)	2,660	1,250	(1,410)	213%	5,000	
44	Programs - Juvenile			1,610	1,500	(110)	4,558	4,500	(58)	101%	18,000	
45	Programs - Teen			-	417	417	695	1,250	555	56%	5,000	
46	Total Programs/Public Relations			6,197	5,125	(1,072)	14,977	15,374	397	97%	61,500	-

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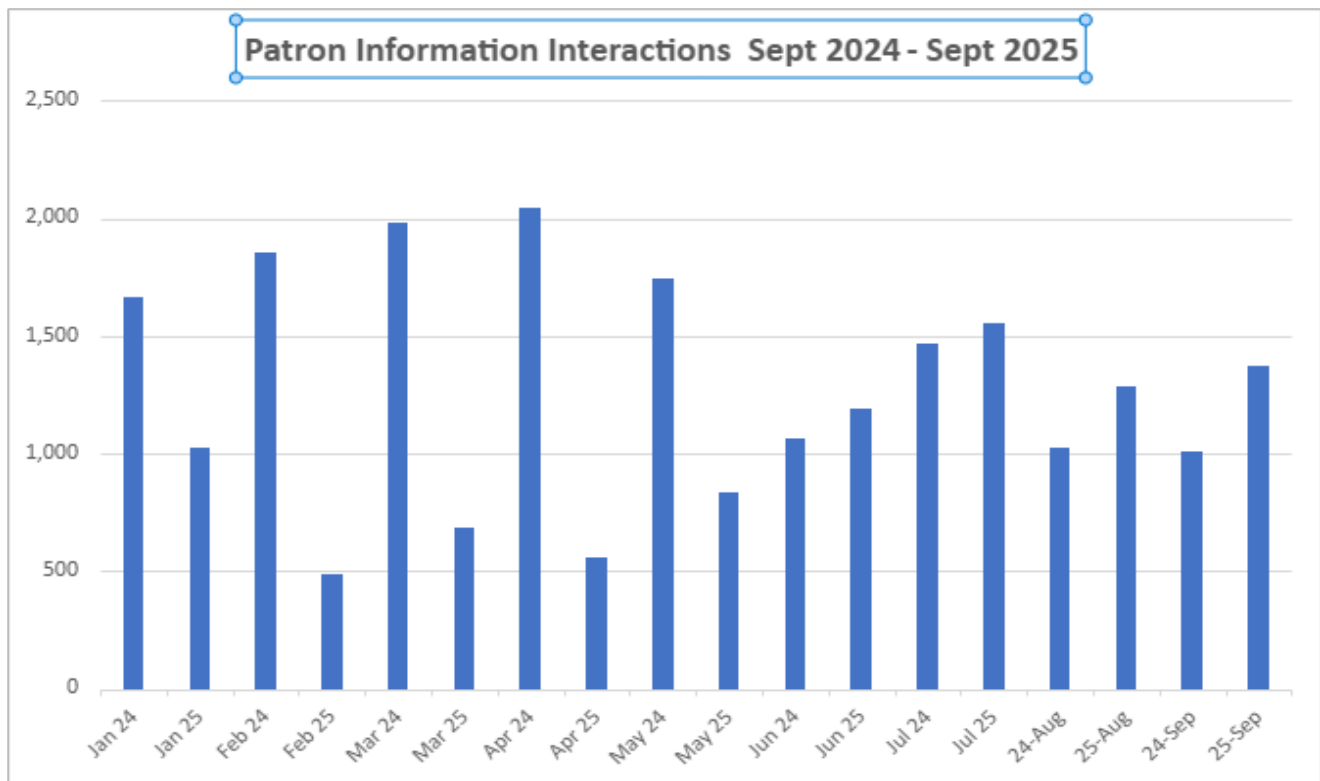
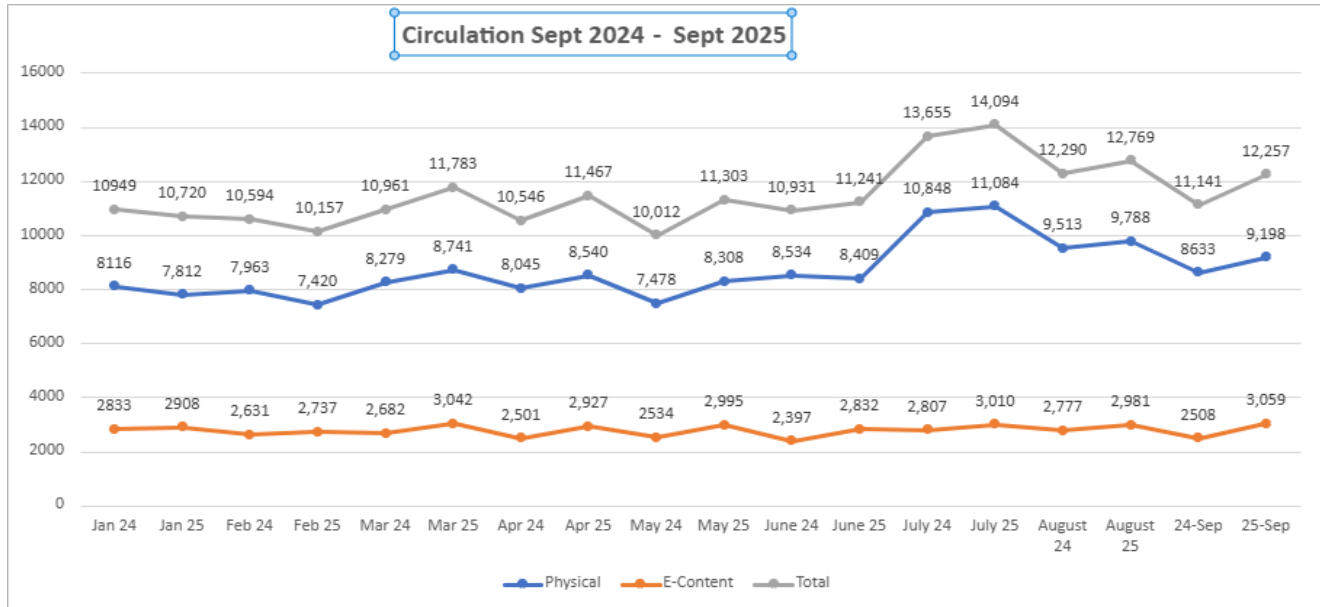
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2				September 25/2	Budget	Over/(Under) Bud	25/26 Act YTD	YTD Bud	Over/(Under) Bud	% of Budget	Budget 25/26	Debt 25/26
47	Administrative Expenses			(Over)/Under Bud			(Over)/Under Bud					
48	Telephone			1,046	833	(213)	3,078	2,500	(578)	123%	10,000	
49	Printing			333	500	167	333	1,500	1,167	22%	6,000	
50	Postage			12	208	196	709	625	(84)	113%	2,500	
51	Office Equipment Maintenance			-	83	83	-	250	250	0%	1,000	
52	Human Resources			82	250	168	(313)	750	1,063	-42%	3,000	
53	Legal			1,478	1,000	(478)	1,478	3,000	1,522	49%	12,000	
54	CSEA Matters			-	1,667	1,667	2,804	5,000	2,196	56%	20,000	
55	Other Prof Services			121	208	87	231	625	394	37%	2,500	
56	Accounting			715	750	35	3,095	2,250	(845)	138%	9,000	
57	Library Supplies			398	945	547	851	2,835	1,984	30%	11,340	
58	Copier Lease			572	275	(297)	1,738	825	(913)	211%	3,300	
59	Continuing Education			-	417	417	1,222	1,250	28	98%	5,000	
60	Election			-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	3,000	
61	Membership Dues			150	208	58	2,878	625	(2,253)	460%	2,500	
62	Miscellaneous Expense			-	250	250	-	750	750	0%	2,000	
63	Total Admin Expenses			4,907	7,595	2,688	18,104	22,785	4,681	79%	93,140	-
64	Other Interest Exp						-	-	-		-	
65	Bond Interest Exp			-	-	-	-	-	-			248,394
66	Bond Principal						-	-	-			245,000
67	Total Expense			133,581	156,402	22,821	468,258	469,206	948	100%	2,191,180	493,394
68	Total Income			7,903	9,083	(1,180)	16,884	27,250	(10,366)		2,191,180	493,394
69	Net Ordinary Income			(125,678)	(147,319)	21,641	(451,374)	(441,956)	(9,418)		-	-

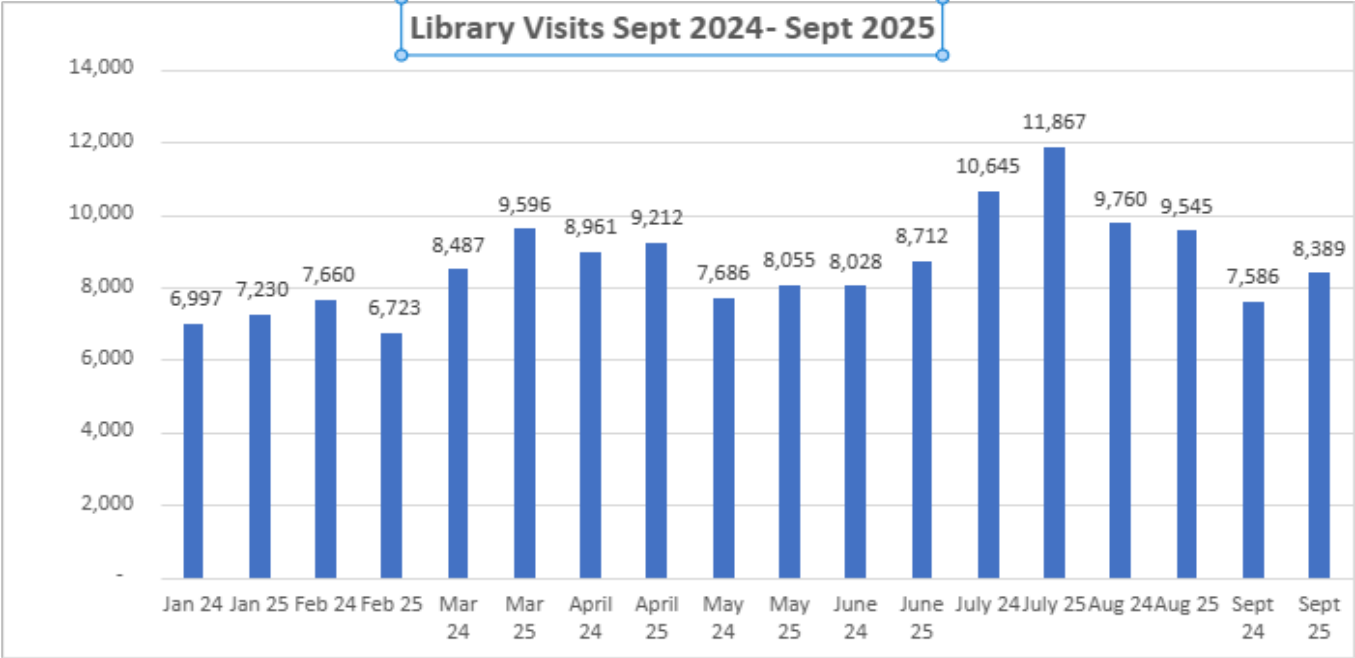
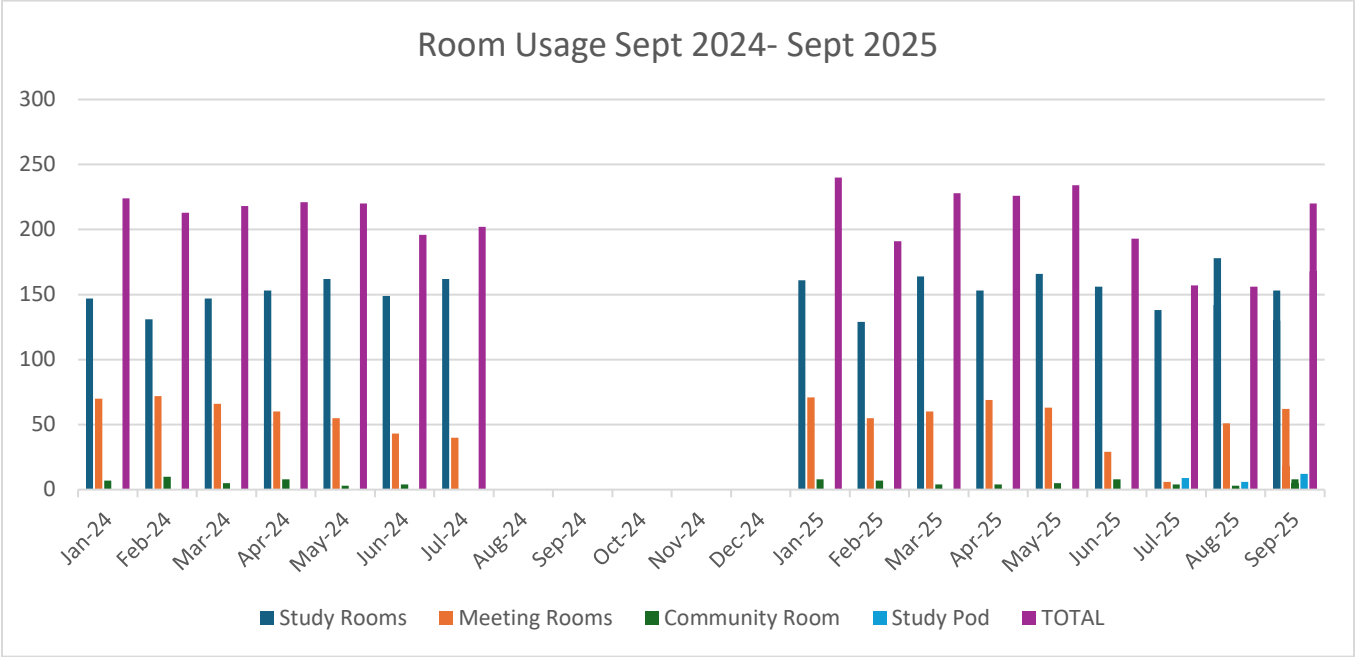
Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
Balance Sheet
General Fund
As of September 30, 2025

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Director's Report October 13, 2025







Building & Grounds

There was another leak from a blocked pump, but it has been replaced with a bigger pump to hopefully prevent this from happening again. The smaller pump kept getting clogged.

The annual snow-plowing contract with Billco has been signed.

A suggestion box for patrons has been installed in the lobby. We look forward to hearing from the community.

We have received a quote from Grey's Woodworks for building and installing the storage shed.

Outreach

I attended the RCLS annual meeting on September 12th and met with many other RCLS members. I also participated in the RCLS Service Plan focus group at the Albert Windsor Public Library, as well as a meeting with all new RCLS directors.

Internally, I have continued to host staff and department meetings, as well as attending the Local History Committee and Friends of the Library meetings. The Local History Committee asked me to write the foreword for the upcoming History Journal. They are hoping to publish in November. Bob and Hilde Quinn, and Mary Kay Jankowski have been working on a Map Preservation Project. The materials needed to complete the project are expensive and highly specific. I asked the Friends of the Library to cover the cost of the materials, and they agreed to cover a portion of the total cost. I also asked that the Friends match the Bullet Aid Grant from Senator Skoufis at \$10,000 to help add more to the proposed outdoor musical collection. They are still considering the request currently.

Continuing Education

I attended a seminar on AI Policies as well as new Web Accessibility laws. I am working on building an AI policy that works with our community needs and is in line with our mission statement. And because we have a newer website, we know that our website complies with the new laws.

Staff

Twenty staff members are participating in the Making Strides of the Hudson Valley Walk on October 19th. We are raising money for the team by participating in initiatives created by Erica Gati, such as raffles and dress down days. Anyone is welcome to donate.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Chiocchi



Meeting Date: 10/14/2025

Reporting Month: September

Submitted by: Charles DeYoe

Department: IT/Adult Services

Department Summary: We saw an increase in Libratory demand in the month of September as patrons have started to learn about the existence of the Libratory. We also had our first computer class using the laptops we have, and patrons are looking for more sessions of the beginner-level and to have an intermediate-level class. The Libratory web page has gone live, and we expect that this will lead to an increased demand going forward.

Accomplishments/Current Activities: I have been continuing to train our Library Assistants on the equipment in the Libratory. I believe they are learning at a good pace but are generally not yet comfortable instructing a patron one-on-one with the capabilities of our equipment. I am working on the next computer class as time allows.

Upcoming Events: 10/16 Horror Book Club (*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly)

Financial Impact:

Amazon Libratory supplies purchase: \$115.68 (approximately \$1,842 remaining in budget)

[September Libratory revenue from materials: \$11.60]

[Total Libratory revenue to date: \$32.55]

Statistics:

- Libratory appointments: 5
- 1-on-1 tech help sessions: 1
- Computer class attendance: 3
- Total public PC users: 457
- Total time spent on public PCs: 311 hours, 47 minutes
- Average PC session length: 40.93 hours
- Total monthly Wi-Fi users: 6,589
- Average Wi-Fi users per day: 219.6

Notes: A key part of the Libratory's video digitization setup was lost in the mail, and we are still waiting for its replacement. This lengthy delay led to two cancellations from patrons.



Meeting Date: October 13, 2025

Reporting Month: September 2025

Submitted by: Kitty Ruberte-Smith

Department: Marketing & Communications

Department Summary:

In September, the Marketing Department promoted fall programs through targeted social media campaigns, refreshed in-library signage, and launched a new monthly email newsletter to increase community engagement.

Accomplishments & Current Activities:

In September, we highlighted Library Card Sign-Up Month across all platforms, boosting awareness and new registrations. We promoted upcoming fall programs for children, teens, and adults, and launched a new Postcard Exchange Program to encourage community connection. We also introduced a monthly "Did You Know?" post to remind patrons of available library resources and services.

Upcoming Events & Campaigns:

In October, we will launch a Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign to share valuable health resources and support materials with our community. We're also participating in TeenTober, a nationwide celebration that highlights the importance of teen services in libraries—promoting programs that help teens build skills, explore new interests, and stay engaged year-round. Additionally, we're kicking off a donation drive for new pajamas and storybooks to support The Beyond Bedtime Program, a nonprofit that promotes equitable access to healthy sleep for children.

Financial Impact:

This month's expenses included supplies for the upcoming Postcard Exchange Challenge \$14.19. Additionally, we allocated funds for a social media boost \$40.00, to promote the *Herbal Hour* Program, which invites patrons ages 13 and up to share and learn about herbal practices through book discussions, crafting, and conversation over tea and cookies.



Statistics: Facebook Analysis; September 2025

- **3,221k followers**
- **29.4k views**
- **469 content interaction**
- **1.7k Visits**
- **8.6k Reach**
- **65 Follows**

Statistics: Instagram Analysis; September 2025

- **1,462k followers**
- **13.9k views**
- **252 content interaction**
- **160 Visits**
- **1.4k Reach**
- **26 Follows**

Notes:

September was a successful month of outreach and engagement, with promotional efforts for Library Card Sign-Up Month and the introduction of several new initiatives, including the Postcard Exchange and "Did You Know?" series.



Meeting Date: October 13th 2025

Reporting Month: September 2025

Submitted by: Amber Kirkwood

Department: Head of Programming

Department Summary: Back to School and Fall Programming

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

September was a pretty calm month. Kids head back to school and programming slows down. It was National Library Card Month, so I provided adults with a goodie bag with fun things like book recommendations, relaxing tea and a book light if they came in to get a new library card. For the kids, they received a scratch and sniff bookmark. The children's department went to Scotchtown to visit all the 1st Grade classes since they are now able to get their very own card as well. As of the end of September, we had 50+ new adult cards and 27 new children's cards given out. Anne Tichy has been a huge help in programming for children and adults and bringing some fresh ideas to the library. Her Homeschool Hub program is a huge hit with an average of around 25 patrons a session. She's also leading one of my weekly collabs with Inspire, an organization that provides fun and educational activities with the developmentally disabled in Goshen. She will be teaching them how to draw. Charles DeYoe has a Computers 101 course that I'm sure will grow in numbers over time.

Upcoming Events:

The end of September leads into the 1st week of October which is when we're officially starting our Fall Programming. My Adult Specials are filling up insanely fast, especially the craft focused ones which I'm thankful for. Garden of Gratitude, a Mindfulness event for children and adults is coming together quite nicely. We have 4 headliners events as well as all day crafts that help ease the heart and mind. I'm very grateful for all the organizations and businesses in Goshen that are providing presentations and such. This will be held on November 21st. I also met with Anne, Don and Liz from the Historical Society, and they are having an Artifacts Exhibition on November 15th where they will have 35 historic gems for the community to see and learn about.

Financial Impact:

We have used 33% of the children's programming budget and 25% of adult programming budget thus far.



Statistics:

Children's Programming:

Storytimes:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Fetching Reads	8	19
Wee Read	2	32
Circletime	1	4
Snuggle Up Storytime	1	7
ABC Book Start	1	29

Specials:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Chess Club	1	2
Homeschool Hub	6	166
Pokemon Club	1	9

Asynchronous:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Scavenger Hunt	1	40

Outreach

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
School Visits	8	136
1st Grade Library Card	6	27
Market Tales	1	38

Adult Programming:

Book Clubs:



<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Cookbook Club	1	5
Midnight Society	1	8
Second Helpings	1	7
Sweet Pepper Readers	1	3
Murderous Mondays	1	11
Saturday Book Club	1	12
Herbal Hour	1	7

Specials:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Gentle Yoga	2	23
Gentle Zumba	2	16
Salute and Sip	2	7
Video Games Club	1	4
Chess Club	1	5
MFH - Chris Raabe	1	22
Computers 101	1	3

Asynchronous:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Spice of the Month	1	8
Library Card Goodie Bags	1	50



Meeting Date: 10/08/25
Submitted by: Ruth Mallard

Reporting Month: September 2025
Department: Adult Services

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

- Collection maintenance of Speculative Fiction (Fantasy, Sci-fi & Horror) and Romance
- Displays: While You're Waiting-Frieda McFadden read-a-likes; Books translated from the Spanish
- Professional Development/Continuing Education:
 - Webinar- Prepared to Help, Library of Things & Emergency Response
 - Webinar- Beyond Access-Inclusive Programming

Financials:

- Books (\$42000) [*does not include vendor discounts or processing charges*]:
 - \$5878
 - 74% remaining
- Ebooks (\$20000):
 - Hoopla: \$1677
 - Overdrive: \$463
 - 73% remaining
- Audiobooks (\$4000):
 - \$244
 - 89% remaining
- A/V Materials (\$4000):
 - \$1078
 - 58% remaining
- Music (\$1000):
 - 92% remaining

Statistics:

- Reference/ Readers' Advisory interactions: 874
- Study Rooms:
 - unique users: 85
 - bookings: 142

Select Adult Collections Circulation	2025	2024
New Fiction	589	668
New Nonfiction	171	162
Fiction	1023	1,043
Nonfiction	94	721
Large Print	388	395
Audiobook	56	114
DVDs	316	388
Videogames	118	104
Puzzles & Board Games	23	50
Museum Passes	28	9

Digital Circulation	2025	2024
Libby (Overdrive)	2367	1945
<i>e-book</i>	<i>1003</i>	<i>841</i>
<i>audio</i>	<i>1081</i>	<i>896</i>
Hoopla	692	563
<i>e-book</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>124</i>
<i>audio</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>340</i>
Total	3059	2508



Meeting Date: October 13, 2025

Reporting Month: September 2025

Submitted by: Ann M. Roche

Department: Local History

Department Summary:

Genealogy, house and land history, area history

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

Shelf reading, obituary indexing, accessioning artifact. (total to date 401)
(Each item is identified by donor, date received and history). Don and Liz continue doing a wonderful job accessing the items. The storeroom is in decent order now that we have the correct archival boxes.

25 visitors researching families, cemeteries, houses, etc.

The room was open during the Friends lecture of Saturday, September 13.

Upcoming Events:

“Artifact Day”. November 15, 2025. We have so far selected over 20 items to be exhibited.

“History Journal is expected to be out the by the end of November

There is a new Magazine out “Goshen Living”. They have asked us for an article which will be in their next issue.

Financial Impact:

Supplies have been ordered and received.

Statistics: Phone calls 5; Emails 1; Visitors 25 (Michigan, Connecticut, New Jersey and in the area.” Road trip” visitors in search of U.S. Grants’ walking stick.

The Map drawer has been catalogued. Hilde Quinn and Mary Kay Jankowski are now in the process of preserving them. We have ordered and received archival supplies. (archival polyester sleeves, oversized folders plus other supplies) Total is about \$2600. The Friends of the Library offered to pay about \$1400.00.



Meeting Date: October 13, 2025

Reporting Month: September 2025

Submitted by: Karen Golding

Department: Children's and Teen Services

Department Summary: We finalized our planning and marketing for Fall Programming and began our Fall Programs.

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

- We completed our first grade visits this month as a part of our effort to encourage all Goshen first grade students to get library cards. Children's staff took turns visiting the first grade classes at Scotchtown Elementary School to talk about the library and how exciting it is to have your own library card. We emphasized being responsible and the proper care of books and encouraged everyone to visit the library. The kids were very receptive and we are excited to welcome our new first grade card-holders!
- We registered kids for all of our storytime sessions and held our first week of storytime. Our Wee Read program is so popular that we added a second session to accommodate as many people as possible. We also expanded Toddlertime to accommodate everyone who registered.
- We began our Fall programming at the end of the month and the kids and parents are excited to participate in our upcoming events.
- I met with Joanna Goldfarb, Michelle Muller, Meaghan Doyle, Dave Cosco and Katrina Hohlfeld to discuss the America 250 project. We will be creating a virtual program manual for libraries outlining program ideas to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. The manual will be released in sections and will feature program ideas for children, teens and adults.
- Ann Tichy began offering 2 Homeschool Hub programs aimed at homeschoolers and their parents, one focusing on younger children and the 2nd focusing on tweens and teens. Both are very popular and have been well attended.
- Our new database, Scholastic Teachables is up and running. This resource offers Goshen cardholders the opportunity to access thousands of Scholastic learning materials and print out worksheets for their children from home. Our staff has also been using it to supplement our program materials.
- We added our first 3 kits to our new Children's Library of Things. This new offering is being funded by a generous donation from the members of the Friends of the Library in memory of Linda Stein and will feature several different themed bags with resources available to borrow. The first 3 bags are now available and include a Musical Instrument kit, a Dress Yourself Busy Board kit and a CD player that can be borrowed to listen to music CDs or books on CD. More kits will be joining these in the upcoming months.



Upcoming Events:

- Fall programming will continue in October with a full slate of storytimes and programs for kids in grades K-6. We are happy to say that our Bilingual Storytime will continue as Clarisa will be taking over for Rosa.
- Clarisa, Lynn, Virginia and I will be attending Fall Into Books this month, a full day continuing education conference aimed at children's and teen literature.
- I will be meeting with other librarians from around the country for the first round of judging in the 2025 Indie Author Project Contest. We will be narrowing the choices down and then meeting again later in the month to decide on winners in different categories. This is a great way to spotlight Indie Authors from all over North America.
- Lynn Banghart will be attending Supercharged Storytimes for All, a free early literacy training program. This 5 week course is offered as part of the State Library's Ready to Read at New York Libraries initiative and will help us enhance storytime services to young children and their families.

Financial Impact:

- Children's books: \$1,030.96 spent
- Teen Books: \$441.84 spent

Statistics:

- Chess Club: 1 session, 2 teen attendees
- Homeschool Hub: 2 sessions, 28 attendees
- Herbal Hour: 1 session, 2 teen attendee
- Volunteers: 15 kids, 91 hours given

Notes:

- I would like to recognize the continuing efforts of our teen volunteers, who gave us almost 100 hours of their time this month. We are fortunate to have such a great group of kids in Goshen who are eager to help in any way they can.