



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting of October 7, 2026 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.

a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting.

B. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2026 Special Meeting.

VI. Personnel

VII. Finances

a. Financial Report

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Financial Report for September 2026.

b. Warrant Schedule for August 2026

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the August 2026 Warrant Schedule as presented.

c. Warrant Schedule for September 2026

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the September 2026 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. Old Business

XII. New Business

- a. 2027 Library Hours/Holiday Closings & Board Meeting Schedule
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Library Hours/Holiday Closings and Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for 2027.

- b. Snow Removal Proposals

[Action Item] RESOLVED that the Board approve (INSERT NAME), for snow removal services for the 2026-2027 winter season for the total amount of (INSERT COST).

- c. Domestic Partner Dental Insurance

[Action Item] RESOLVED that the Board approve allowing domestic partners to join the EBF dental plan at no cost to the library.

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: Monday, November 9, 2026 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.

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**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of September 14, 2026**

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 14, 2026.

Attendance:

Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey (entered at 7:14 PM), Alison Newman, Michael Panzer (entered at 7:32 PM), and Lynn Tabbott. Also in attendance: Library Director Rose Chiocchi, Clerk of the Board Meghan Boroden and Treasurer Linda Hannigan).

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and Approve Agenda

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

*Addition of Goshen Living magazine proposal and Bicycle Checkout Agreement & Rules and Waiver & Release under New Business.

Motion, Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by, Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 5-0-0)

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 10, 2026 as presented.

Motion, Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by, Trustee Newman. (Approved 5-0-0)

VI. Personnel – None.

VII. Finances

a. Library Treasurer Review of Finances

Library Treasurer Linda Hannigan spoke to the Board about the state of the Library's finances focusing on two areas: Draft Financial Statements and the first two months of the current fiscal year. Hannigan highlighted that the Library presently has less

cash on hand than in 2025 because of large expenditures in the following areas in the past fiscal year: the payment of arrears out of the State Retirement budget line, increased health insurance benefits and building expenses. Hannigan noted that while the salaries and wages budget line was greater in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, this is due to the former interim director's services being paid out of a Contract budget line in 2024-2025. Hannigan also noted that \$50,000 was utilized from the Library's fund balance for the new fiscal year. For the current fiscal year 2026-2027 the Library is awaiting the first payment of the tax levy no later than October 15th. The increased RCLS IT expenses was noted, but Library realizes savings in this agreement rather than hiring an in-house IT staff member who would require a large salary and health benefits. Looking forward, Director Chiocchi foresees expenses related to the negotiation of a second collective bargaining agreement to be less, as a template is now in place. Hannigan noted that there is a good partnership between Chiocchi and the Library's bookkeeper and thanked the Board for her continued role as treasurer.

b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the August 2026 Financial Report. Motion, Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by, Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0)

c. August 2026 Warrant Schedule to be available at October meeting.

d. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the removal of William Troy and Bernard Marone as check signers from the Library's account with Orange Bank & Trust Company.

Motion, Trustee Markey. Seconded by, Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 6-0-0)

e. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board add Rose Chiocchi as a check signer for the Library's account at Orange Bank & Trust Company.

Motion, Trustee Newman. Seconded by, Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0)

VIII. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi noted increases in all areas: circulation of materials, use of space, reference inquiries and overall visits year over year. Despite the closure of the Library on Sundays in the summer, there was not a drop in patron use. Chiocchi explained that the circulation staff members are presently preparing approximately 200 new library cards for first graders in the Goshen Central School District, a time consuming initiative.

Chiocchi highlighted the work of several staff members and their departments. She praised the collection development and new initiatives set forth by Adult Services Librarian Ruth Mallard who is preparing to unveil a Book-a-Bike program in partnership with Orange County Snowboard, Ski & Bike, which will allow patrons to borrow a bicycle from the Library. Two birding backpacks, provided by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation I Bird NY initiative, are also now available for patrons to borrow.

Chiocchi complimented the marketing and communications skills of summer intern Jasmine Fernandez whose contributions promoted the Library's summer programs. Summer Reading Program statistics revealed 326 youth participated with 150 attending the end of summer reading party.

Looking forward the Library staff is preparing for GoCon 2026 and autumn programs beginning at the end of September.

In building and grounds news, the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works notified the Library of a water leak. The source of the leak is in the process of being identified.

Director Chiocchi continues to engage with RCLS; meet with department heads and staff members; and participate in training on issues and programs impacting libraries. All staff members have completed the state-mandated annual sexual harassment training.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Physical Resources Committee – None.
- ii. Community Resources Committee – None.
- iii. Human Resources Committee – None.
- iv. Sunshine Committee – None.

b. Ad-hoc Committees

Historical Society Committee – The Battle of Minisink monument will be cleaned by Historian Ed Connor and moved by Mark Gargiulo of Allegro Landscaping. The journal will be headed to the printer. Discussion has begun on article ideas for a third edition.

X. Reports from Partner Groups

- a. Friends of the GPL&HS is resuming monthly meetings following a summer break. Ed Connor was the first speaker, discussing Goshen estates and homes.
- b. Junior Friends – A large television screen for the Pomares Community Room will be purchased with remaining funds raised by the Junior Friends.

XI. Old Business

- a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board ratify the Tax Certiorari Agreement between the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society and Goshen Central School District.

Motion, Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by, Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)

XII. New Business

- a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2027 RCLS budget.
- Motion, Trustee Panzer. Seconded by, Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)

b. Goshen Living Magazine.

Editor of Goshen Living Magazine has proposed featuring the Library in an upcoming issue of the publication.

c. Bicycle Checkout Agreement & Rules and Waiver & Release

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Bicycle Checkout Agreement & Rules and Waiver & Release as amended.

Motion, Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by, Trustee Panzer. (Approved 7-0-0)

XIII. Privilege of the Floor – Staff member Norma Fives spoke about overdue fees and length of time patrons could borrow bicycles from the Library.

XIV. Executive Session

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

Motion, Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by, Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)

No action was taken.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:31 PM.

Motion, Trustee Markey. Seconded by, Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)

XV. Report of Continuing Education Credits – Trustees reported on classes they have participated in to fulfill the continuing education credits required by NYS law.

XVI. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Motion, Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by, Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 7-0-0)

Next Regular Meeting: October 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Special Meeting of September 23, 2026**

Draft Minutes

- I. Call to order
A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society (GPLHS) was called to order by President Emily Collado at 7:17 PM on September 23, 2026.
Attendance: Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Michael Panzer (arrived 7:25 PM) and Lynn Tabbott. Absent: Alison Newman. Also in attendance: Clerk of the Board Meghan Boroden.
- II. Executive Session
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:17 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals.
Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 5-0-0)
No action was taken.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:44 PM.
Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 6-0-0)
- III. Adjournment
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 8:44 PM.
Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 6-0-0)

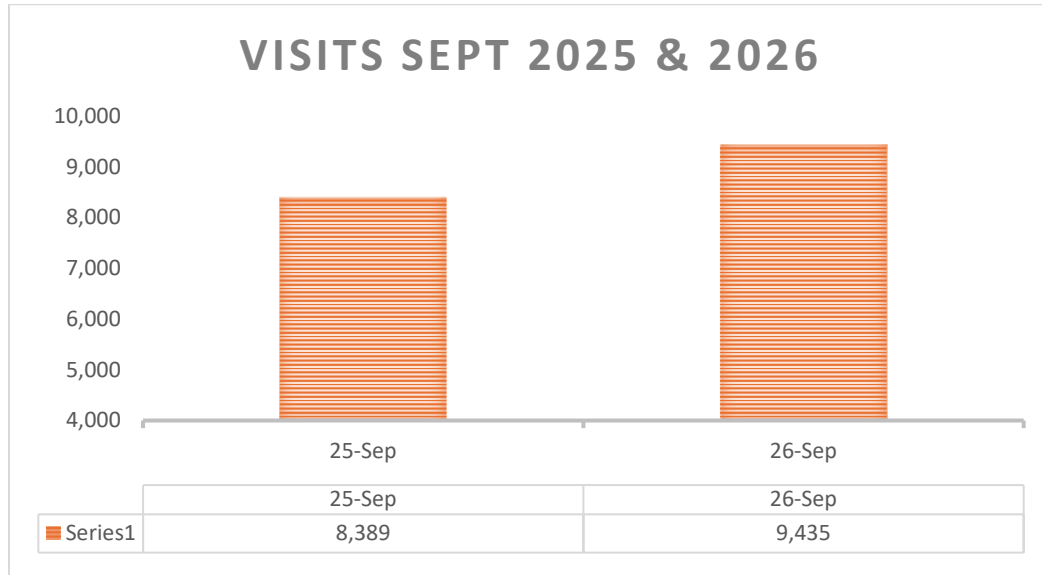
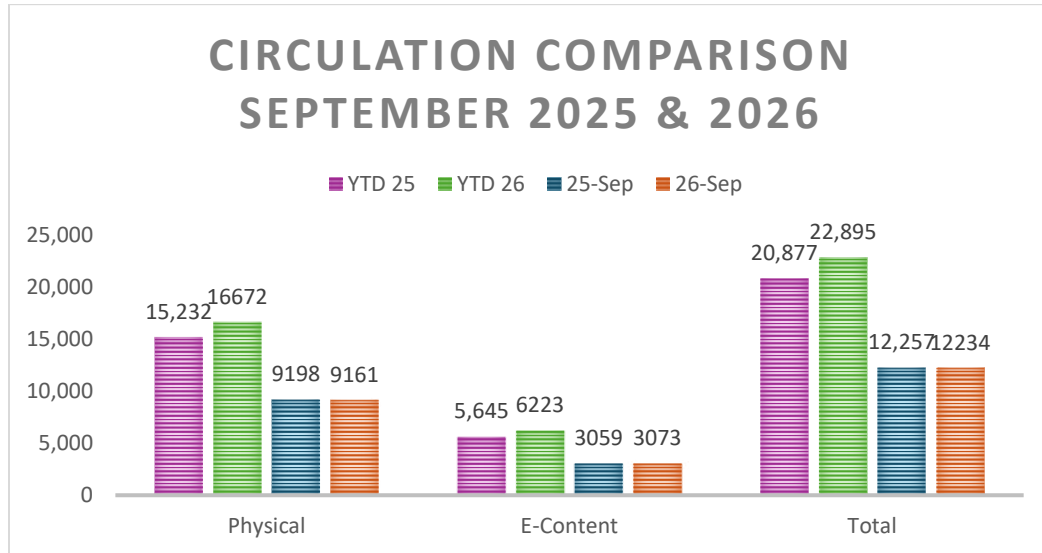
Next Regular Meeting: October 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board



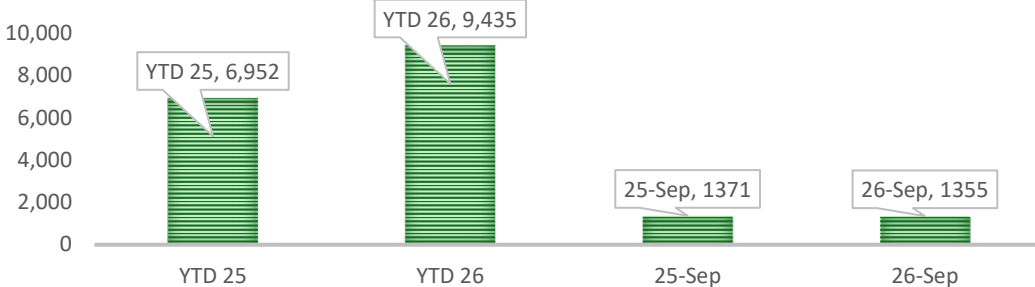
Director's Report October 7, 2026

General Statistics

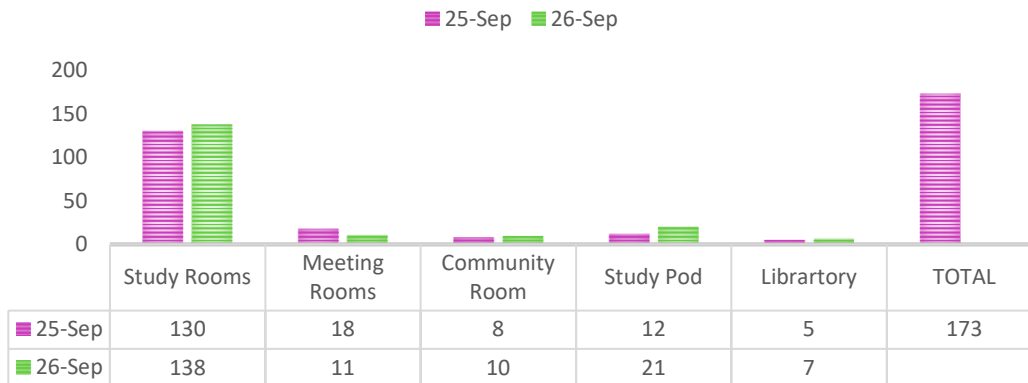




REFERENCE QUESTIONS SEPTEMBER 2025 & 2026



MEETING SPACES SEPTEMBER 2025 & 2026



Building

A local plumber, Next Level Home Pros, assessed the building for a leak, but could not find anything. We are going to test one more thing next weekend when the building is closed.

Circulation

Fees at the circulation desk have increased for the first time in at least 15 years. Copier fees are now \$0.25, and color copies are \$0.70. The first page of a fax now costs \$2.50, and every page thereafter is still \$0.50.

The Great Give Back, October 1-31, 2026



We have partnered with RCLS and the Orange Library Association to participate in the state-wide community support initiative, The Great Give Back, by collecting new and unopened diapers for children. The diapers will be given to the Diaper Bank of Orange Ulster Sullivan.

We are also hosting a Pajama and Children's Book Drive for the month with Beyond Books, a national 501©3, that enables children to experience the benefits of a good and cozy night's sleep.

Programs & Outreach

I want to highlight how successful GoCon was on September 19th. I visited the library during a few of the programs and it was extremely busy. The door counter read 671 people for the day, while an average Saturday sees about 225 people. It was great to see the entire building in use with programs for all ages. I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the GoCon committee for creating such a great event! Thank you, Amber Kirkwood, Krystal Coleman, Charley DeYoe, Clarisa Rosario-Degroate, Melissa Tidd, and Barron Angell.

The bikes are available and ready for checkout. Many thanks to Orange County Snowboards for supporting this program with deep discounts and a promise to maintain the bikes. The response from the community has been overwhelming. The social media posts are the most "liked" in the history of our social media accounts. Thank you to Ruth Mallard and Charles for putting together this new service!

Library staff are once again walking in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 18. Team Captain, Erica Gati, is leading the efforts to beat their fundraising goal of \$1,000 this year.

We hosted the Orange Library Association Annual Meeting on October 1st. There are 11 library representatives from the 17 Orange County libraries and almost 20 Orange County Government representatives from many departments. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with our county officials and learn about how we can work together to benefit our patrons and community members. We will also host the Directors Association meeting for new directors on October 8.

Thank you to Goshen Living Magazine for visiting the library and talking about the services we offer. We're excited to see the feature in next month's edition!

I attended the following continuing education seminars:

- Director's Panel at RCLS, discussion includes timely topics that directors face
- NY Directors Handbook Book Club, The Director-Board Relationship
- RCLS Directors Association monthly meeting
- RCLS Mobile App training
- RCLS Annual Meeting
- Orange Library Association (OLA) Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Chiocchi



Meeting Date: 10/26
Submitted by: Ruth Mallard

Reporting Month: September 2025
Department: Adult Services

Current Activities:

- Displays:
 - GoCon 2026
 - Literary Sci-fi
- Reading Challenges:
 - Party Hard with Your Library Card - 2026 year-long adult reading challenge.
 - 48 registered
 - 1 new registration
 - 6 completed the month's challenge
- Collections:
 - Weeding nonfiction: 600s (technology) – The focus this month has been the 610s covering health and medicine, which needs careful evaluation for misleading or outdated information.
 - We received five fishing rods from the state DEC I Fish NY program to lend.
 - The Book-a-Bike program is on track to be ready to launch in early October.

Financials:

- Books (\$40000) [*does not include vendor discounts or processing charges*]:
 - \$7300
 - 47% remaining
- Ebooks (\$23000):
 - Hoopla: \$1955
 - Libby/Overdrive: \$28
 - 71% remaining
- Audiobooks (\$2000):
 - \$167
 - 82% remaining
- A/V Materials (\$4000)
 - \$329
 - 76% remaining
- Videogames (\$1000)
 - 100% remaining
- Music (\$500):
 - \$51
 - 68% remaining
- Library of Things (\$1000)
 - 100% remaining

Statistics:

- Reference/ Readers' Advisory interactions: 903

- Study Rooms:

- Unique users: 96
- Bookings: 159
 - Study Room 1: 77
 - Study Room 2: 61
 - The Pod: 21

- E-content

September had an all-time record usage for Hoopla, but Libby use didn't even make the top twelve.

- Libby
 - Unique users: 548
 - New Users: 22
- Hoopla
 - Unique users: 310
 - New users: 17

Select Adult Collections Circulation	2026	2025
New Fiction	544	589
New Nonfiction	165	171
Fiction	1003	1023
Nonfiction	607	94
Large Print	379	388
Audiobook	72	56
DVDs	384	316
Videogames	195	118
Puzzles & Board Games	54	23
Museum Passes	28	28

Digital Circulation	2026	2025
Libby (Overdrive)	2249	2367
<i>e-book</i>	800	1003
<i>audio</i>	1098	1081
Hoopla	824	692
<i>e-book</i>	198	177
<i>audio</i>	503	422
Total	3073	3059



Meeting Date: 10/7/2026

Reporting Month: September 2026

Submitted by: Charles DeYoe

Department: IT/Adult Services

Department Summary: September continues to be a busy month, although slower than the summer

Accomplishments/Current Activities: The first half of September is marked with preparation for GoCon, which is surely discussed in greater detail in Amber's report. We now offer printable direct transfer vinyl in the Libratory, which allows patrons to create custom shirts, tote bags, or anything else featuring their own art with more detail and colors than could be accomplished using normal heat transfer vinyl. Relatedly, I set up a new dye-sublimation printer for use within the administrative office.

I was also able to diagnose one of the long-standing issues in the community room: certain laptops will not display correctly on our projector. The problem is with the cable running in the wall, which more modern HDMI devices have trouble with. My assumption is that the company that installed the projector used the cheapest equipment possible. This is not an immediate pressing concern but will need to be addressed in the future.

Upcoming Events: 10/8/26 – The Midnight Society - *Rosemary's Baby* by Ira Levin
11/12/26 – The Midnight Society – *The Halls of the Dead* by S.M. Hallow

Financial Impact:

Libratory expenses: \$81.78 (approximately \$1,326.44 remaining in budget)

August Libratory revenue from materials: \$10.55

[Total Libratory revenue for fiscal year: \$47.50]

Statistics:

- Libratory appointments: 7
- 1-on-1 tech help sessions: 3
- Total public PC users: 554
- Total time spent on public PCs: 381 hours, 40 minutes
- Average PC session length: 41.336 minutes
- Total monthly Wi-Fi users: 8377
- Average Wi-Fi users per day: 279.233

Notes: As continues to be the case, my professional opinion remains to be that the adult services department is severely understaffed.



Meeting Date: October 5, 2026

Reporting Month: September, 2026

Submitted by: Ann M. Roche

Department: Local History

Department Summary:

Genealogy, house and land history, cemetery records, Maps, Histories of Goshen, Church records, Birth Records, Death notices, Haight Property, St. Elmo Hotel, Revolutionary War, 124th Regiment, Salesian School and cemetery.

Accomplishments/Current Activities: Shelf reading, obituary indexing (up to date), accessioning artifact. (Total to date 505). The storeroom is still being organized (portraits and painting being accessioned or deaccessioned). The map drawers have been reorganized and catalogued. Showcase: Businesses.

The room was open September 12, during the Friends of the Library Fall lecture series.

Maintenance work has been done on the microfilm reader/printer. 3 parts have been order.

The cost will be over \$1,00. but still less expensive than buying a new one.

Talk is in the works for moving the Battle of Minisink Monument. It has been cleaned and we are making arrangements to have it moved.

We are preparing for an "Artifacts Exhibition" to be held on Tuesday, November 10th – 11am – 2pm. We will be displaying objects recently received, photographs, baseballs, etc.

Statistics: Phone calls 5+; Emails 2; Visitors 15+ (New Jersey, Virginia, local).

Thank you to my volunteers Don and Liz.

Ann M. Roche



Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

Reporting Month: September 2026

Submitted by: Kitty Ruberte-Smith

Department: Marketing & Communications

Department Summary:

September marketing efforts focused on content centered on GoCon, Library Card Sign-Up Month, community appreciation, and upcoming October programs.

Accomplishments & Current Activities:

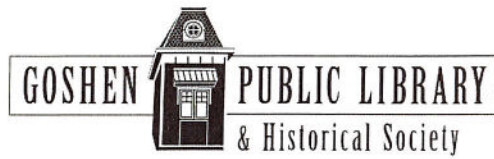
- Promoted GoCon through social media teasers, reminders, and content to build awareness and excitement leading up to the event.
- Library Card Sign-Up Month promotional content encouraging community members to discover the resources and services available through a Goshen Public Library card.
- Partnered with Operation Gratitude for a September Thank a First Responder initiative. Community members were invited to show appreciation for the everyday heroes who serve and care for our communities, with more than 20 people participating.

Upcoming Events / Promotions

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month — October: Prepare and publish social media and promotional content throughout October to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month and support community awareness.
- Beyond Bedtime & The Great Give Back — Pajama and Book Drive: Promote the October donation drive encouraging the community to donate new pajamas and storybooks for children in need.
- Social media and promotional materials for the Diaper Drive in partnership with The Diaper Bank of Orange Ulster Sullivan.
- Book Bites: A Blind Date Drive-Thru: Promote this Teen-Tober program for ages 14+. Participants will select a wrapped book based solely on a creative "menu" description without seeing the title or cover, creating a fun literary blind-date experience.

Financial Impact:

\$262.08 - Promotional program supplies and promotional Display Materials



Statistics: Facebook Analysis; September 2026

- **4052 followers**
- **68.7k views**
- **1.1k content interaction**
- **2.6k Visits**
- **23.2k viewers**
- **79 Follows**

Statistics: Instagram Analysis; September 2026

- **1714 followers**
- **17.0k views**
- **545 content interaction**
- **222 Visits**
- **2.2k Reach**
- **35 Follows**

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Meeting Date: October 7th, 2026

Reporting Month: September 2026

Submitted by: Amber Kirkwood

Department: Head of Programming

Department Summary: September Highlights and Upcoming Programming

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

September was a slower month for programming as we prepped for Fall. The Children's Department went to Scotchtown for 1st Grade Library Card Visits and thus far we have 68 new library cards issued! On September 19th, we had Go Con which was led by a team including myself, Charles DeYoe, Krystal Coleman, Clarisa Rosario-Degroate, Melissa Tidd and Barron Angell. The event went very well. Star War Rebel Legion came for amazing photo ops, and The Ghostbusters Slime Lab Station was a huge hit. Local business' Ice Capps and Graze provided food and its always a pleasure working with them. The biggest highlight of the event was the Retro Gaming Room with around 60 patrons playing video games throughout the day. Seeing how successful it was, we'll be planning more video game events in the future! Harlene had an amazing Second Helpings this month with the theme being "Sweet and Savory Pies". Staff were able to have leftovers, and everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was the best one yet!

Upcoming Events:

Fall programming started the week of September 28th, and we have plenty of really fun programs in October. I am particularly excited for the Spooky Sea Glass and Pebble Art program on October 20th for adults and we have author and illustrator Maggie Edkins Willis stopping by to read her book "Little Ghost Makes a Friend" for the kids. She'll be walking them through making their very own costumed ghost! We are starting weekly Mahjong Free Play the third week of October and that same week, many staff members will be attending the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" that is held at Woodbury Commons. We're also participating in the Great Give Back again this year and accepting donations for Beyond Bedtime (PJs and books for kids) and The Diaper Bank of Orange Ulster Sullivan (Diapers for all sizes but especially sizes 3-7).

Financial Impact:

We have used 29% of the Children's Programming budget and 26% of the Adult Programming budget thus far.



Children's Programming:

Storytimes:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Fetching Reads	7	25
Wee Read	1	22
Circletime	1	7
Once Upon a Storytime	1	31
Toddletime	1	26

Specials:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Pokemon Club	1	16
Homeschool Hub	6	153
Sunset Crafts	1	14
Bond and Beyond : Lip Balm	1	21

Outreach:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Market Tales	1	12

Asynchronous:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Scavenger Hunt	1	30

Adult Programming:

Clubs:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Tai Chi	2	33
Meditation	1	13
Cookbook Club	1	5
Midnight Society	1	10



Romance Book Club	1	3
Murderous Monday	1	9
Saturday Book Club	1	11
Herbal Hour	1	16
Gentle Yoga	2	25
Gentle Zumba	2	9
Salute and Sip	2	7
Chess Club	1	9
Second Helpings	1	10
Yarn Gang	5	40
Fiber Arts	1	16
Creative Writing Workshop	1	2
Crochetier's Club	4	6

Specials:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
MFH : Debbie Major	1	13
Nobody Told Me	1	5

Outreach:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Inspire - Boredom Busters	1	23
Inspire - Doodle Lab	1	19
Garnet Health	1	10
O&R Energy Saver	1	25

Asynchronous:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Library Chef	N/A	N/A

Go Con : Fandom Fun Day at the Library – Family (Children and Adults)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Total # of Patrons</u>
Movie to Games Panel	1	22



K – Pop Demon Hunters Trivia	1	15
Level Up Rave	1	17
Lego Speed Building	1	16
Mark McKenna Comic Panel	1	24
Switch 2 Free Play	1	15
Mario Kart Tournament – Kids	1	10
Mario Kart Tournament – Adults	1	4
Retro Game Zone	1	60
Ghostbusters Slime Factory	1	33
Intro to D&D – Adults	1	6
Intro to D&D – Kids	1	8
Creative Corner	1	23
Pokemon Craft	1	9
To The Death Game	1	40
Scavenger Hunt	1	28
Door Count		671



Meeting Date: October 8, 2026

Reporting Month: September 2026

Submitted by: Karen Golding

Department: Children's and Teen Services

Department Summary: We prepared for Fall programming and visited the 1st grade classrooms for library card signup month.

Accomplishments/Current Activities:

- We finished our planning for fall programming which began the last week of September.
- Lynn decorated the children's area to look like a Farmer's Market; advertising our "Bushels of Books and Activities."
- Virginia and I attended a webinar offered by the University of Buffalo on de-escalation strategies for challenging behaviors of children and families. It was very informative and offered great strategies for handling challenging behaviors in the library. It was recorded so when the recording is available, I will share it with the rest of the children's staff who were unable to attend the live training.
- We visited all of the 1st grade classrooms to distribute letters and registration cards so the children could get their own library cards. We read stories to each class and talked about the library; including how to take care of library materials, what kinds of things you can borrow and general library behavior. The kids are always very excited to find out about the library and to get their very own library card. The cards will be created by circulation staff and returned to the children in school. We split the visits up so that each member of the children's staff was able to visit at least one class.
- I spent some time weeding the YA collection. This will be an ongoing project this fall so that we can freshen up the collection and make room for new materials.
- I met with Lynn to talk about adding a few new items to the Library of Things. We decided on a few new themed bags to be added over the course of the fall.
- We saw an influx of new volunteers in September as the new junior honor society candidates needed to volunteer for 10 hours this month. Many of our volunteers were able to help at the Go-Con Event and staff said they were very helpful and worked hard all day. Other volunteers have been coming in to help with prep work for programs and with organizing the shelves.
- Anne Tichy's Homeschool Hub class for teens began this month and has been very well attended. She has a core group of teens who have been learning about museums, so far they have focused on the Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Museum of the American Indian.
- The Go-Con event was a big success, all of the staff involved did a great job both in planning and executing the event. Our volunteers were a big help and enjoyed the event as well!



Upcoming Events:

- Fall programming runs through November.
- Lynn and I will be attending the ALSC Institute in Buffalo, an ALA conference focusing on services to children, teens, and families.

Financial Impact:

- J book purchases: \$459.07
- YA book purchases: \$312.97

Statistics:

- Dungeons and Dragons: 2 sessions, 19 teen attendees
- Fetching Reads: 2 sessions, 4 teen attendees
- Chess: 1 session, 7 teen attendees
- Homeschool Hub: 3 sessions, 22 teen attendees
- Web Comics: 1 session, 4 attendees
- Go-Con: 2 sessions(specifically for teens), 10 attendees
- Volunteers: 10 new registered, 25 actively volunteered, 131 hours volunteered



Proposed 2027 Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed Summer Sundays beginning May 24th

Open Sundays (Winter Hours) beginning September 13th

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Library Closed

New Year's Day: January 1, 2027

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 18, 2027

Presidents' Day: February 15, 2027

Spring Sunday: March 28, 2027

Memorial Day: May 31, 2027

Juneteenth Day: June 19, 2027

Independence Day: July 4, 2027

Labor Day: September 6, 2027

Columbus Day: October 11, 2027

Veterans Day: November 11, 2027

Thanksgiving Eve: Early closing at 5:00 pm November 24, 2027

Thanksgiving Day: November 25, 2027

Holiday Closing: December 24 and 25, 2027

New Year's Eve: December 31, 2027

Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13