

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on February 19, 2025, 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 6:27 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, E. Engel, N. Jengo (virtual), K. Smith

Library Director: C. Hull

The following were absent:

Mayor: R. Bolan

Trustees: A. Sabatini, R. Stuetz

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2025, meeting moved by Stathis, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

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

Public Portion - none

Friends Report

- 1) There were 11 people at the Open Mic (theme: Love) on January 24th at 2:00. Music was provided by David on the piano.
- 2) The March 12th theme will be Irish / Green / St. Patrick’s Day. There will be a bagpiper.
- 3) The April event will be on the 9th.
- 4) The Friends will participate in the Maywood Garage Sale in May.

Correspondence - none

Director’s Report

- 1) The library has been open on Sundays for a few weeks.
- 2) The new hire is onboard and will be working on Sundays with one other rotating staff member.
- 3) The front facing displays are very popular, thanks in part to the interesting design.
- 4) About 25 kids attended the bilingual (Spanish/English) storytime.
- 5) The Rotary room is all cleaned out and is ready to be used as a quiet study room.
- 6) Director Hull will send a letter to all Trustees to personalize and mail in for the Hackbarth nomination for the Maywood Hall of Fame.

Matt asked about Hoopla and the AI generated content. It is hard to verify if information is true or not true. BCCLS has reached out to Hoopla about its concerns; Hoopla was receptive to the concerns and is looking into how to filter information.

January 2025 Bill List

a) Prestige: 18 items amounting to \$11,769.29

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

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

b) Hackbarth: 17 items amounting to \$9,464.10

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

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

Committee Reports - none

Old Business - none

New Business

a) Motion to put out an RFP for the next phase of construction of the lower level of the library, moved by Smith, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried.

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

b) Motion to hire Main Lock to install keyless locks for the Technical Processing Office moved by Stathis, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

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

c) BCCLS has issued a Value Report, which includes interesting and helpful information about what our dues bring back to the library.

Director Hull mentioned that there will be a session on Trustee Law @ the Maywood Library on May 7th from 6:30-8:00. This will count toward the (not yet approved) requirement for all trustees to complete 2 hours of training each year (as opposed to the current 7 hours required for the entire Board).

Stathis moved to adjourn at 7:10PM, seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bina Dugan, Secretary