

New Haven Library Board Minutes
New Haven, CT, 06510
August 16, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Travis Santel.

Member's present were: Travis Santel, Diane Henschel, Greg Sweet, Judy Sachs, Vivian Bowler, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Jo Simon and Jim Smith.

Public Comments: None

Board Meeting Minutes:

June meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian mentioned for June minutes to be approved. July second. Minutes were approved.

Librarian Director Updates:

-Vicki distributed the June and July 2025 Librarian reports to Board members and the reports were reviewed.

-The library has been very busy the last couple months. We are getting a lot of new patrons, especially from Danburyville. The only event during June was the June bookstore parade. Because of the heat, we decided to ride in the bed of a truck instead of walking. We passed out Library ribbon ties to the kids and foldable fans for the adults.

-Vicki received the \$12,500 technology grant. We have two years or, June 30, 2027, to spend the grant. We also have to do a quarterly report on how we spend the grant.

-Summer Reading was great. There was no drama, and everything went calmly and smoothly. In the past, the younger kids were the biggest group, but this year it was the older kids. We averaged about 30 kids every Wednesday. Next year's theme is Plant a Seed - Read!

-Eden's last day is Aug 17 but she will be back at Christmas break.

-There is a group coming on Wednesday evening, 5:00-7:00 doing needle projects in the back room. It is not a learning class but maybe they will start one.

-Travis donated a lot of gaming items for kids to use in the library. They cannot check them out of the library, only use them while they are in the library. Thank you, Travis.

-Two more parking signs are here, and Greg will install. There have been some kids in the library, with a parent and they are running around and taking things off the shelves and not returning them and the parent says nothing. Vicki decided to create several signs with rules for being in the library. She showed the Board and the Board agreed on one of them. Vicki wants to get it enlarged and put them around the library. Hopefully, that will help.

-Someone from Danburyville came in and asked if the library had a pamphlet about things the library offers. They wanted to pass them out to the parents at school. Vicki put together a nice pamphlet and passed them out to the Board. We will recast them and have them available for different library events.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's Report for June and July were reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bills to pay, and the bank reconciliation for both months.