

**WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 22, 2026, 6:30pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair EJ Greenspan called the Library Board to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Board members, Eileen Daly and Bret Boudreaux, Kim Cohen, Library Director Laura Irmscher, and Heidi Reagan, recorder. Members EJ Greenspan and Gail Crockett were present virtually.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Items 3a, 3b, and 3c).

- a. Minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting.
- b. May Library Administrative Report.
- c. Budget Report.

MOTION: On a motion made by Bret Boudreaux and seconded by Eileen Daly, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT – EJ Greenspan

- a. EJ and Laura discussed having Board members be more involved in library activities by choosing areas to focus on.
  - i. Staff Development/Internal Communications
  - ii. Youth Services
  - iii. Adult Services
  - iv. Building Improvements/Optimal Use of Space
  - v. Community Outreach
  - vi. E-services
- b. It was suggested that Youth and Adult Services be combined to create a Programs section.
- c. This would enable Laura to talk to individual Board members about their areas while staying within the open meeting regulations.
- d. EJ and Laura will decide on the final categories and each Board member will be asked to choose three.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. Safe Child Policy

MOTION: On a motion made by Gail Crockett and seconded by Eileen Daly, the Board agreed to approve the Safe Child Policy as presented.

- b. Summer Board Meeting Schedule
  - i. July 27
  - ii. August 24

MOTION: On a motion made by Gail Crockett and seconded by Kim Cohen, the Board unanimously agreed to cancel both of the scheduled summer meetings and call a Special Meeting if circumstances warrant.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Laura Irmscher

- a. Catalog Update
  - i. The catalog migration has been and continues to be challenging but staff are handling things well.
  - ii. The new app is now available to patrons.
  - iii. Press coverage for the migration has been somewhat negative in other towns, but the press coverage WHPL received was along the lines of “Big Changes are Coming!”
- b. Library Specialist Xavier Maldonado Morales started his full-time position at Faxon this week.
- c. Summer Reading
  - i. Starts June 23.
  - ii. Programs will be available for all ages throughout the summer
  - iii. The circus will be at the library on Tuesday, June 23.
- d. Summer Events
  - i. Friday, June 26 – Bishops Corner Ice Cream Social.
  - ii. Faxon Fun is in July.
  - iii. Book It! Fun Run is on July 11.
  - iv. Tie Dye and Yard Games will be at Faxon on July 15.
  - v. BookWorm Fest is on July 25.
  - vi. A Teen Murder Mystery event will be held on August 12.
  - vii. The Summer Reading Finale with Science Heroes is August 18.
  - viii. Outdoor Movie – Goat is on August 28.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Library Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be September 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Daly, Secretary  
West Hartford Library Board