

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:00 P.M.

This meeting will be held in the conference Room of the
Town Hall and via Zoom Conference call Zoom Conference Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8156306211>

Meeting ID: Dial number 815 8630 6211
Option 2: Dial-in number 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to order
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of: Regular Meeting minutes of September 18, 2024
4. Matters Arising from Minutes
5. Director's Report
6. Acting Treasurer's Report
7. President's Report- Status of Windows
8. Old Business:
9. New Business:
 1. Calendar schedule for 2025 meeting dates
 2. Children's Coordinator – Renee Mirsky
 3. Newsletter discussion content
10. Correspondence: Tabled: Letter received from Attorney Charles Roraback continued from
|August 21, 2024 meeting
11. Public Comment
12. Any other business rightly before the board.
13. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY November 20, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M.

Received Oct 14, 2024 @ 12:58 P.M.

Attest Barbara Z. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk

Goshen Public Library Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Minutes

1. Chairwoman Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
 2. **Attendance:** Henrietta Horvay, Chairwoman; Josephine Jones; Patricia Sanders; Johanna Kimball; Lynette Miller; Anne Green; Tabitha Guarnier, Library Director
 3. Josephine Jones moved to accept the **Minutes of August 21, 2024**. Anne Green seconded. All in favor. Discussion was held on corrections to be made to the minutes.
 4. **Matters Arising from Minutes** Johanna Kimball discussed minutes and corrections in general and grammatical errors versus content errors. All in favor of the comment being noted.
 5. **Director's Report:** Tabitha Guarnier, Library Director, the programs are going steady. She reviewed the attached reports with the board. Shell painting had 21 participants, apple search was a big hit, Bear program this Saturday and Dungeons and Dragons changed to Fridays. The new Library Aide knows of someone who may be able to help give Medicare/Medicaid talks and Social Security. Lynette Miller **moved** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Patricia Sanders. All in favor.
 6. **Acting Treasurer's Report:** The report was looked over. Johanna Kimball **moved** to receive the Acting Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.
 7. **President's Report:** Mrs. Horvay reported that she has a letter from the Town Treasurer, Matthew Sweet. The letter was handed out and it discusses the Friends of the Library is for informational purposes only. Lynette Miller **moved** the board accept the letter of Matthew Sweet regarding the Friends Account. Seconded by Josephine Jones. Passed unanimously.
 8. **Old Business:** Johanna Kimball brought up concerns regarding board established emails and the Town not using them. Lynette Miller **moved** the secretary will send an email to all Town Employees regarding the new email addresses. Seconded by Johanna Kimball. Passed unanimously.
 9. **New Business: none**
 10. **Correspondence:** Lynette Miller **moved** to table the matter (letter from Attorney Roraback continued from August 21, 2024 Meeting) till next month. Seconded by Anne Green. Abstaining: Patricia Sanders, Johanna Kimball and Josephine Jones. In favor: Lynette Miller and Anne Green.
- Lynette Miller stated that she wants more time to look at in depth because of the Town Liability and fiscal liability.
11. **Public Comment:** none

12. **Any Other Business:** none

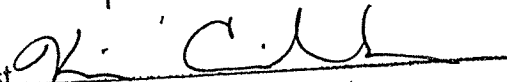
13. **Adjournment:** Lynette Miller moved to adjourn at 4:28 pm. Seconded by Patricia Sanders.
All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara L. Breor
Clerk Pro-Tem

Received Sept 24, 2024 @ 10:18 AM

Attest 
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk

**Director's Report of the
Goshen Public Library
September 2024
Meeting held on October 16, 2024
All Meetings held via Zoom unless otherwise marked**

Programs

September 9th, Monday – Page Turning Talks Book Club – 6 patrons (in person)
 September 9th, Monday – Mark Albertson – 10 patrons
 September 16th, Monday – History Club – 6 patrons
 September 21st, Saturday – Black Bears with Ginny Apple – 5 patrons (in person)
 September 23rd, Monday – Breakfast Book Club – 7 patrons (in person)
 September 23rd, Monday – History Club – 3 patrons
 September 30th, Monday – History Club – 5 patrons

Hoopla:	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Audiobooks & Music	88	36	33	31	26
eBook	30	21	12	10	17
Movie & TV	25	14	13	9	3

Kanopy (tickets; previously views):	101	54	32	52	18
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Statistics for September	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Patron Visits	494	549	579	359	349
Website Visits	2256(1503)	1503(978)	1285 (868)	1949 (1105)	1894 (745)
Computer & WiFi	38	25	27	18	9

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Adult Book Circulation	438	540	425	382	445
YA Book Circulation	15	25	23	13	21
Children's Book Circulation	240	342	403	236	211
Adult Periodicals	19	24	17	24	31
Graphic Novels	15				
Adult Videos/DVD	21	24	41	41	86
Children's Videos/DVD	2	7	4	11	27
Audio Books	8	4	9	9	7
Museum Passes	0	1	3	0	0
InterLibrary Loan	44	58	41	34	45
Total Circulation	802	1035	1035	802	925

OverDrive	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
eBooks	81	119	206	143	76
eBook holds	174	2	154	84	102
Audio Books	162	116	95	108	84
Audio Book holds	186	9	88	68	77
OverDrive Magazine	58	33	9	2	-

Upcoming Programs

**this is excluding the weekly History Club meetings on Monday afternoons at 4pm*

Adult Programs

Ongoing until September 28th – Apple Search!

Apples have been “dropped” throughout the library and we need our patrons’ help to find them all before we get bookworms! The apples are everywhere – in books, under chairs, on shelves, etc. If you find one, put your name on it and turn it into a librarian. On September 28th, ten apples will be picked from the apple bin and a prize will be awarded. *Open for all ages!*

Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am – MediMike

Join us as we welcome MediMike, Licensed Insurance broker, RN who will answer your Medicare questions and discuss the 2025 changes due to the Inflation Reduction Act.

Monday, October 21st at 10:30am – Page Turning Talks

DATE CHANGE! - A monthly non-fiction book club that meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, featuring non-fiction titles that are sure to spark discussion! Our October book will be *Feel Free* by Zadie Smith

Monday, October 28th, at 9:30am – Breakfast Book Club

Our October book will be *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Light breakfast foods and coffee will be provided.

Saturday, November 16th at 11:00am – Wild Turkeys with Ginny Apple

Join us as we welcome Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple and learn more about Wild Turkeys.

End of 2024 Book Club dates:

Page Turning Talks (nonfiction group) – November 11th & December 9th

Breakfast Book Club (fiction group) – November 18th & December 16th

In the works: we are looking into getting a genealogy program and having Bob Hennessy (the harmonica specialist) return for another program.

Children's Programs

Friday, October 18th at 6:30pm – Dungeons and Dragons (first group)

We'll be playing Dungeons & Dragons, a classic fantasy role-playing game. Students in middle school and high school, young adults, and adults welcome. Exercise your imagination and creativity in this one-night campaign meant for beginners. Bring your own character sheets or use a pre-generated one from our Dungeon Master! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Story Time – Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am

Now that we have a new children's coordinator, story time is back and running at their regular times of Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

10:50 AM

10/14/24

Accrual Basis

Town of Goshen
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2024 through June 2025

	<u>Jul '24 - J...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>	<u>% of Bud...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
LIBRARY				
5003-21 · Clerical Wages - Library	110.95	668.00	-557.05	16.6%
5810-21 · Books Purchased	3,030.51	17,500.00	-14,469.49	17.3%
5237-21 · Computer Supplies	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	0.0%
5238-21 · Computer Support	5,704.03	7,200.00	-1,495.97	79.2%
5232-21 · Equipment Repair	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
5220-21 · Legal Notices	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
5001-21 · Library Director	13,646.50	45,000.00	-31,353.50	30.3%
5002-21 · Library Staff Wages	16,285.94	72,091.00	-55,805.06	22.6%
5223-21 · Meetings & Dues	89.50	800.00	-710.50	11.2%
5215-21 · Mileage Reimbursements	15.75	750.00	-734.25	2.1%
5250-21 · Miscellaneous	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
5211-21 · Office Supplies	204.81	900.00	-695.19	22.8%
5813-21 · Other Media Purchases	1,640.65	3,000.00	-1,359.35	54.7%
5811-21 · Periodicals Purchased	1,423.86	2,100.00	-676.14	67.8%
5214-21 · Postage	10.12	1,300.00	-1,289.88	0.8%
5235-21 · Professional Development	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
5850-21 · Programming	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
5217-21 · Supplies	37.58	300.00	-262.42	12.5%
5812-21 · Videos Purchased	393.30	2,300.00	-1,906.70	17.1%
Total LIBRARY	<u>42,593.50</u>	<u>156,709.00</u>	<u>-114,115.50</u>	<u>27.2%</u>
Total Expense	<u>42,593.50</u>	<u>156,709.00</u>	<u>-114,115.50</u>	<u>27.2%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-42,593.50</u>	<u>-156,709.00</u>	<u>114,115.50</u>	<u>27.2%</u>
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GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TREASURER'S REPORT
Wednesday October 16, 2024

Funds held by the Town of Goshen for Goshen Public Library purposes only:

1. Harmon Fund:

The Harmon Fund is held in a Certificate of Deposit and a Money Market account, both at Torrington Savings Bank (TSB). The CD principal is \$35,000. This CD matures on 3/07/2025 and will earn 0.25% interest.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,153.33
Transfer 9/3/2024	7.17
Credit interest	.44
Transfer 9/20/24	<u>7.41</u>
The ending balance September 30, 2024	\$ 5,168.35

No withdrawals were made from the Money Market account in September.

2. The Library Fund:

The balance of the due/to fund remains at \$8,928.87 as per the last report.

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONIES RECEIVED:

	Replaced/books	Fines	Copy/Printer	Fax	TOTAL
July 2024	30.00	4.50	24.80	7.00	\$ 66.30
August 2024	35.00	21.75	30.90	-0-	\$ 87.65
September 2024	-0-	17.25	50.15	10.00	\$ 77.40

YEARLY MEETINGS MEMO

DATE: October 9, 2024
TO: All Boards and Commission Members
FROM: Barbara L. Breor, Town Clerk
SUBJECT: 2025 Meeting Dates

It is that time of year again. Attached you will find a 2025 calendar with the State holidays per §1-4 crossed out. The circled dates are that of the Town Meetings and the election. This year the State did vote on a new State Holiday and it passed.

As per §1-225 “each public agency shall file not later than January 31st a schedule of the regular meetings for the ensuing year.... **No such meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days after the filing of such schedule**”.

If January 2025 was on your 2024 schedule that will allow you to file your notice in January. If not make sure that your calendar is filed with the December agenda. Otherwise you will be holding a Special meeting in January.

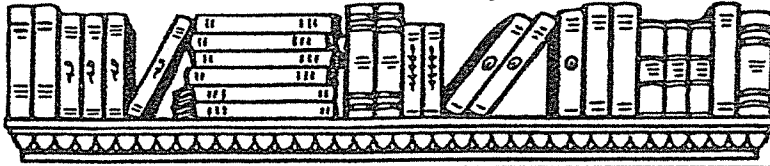
Also please remember any member who wishes to resign needs to hand in an original resignation to the Town Clerk.

2025

JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025
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<i>8th Town Meeting</i> SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
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17th Town Meeting

Goshen Public Library Newsletter



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Free Adult Programs to look for in the Winter ...

- **Mark Albertson, military historian**, will be joining us via Zoom over the winter months—look for his history programs on January 8, February 5, and March 4. All Mondays at 4PM.
- **Great Decision**
This foreign policy discussion group will start in January and run through 8 meetings based on a book assembled by the Foreign Policy Association: Mideast Realignment; Climate Technology & Competition; Science Across Borders; China Trade Rivalry; NATO's Future; Understanding Indonesia; High Seas Treaty; Pandemic Preparedness. This is a group that meets at 4PM on alternate weeks from January to April. Alternate Mondays starting in January (exact date TBD). A donation to help defray the cost of the book is asked for by the Friends of the Library.
- **A Perky Pairing, Saturday, February 24th at 12:00pm**
In this fun workshop, participants will hear about the health benefits of both dark chocolate and coffee, and where they come from. We will pair coffee provided with different chocolate varieties throughout the class. Each person will receive a coffee-chocolate tasting wheel to help throughout the tasting.

Please look at the Library website (www.goshenpublib.org) or the town website (www.goshenct.gov) to learn more about events. If you have any questions or want to register, please call or email—frontdesk@goshenpublib.org.

Do you have a Smart Phone or other electronic device? We can help you get eBooks or downloadable audiobooks.

Make sure you bring with you all email addresses, passwords, and power cords associated with your accounts and device.

Call ahead to make your one on one appointment.

We have many children's programs throughout the year for our pre-school students to school age and beyond. Please look at our Facebook and Instagram pages to see more about when they meeting!

Goshen Public Library Newsletter

Hello to all our faithful Goshen Public Library Friends. I hope the change of seasons finds you well here in Goshen and am happy to reach out to you to provide a little outline of what the Friends have accomplished over the past year, and where we are heading!

The library has gone through a lot of changes since my last letter in the fall of 2022. We have bidden a fond farewell to a director, Lynn Barker Steinmeyer, and welcomed a new director, Tabitha Guarnieri. We have lots of changes going on in our town, our state, our country, and our world, and I like to think the library is an oasis where all our residents can come together to enjoy great enrichment activities, and of course, great books!

One thing that has remained constant is the support we have from all of you!

Since we had more books than we could sell at the Fair, we extended the Used Book Sale to the Saturday Farmers Market this summer. It was great that locals could get food for the body and soul, all in one place! When the Goshen Fair rolled around, volunteers rallied to set up, man and take down what was our most successful Used Book Sale yet! Thanks to all of you who joined in the fun, and if you didn't, put it on the calendar for next year.

Your membership dollars support some great programs all year long for kids and adults alike. I hope you got to partake in some of them. This year, I would like to look at a couple of the ongoing programs and give you some insight into what the programs mean to the participants.

For the adults, we have had the Great Decisions current events program which has run annually for many years now, usually meeting on Monday afternoons. Those enrolled use a workbook that outlines different current affairs topics, then get together to discuss these events of the day. The next installment is in the works, so stay tuned.

In the case of our younger patrons, the Dungeons and Dragons program has been very well received. My grown sons have played in the past, so I know that besides just being fun, it builds team skills and imagination for the participants. One mom whose kids participate has shared some thoughts. An avid library goer herself, as well as a former president of the Library Friends of her past place of residence, she is an excellent judge of how a library runs!

She has lived here since Covid and says that her kids "have been practically raised in the libraries across the state. My younger kids (11 and 12 years old) LOVE the Dungeons and Dragons program," and her family has done other D&D clubs, the one in "GOSHEN is the best. The volunteer who runs the game is super and the library staff is...fun and involved."

Regarding the library, she seems to be attracted to the same things that I was when I moved here 20 years ago! "Goshen Library is SO friendly, so kid-friendly, and responsive. We feel extremely welcome every time we go. I have never had a question go unanswered," and "I love the quirky signs and the hometown feeling."

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Annual Membership Dues

____ I am interested in helping the Friends with future projects.

(Weekly book sorting, seasonal mailings, book sale preparation, tutoring students,
or a single program
on a subject of my specialty...)

Name _____	Individual	\$ 5.00
Address _____	Family	\$10.00
Telephone _____	Library Luminary	\$50.00
E-mail address _____	Corporate Sponsor	\$100.00+
Please write checks out to: "Friends of the Goshen Public Library"	Donation	\$ _____

Autumn 2023/Winter 2024

It is so great to get this feedback for the great work our library staff does, and for the programs the Friends support. I would encourage you all to stop by the library and see what's new. The programs always have room for more participants. Besides, there are often snacks involved, which is a bonus!

In closing, I would like to thank you for your patronage, and to invite you to join us for our annual meeting on January 16, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the library or on Zoom. We welcome your ideas, comments, and questions. If you don't often go to the library, we encourage you to make a visit soon. If you love what you see here at our "great little library with a big heart," I encourage you to join us in the Friends anytime.

Thanks once again for your support!

Anne Kelly

President, GPL Friends

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Notice of Annual Meeting: 7PM, Friday, December 16, 2022

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Goshen, Connecticut
860-491-3234

Items of Business:

- 1) Election of Officers
- 2) Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The public is welcomed, however only members can vote.

Patrick Reilly, Secretary