

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Wednesday August 19, 2026 4:00PM

This meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Town Hall
and via Zoom Video or Conference Call

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82135069510>

Meeting ID: 821 3506 9510

Dial in Number: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Acceptance of Minutes July 22, 2026 Special Meeting
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Library Director's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. President's Report:
 - a. Dawna Beausoleil, Welcome New Board Member
 - b. Elections of Officer Positions: President/Chair, Vice President/Vice Chair
8. Correspondence
 - a. Legal Response regarding Library Fund terms of use
9. Old Business: Library Fund terms of use, request Town Meeting vote
10. New Business:
11. Public Comment
12. All Other Business Rightly Before the Board
13. Adjournment

Upcoming Regular Meetings:
Wednesday September 16, 2026
Wednesday October 21, 2026

Received Aug. 17, 2026 @ 3:19 PM

Attest Burton Z. Blum

Goshen Town Clerk

Goshen Public Library

Director's Report for August 19, 2026 Meeting

- The inventory project is still going well. All of the adult shelves have been checked and everything is in order with plenty of room to grow.
- Weeding the children's room continues. Books will be donated to the Friends. Once the major weeding is done we will do inventory in this room as well, followed by the teen room.
- Puzzle Room is ready to go. I'd like to make it more involved if possible, with volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board. If we can't get anything organized soon we will just launch it and have it be simple.
- Seniors have been using the meeting room, and we have been helping them get set up. Early voting forced them into the library one week, but we set them up in the teen room and they carried on with their games.
- An air conditioner was purchased and installed with no damage or even stress to the window frame. Luckily, we haven't needed to run it much as the heat hasn't been unbearable and the room hasn't been packed with people over the summer.

Budget v. Actual Report

- Despite certain line items being over budget we ended the fiscal year with about 5% of our budget left.
- Nothing to report about the budget so far this fiscal year.

Past Programs

- July 6th musician Kent Besocke performed his program "Connecticut Tunes and Tales of the Revolution" to tie in with the 250th anniversary celebration of the United States.
- July 9th Local percussionist John Marshall came and did drum program for people of all ages.
- July 30th we hosted "Bring the Hoopla," a hula hoop program for children.

- August 14th we hosted an illustrator/cartoonist to do a drawing program for children.

This date was also the end of the summer reading programs. Details about these programs next month.

- We also hosted a children's photo contest with the winning photographs to be displayed at the Goshen Fair. Details about that will also be in next month's report.

Upcoming Programs

- We have a few confirmed programs on the horizon:

- August 26 local author and historian Peter Vermilyea will give a historical presentation called Revolution in the Mind.

- October 28 a paranormal investigator is coming to give a presentation called "Ghosts of the Revolutionary War" to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the US, Halloween, and hopefully contain some local legends.

- November 11 John Adams impersonator George Baker is coming to give a talk in character about Abigail Adams.

- We are also partnering with DEEP to provide laptops for the needy. Eligible library patrons that meet certain criteria can basically get a free laptop.

July Programs:

Wednesday, July 1 – Sun Prints – 7 patrons

Thursday, July 2 – Babies and Board Books – 11 patrons

Monday, July 6 – Pasta Art Party – 14 patrons

Monday, July 6 – History Discussion Group (Mark Albertson) – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Monday, July 6 – CT Tunes & Tales of the Revolution – 22 patrons

Wednesday, July 8 – Make Your Own Play Food – 7 patrons

Thursday, July 9 – Babies & Board Books – 38 patrons

Thursday, July 9 – Drumming Circle – 15 patrons

Friday, July 10 – Page Turning Talks – 3 patrons

Monday, July 13 – History Discussion Group – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Monday, July 13 – Intergenerational Book Club – 5 patrons

Tuesday, July 14 – Goshen Bookworms – 7 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, July 16 – Babies & Board Books – 16 patrons

Monday, July 20 – History Discussion Group – 7 patrons (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 21 – Clay Mosaics – 11 patrons

Wednesday, July 22 – Make a Sun Catcher – 8 patrons

Thursday, July 23 – Babies & Board Books – 26 patrons

Friday, July 24 – Coffee & Chapters Book Club – 3 patrons

Monday, July 27 – History Discussion Group – 7 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, July 30 – Babies & Board Books – 23 patrons

Thursday, July 30 – Bring the Hoopla – 15 patrons

Friday, July 31 – Coloring Contest – 13 patrons

Hoopla:

Audio	36
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eBook & Comics	12
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Music, Movie, & TV	31
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OverDrive:

eBooks	124 holds	92 check outs
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Audio	233 holds	196 check outs
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Magazines		142 check outs
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More statistics e.g patron visits or yearly circulation statistics available upon request.



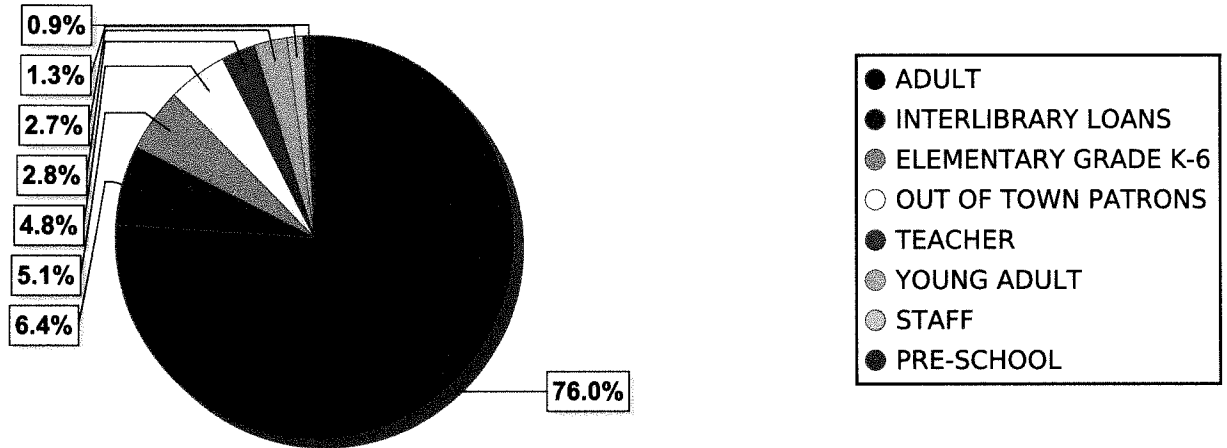
Circulation by Patron Category

Library: All Libraries

Date Range: 2026-07-01 to 2026-07-31

Provides the total number of unique users and items circulated, displayed by patron category and transaction type. The report is intended to provide insight into the volume of items circulated at the library.

Circulation Percentage By Patron Category



Total Circulation: 1,121

Transaction Location - Circ	Patron Category	Unique Users	Circulation	Checkouts	Renewals	Check-ins
Goshen Public Library - (1121)	ADULT	198	852	824	28	723
	INTERLIBRARY LOANS	42	72	65	7	61
	ELEMENTARY GRADE K-6	29	57	56	1	54
	OUT OF TOWN PATRONS	17	54	48	6	67
	TEACHER	10	31	29	2	30
	YOUNG ADULT	9	30	30	0	19
	STAFF	5	15	13	2	11
	PRE-SCHOOL	4	10	10	0	7
Totals		314	1,121	1,075	46	972



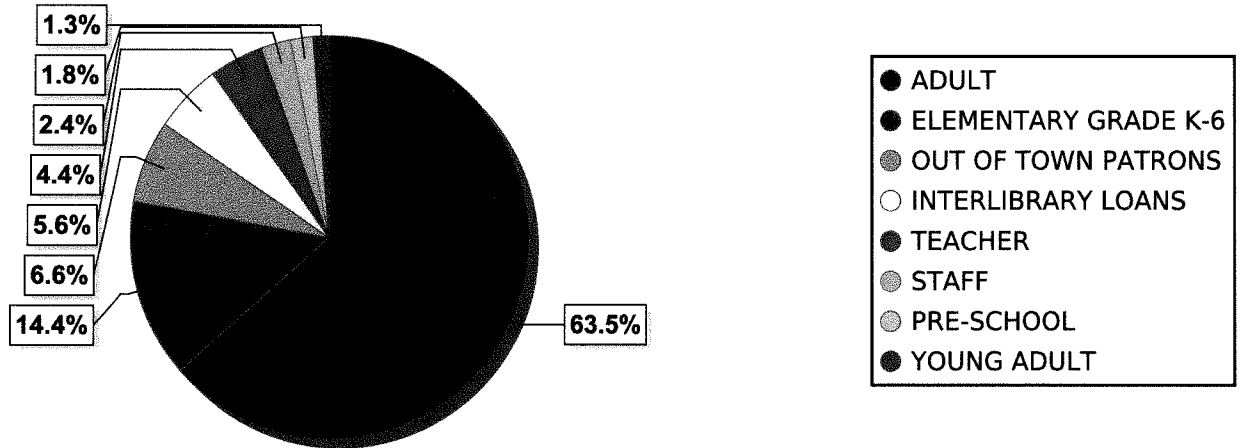
Circulation by Patron Category

Library: All Libraries

Date Range: 2025-07-01 to 2026-06-30

Provides the total number of unique users and items circulated, displayed by patron category and transaction type. The report is intended to provide insight into the volume of items circulated at the library.

Circulation Percentage By Patron Category



Total Circulation: 11,013

Transaction Location - Circ	Patron Category	Unique Users	Circulation	Checkouts	Renewals	Check-Ins
Goshen Public Library - (10982)	ADULT	461	6,966	6,471	495	6,571
	ELEMENTARY GRADE K-6	139	1,583	1,538	45	1,534
	OUT OF TOWN PATRONS	56	728	683	45	661
	INTERLIBRARY LOANS	72	614	580	34	551
	TEACHER	18	479	447	32	455
	STAFF	10	266	196	70	179
	PRE-SCHOOL	23	203	202	1	196
	YOUNG ADULT	31	143	135	8	129
Main - (31)	ADULT	4	26	0	26	0
	TEACHER	1	5	0	5	0
Totals		815	11,013	10,252	761	10,276

Town of Goshen
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Ju...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
LIBRARY				
5003-21 · Clerical Wages - Library	0.00	656.00	-656.00	0.0%
5810-21 · Books Purchased	3,552.69	17,500.00	-13,947.31	20.3%
5237-21 · Computer Supplies	122.70	1,347.00	-1,224.30	9.1%
5238-21 · Computer Support	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
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	7,163.76	57,310.00	-50,146.24	12.5%
5002-21 · Library Staff Wages	6,876.97	72,377.00	-65,500.03	9.5%
5223-21 · Meetings & Dues	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5215-21 · Mileage Reimbursements	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
5250-21 · Miscellaneous	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
5211-21 · Office Supplies	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
5212-21 · Operational Software	5,063.38	5,719.00	-655.62	88.5%
5813-21 · Streaming Purchases	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
5811-21 · Periodicals Purchased	0.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00	0.0%
5214-21 · Postage	10.99	450.00	-439.01	2.4%
5235-21 · Professional Development	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5850-21 · Programming	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
5217-21 · Supplies	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
5812-21 · Videos Purchased	0.00	2,300.00	-2,300.00	0.0%
Total LIBRARY	22,790.49	168,659.00	-145,868.51	13.5%
Total Expense	22,790.49	168,659.00	-145,868.51	13.5%
Net Ordinary Income	-22,790.49	-168,659.00	145,868.51	13.5%
Net Income	-22,790.49	-168,659.00	145,868.51	13.5%

Town of Goshen
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2025 through June 2026

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jul '25 - Ju...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Budget
Expense				
LIBRARY				
5003-21 · Clerical Wages - Library	520.62	691.00	-170.38	75.3%
5810-21 · Books Purchased	17,089.03	17,500.00	-410.97	97.7%
5237-21 · Computer Supplies	2,035.85	1,750.00	285.85	116.3%
5238-21 · Computer Support	3,648.47	1,481.00	2,167.47	246.4%
5232-21 · Equipment Repair	57.21	250.00	-192.79	22.9%
5220-21 · Legal Notices	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
5001-21 · Library Director	32,793.13	47,610.00	-14,816.87	68.9%
5002-21 · Library Staff Wages	78,837.64	70,612.00	8,225.64	111.6%
5223-21 · Meetings & Dues	619.50	800.00	-180.50	77.4%
5215-21 · Mileage Reimbursements	37.80	500.00	-462.20	7.6%
5250-21 · Miscellaneous	53.30	75.00	-21.70	71.1%
5211-21 · Office Supplies	994.59	1,000.00	-5.41	99.5%
5212-21 · Operational Software	5,014.90	5,719.00	-704.10	87.7%
5813-21 · Streaming Purchases	3,265.82	3,200.00	65.82	102.1%
5811-21 · Periodicals Purchased	1,660.12	2,100.00	-439.88	79.1%
5214-21 · Postage	89.46	900.00	-810.54	9.9%
5235-21 · Professional Development	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
5850-21 · Programming	758.36	700.00	58.36	108.3%
5217-21 · Supplies	182.77	200.00	-17.23	91.4%
5812-21 · Videos Purchased	2,377.55	2,300.00	77.55	103.4%
Total LIBRARY	150,036.12	157,813.00	-7,776.88	95.1%
Total Expense	150,036.12	157,813.00	-7,776.88	95.1%
Net Ordinary Income	-150,036.12	-157,813.00	7,776.88	95.1%
Net Income	-150,036.12	-157,813.00	7,776.88	95.1%

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Money Received

Date	Replaced Books	Fines	Copies	Printer	Fax	Daily Total
07/01/26					\$5.00	\$5.00
07/02/26				\$4.60		\$4.60
07/03/26						\$0.00
07/04/26						\$0.00
07/05/26						\$0.00
07/06/26		\$1.50		\$0.80		\$2.30
07/07/26						\$0.00
07/08/26						\$0.00
07/09/26						\$0.00
07/10/26						\$0.00
07/11/26						\$0.00
07/12/26						\$0.00
07/13/26						\$0.00
07/14/26						\$0.00
07/15/26						\$0.00
07/16/26						\$0.00
07/17/26						\$0.00
07/18/26						\$0.00
07/19/26						\$0.00
07/20/26						\$0.00
07/21/26						\$0.00
07/22/26						\$0.00
07/23/26						\$0.00
07/24/26						\$0.00
07/25/26						\$0.00
07/26/26						\$0.00
07/27/26						\$0.00
07/28/26						\$0.00
07/29/26						\$0.00
07/30/26						\$0.00
07/31/26						\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$5.40	\$5.00	\$11.90

General Fund 435198 Fines, Copies, Printer, Fax

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TREASURER'S REPORT
Wednesday AUGUST 19, 2026

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. 00

Money Market Account:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,849.60
Deposit Interest JULY 1	105.28
Credit interest	.58
Ending Balance July 31, 2026	\$ 6,955.46

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

2. The Library Fund:

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

3.

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONIES RECEIVED:

	Replaced/books	Fines	Copy	Printer	Fax	TOTAL
April 2026	-0-	13.50	50.90	46.30	16.00	\$ 126.70
MAY 2026	10.00	8.00	23.00	43.00	5.00	\$ 79.00
JUNE 2026	-0-	15.75	26.40	28.30	-0-	\$ 70.45
JULY 2026	-0-	1.50	-0-	5.40	5.00	\$ 11.90

Henrietta C. Horvay, Treasurer

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kevin Nelligan** <kevin.nelligan@nelliganlaw.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 6, 2026 at 1:34 PM

Subject: RE: Library question

To: Barb Breor <Townclerk@goshenct.gov>

Cc: Seth Breakell <1stselectman@goshenct.gov>

Barb You are correct that the library board does not have the power to expend these funds. These funds were appropriated by a town meeting and therefore ,under CGS 7-364, only the budget -making authority and the town meeting can expend those funds. I have some question whether the insurance proceeds should have been placed in a special revenue fund , rather than a reserve fund for capital and non-recurring expenditures. But either way, the authority to expend the money rests with the town meeting. Let me know if you have any further questions.

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