

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Wednesday September 16, 2026 4:00PM

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

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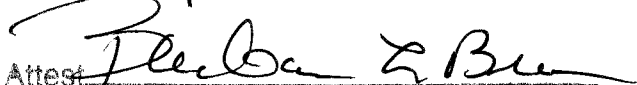
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Dial in Number: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Acceptance of Minutes August 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Library Director's Report: Updates. Circulation stats monthly? quarterly?
6. Treasurer's Report
7. President's Report:
8. Correspondence
 - a. Library Fund Town Meeting Question
 - b. Goshen Fall Festival Connecting Our Community Event, from Shiloh Garceau, Emergency Management Director
9. Old Business: Library Fund Town Meeting Vote Question Review
10. New Business: Fall Festival 10/3 participation
11. Public Comment
12. All Other Business Rightly Before the Board
13. Adjournment

Upcoming Regular Meetings:
Wednesday October 21, 2026
Wednesday November 18, 2026
Wednesday December 16, 2026

Received Sept. 15, 2028 @ 9:08 AM
Attest: 
Goshen Town Clerk

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Money Received

Date	Replaced Books	Fines	Copies	Printer	Fax	Daily Total
08/01/26		\$1.75				\$1.75
08/02/26				\$2.90		\$2.90
08/03/26						\$0.00
08/04/26						\$0.00
08/05/26						\$0.00
08/06/26		\$2.00	\$1.00	\$0.20		\$3.20
08/07/26						\$0.00
08/08/26				\$0.40		\$0.40
08/09/26						\$0.00
08/10/26						\$0.00
08/11/26						\$0.00
08/12/26						\$0.00
08/13/26						\$0.00
08/14/26						\$0.00
08/15/26						\$0.00
08/16/26						\$0.00
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08/20/26						\$0.00
08/21/26						\$0.00
08/22/26						\$0.00
08/23/26						\$0.00
08/24/26						\$0.00
08/25/26						\$0.00
08/26/26						\$0.00
08/27/26						\$0.00
08/28/26						\$0.00
08/29/26						\$0.00
08/30/26						\$0.00
08/31/26						\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$3.75	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$8.25

General Fund 435198 Fines, Copies, Printer, Fax

Goshen Public Library

Director's Report for September 16, 2026 Meeting

- 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.
- The Puzzle Room is ready to go. We will promote it in the newsletter and on social media, as well as putting flyers up once we figure out the best way for the public to participate, e.g. specifying age groups and figuring out times to offer it.
- I have emailed the Teen Advisory Board in an attempt to set up a meeting time. We will discuss possibly adding steps to the puzzle room, ideas for social media and outreach, and general ideas to improve library services for teens and young adults.
- The air conditioner that was purchased and installed has been very helpful in spite of the fact that it hasn't been particularly hot and that room hasn't been used as much as it normally is. It is very useful in drying out our newspapers that often arrive damp despite being bagged.

Budget v. Actual Report

- Nothing to report about the budget this fiscal year so far.

Past Programs

- On August 14th we hosted an illustrator/cartoonist to do a drawing program for children. He was very entertaining and left us with a couple of pieces of art to display, as well as donating copies of his graphic novels for children.
- The summer reading program also ended on August 14, although we did extend the deadline to allow some families and patrons to get their reading logs in.
- We hosted a children's photo contest with the winning photographs to be displayed at the Goshen Fair. 9 photographs were chosen as winners and were displayed at the Fair.

- August 26 local author and historian Peter Vermilyea gave a historical presentation called Revolution in the Mind and it was great. We will certainly have him again.
- We are partnering with DEEP to provide laptops for the needy. Eligible library patrons that meet certain criteria can get a free laptop.

Upcoming Programs

- 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.
- I have reached out to local true crime author M. William Phelps about doing a lecture at the library.
- I have reached out to local magician Dan Bowen about doing a children’s program at the library.

August Program Numbers:

Monday, August 3 – History Discussion (Mark Albertson) – 12 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, August 6 – Babies and Board Books – 7 patrons

Monday, August 10 – History Discussion Group – 4 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, August 13 – Babies & Board Books – 9 patrons

Friday, August 14 – Rick Stromoski Author/Illustrator – 12 patrons

Friday, August 14 – Summer Reading Program (Adults) – 10 patrons

Friday, August 14 – Summer Reading Program (Children) – 3 patrons

Friday, August 14 – Summer Photography Contest – 9 patrons

Friday, August 14 – Page Turning Talks – 5 patrons

Monday, August 17 – History Discussion Group – 5 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, August 20 – Babies & Board Books – 7 patrons

Monday, August 24 – History Discussion Group – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 26 – Peter Vermilyea – 16 patrons

Thursday, August 27 – Babies & Board Books – 7 patrons

Friday, August 28 – Coffee & Chapters Book Club – 6 patrons

Monday, August 31 – History Discussion Group – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Monday, August 31 – Coloring Contest – 8 entries, 9 votes

Monday, August 31 – Find Patty – 39 patrons

Hoopla:

Audio	39
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eBook & Comics	17
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Music, Movie, & TV	15
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OverDrive:

eBooks	140 holds	99 check outs
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Audio	236 holds	189 check outs
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Magazines		151 check outs
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More statistics e.g patron visits or yearly circulation statistics available upon request.

Special Town Meeting – November 2026 – Library Fund Question submitted by the
Board of Library Directors

QUESTION FOR TOWN VOTE:

Should the Library Board of Directors be allowed to spend the balance of the money remaining in the Library Fund of approximately \$8,928.87 for any purpose other than solely for the purchase of printed books for the betterment of the library.

SUBMITTED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

	<u>Jul '26 - Ju...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
LIBRARY				
5003-21 Clerical Wages - Library	0.00	656.00	-656.00	0.0%
5810-21 Books Purchased	4,418.66	17,500.00	-13,081.34	25.2%
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	11,939.60	57,310.00	-45,370.40	20.8%
5002-21 Library Staff Wages	11,423.21	72,377.00	-60,953.79	15.8%
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	5,563.38	5,719.00	-155.62	97.3%
5813-21 Streaming Purchases	358.40	3,200.00	-2,841.60	11.2%
5811-21 Periodicals Purchased	367.71	2,100.00	-1,732.29	17.5%
5214-21 Postage	16.12	450.00	-433.88	3.6%
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	396.00	2,300.00	-1,904.00	17.2%
Total LIBRARY	34,605.78	168,659.00	-134,053.22	20.5%
Total Expense	34,605.78	168,659.00	-134,053.22	20.5%
Net Ordinary Income	-34,605.78	-168,659.00	134,053.22	20.5%
Net Income	-34,605.78	-168,659.00	134,053.22	20.5%

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TREASURER'S REPORT
Wednesday SEPTEMBER 16, 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:	\$ 6,955.46
Deposit Interest August 1	105.28
Credit interest	<u>.59</u>
Ending Balance August 31, 2026	\$ 7,061.33

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

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
AUGUST 2026	-0-	3.75	1.00	3.50	-0-	\$ 8.25

Henrietta C. Horvay, Treasurer

Dear Valued Community Partners,
In collaboration with our First Selectman, Seth Breakell, we invite your department, board, commission, or nonprofit organization to participate in the Goshen Fall Festival on October 3, 2026 from 3 to 6 PM at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

Our goal is to bring together the many organizations that help make Goshen a great place to live while giving residents an opportunity to learn about the resources, services, and programs available in our community. We'll provide the tables—you provide the information! In addition to visiting different tables, attendees will enjoy food, pumpkin carving, s'mores, and other family-friendly fall activities.

Thank you to all who have already emailed or phoned your RSVP! Even if you have already contacted us, it would be super helpful if everyone could **PLEASE CLICK HERE TO RSVP by Sept. 4** Thank you!!

As part of the festival, we are also asking each participating group to decorate a small themed tree to be included in our Tree Raffle. This fun addition will raise excitement throughout the festival and give each participant a chance to highlight their creativity. Residents will receive a raffle ticket from your table for a chance to win your decorated tree. [Here is a link to decorated trees for inspiration.](#) Trees can be any size.

We also have an amazing marketing expert supporting this event and creating advertising material. We will send this out soon and ask that everyone share it through your own organizations. There will also be town-wide advertising. In case we missed anyone, please feel free to share this invitation with any other boards, commissions, or organizations that may be interested in participating. The more the merrier!

I am now the primary contact for this event. Please direct all correspondence to my cell (860-307-6463) or email (emd@goshenct.gov).

We hope you will join us in making this a fun and informative community event!

Kind regards,

Shilo Garceau, Emergency Management Director, Goshen, CT

emd@goshenct.gov
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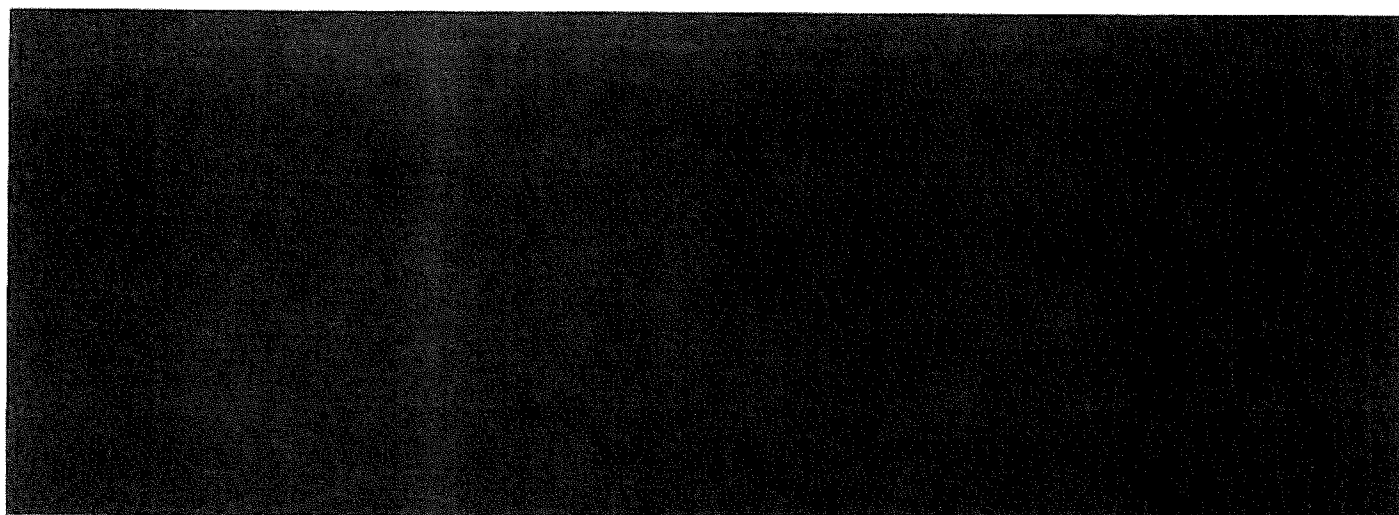


Circulation Statistics by Collection

Library: All Libraries

Date Range: 2026-08-01 to 2026-08-31

Provides the total number of items that were circulated at the library displayed by the item's collection. This report is intended to provide insight into the volume of items the library circulates.



Total Circulation: 912

Transaction Location	Dept - Collection	Circulation	Checkout	Renewals	Check-ins	In-House
Goshen Public Library - (909)	Balcony - Non Fiction	1	1	0	3	0
	Main - Audio	0	0	0	3	2
	Main - Children	36	33	3	51	0
	Main - Fiction	12	11	1	20	0
	Main - Fiction Room	222	204	18	215	3
	Main - ILL	75	65	10	67	2
	Main - New Fiction	165	149	16	146	2
	Main - Non Fiction	27	25	2	23	4
	Main - Parenting	1	0	1	1	0
	Main - Periodical	24	17	7	14	1
	Main - Reference	19	19	0	20	0
	Main - Stacks	320	302	18	391	6
	Main - Young Adult	7	7	0	15	1
Main - (3)	Main - Stacks	3	0	3	0	0
Totals		912	833	79	989	21