

Douglas Library Board Minutes

July 9, 2025

Present: Bunny McGuire, chair; Bonnie Kinsman, Charlie Adams, Laura Leifert, Rose Lopez, Jill Godburn, Librarians: Norma DeMay and Laura Moran.

Minutes of June 2025 meeting accepted as read.

New Business:

July 18 Party Planning: The Friends group met and are planning on bringing food; Bunny will check with Friends regarding the food to be purchased. Food has been ordered from LaBonnes who have donated a gift card and Canaan Country Club will donate chicken wings.

Laura Training, etc.: Laura spoke about several ideas she had for future library events; these included a Reptile Program for children, a graphic novel workshop for kids, various speakers, craft programs and more. She has been looking into obtaining more museum passes that could be sponsored by community members and businesses. One idea she has been pursuing is having a library of “things” i.e. tools, equipment, games, etc. to be set up in one of the upstairs rooms. Laura also offered to do posters for recruiting more members for the Friends group. She has been meeting with Norma on Monday mornings to learn “the ropes” as library director.

Finances: Norma will request an update on library CDs and funds from the Town Treasurer. She has emailed circulation statistics and deposits from 7/1/24-6/30/25 to board members.

Librarian’s Report: The Preschool Literacy night was held on Monday, June 23, with many attendees. A rack with greeting cards was donated by Bill Hower of Old Soul Antiques; the cards are \$3 each and have been selling briskly. Laura suggested contacting area artists to participate in creating cards to be sold at the library as well. The Canaan Art Guild is exhibiting at the library for July and August; one painting by Pat Medvecky has already sold and she is donating the entire proceeds of the sale to the library.

Building Operations: Norma has contacted someone to power wash the library. The fire alarms were inspected today and all are in good working order.

Events:

Children’s Events and Craft Programs: As mentioned, Laura is following up on this and will be offering two craft programs in July. Zany Janey will perform on Friday, August 8 at 11:00. Potential speakers were discussed as well as a requested book talk.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma DeMay
Library Director