

**Minutes of the Irvington Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 21, 2025**

***In Person at the Irvington Public Library:*** Laura Lilienfield, President; Heather Thomas, Roddy Austin, Dominique Picon, Anne Goldfield Rehm, Pierrette Pillone, Trustees; Rosemarie Gatzek, Library Director; Mitchell Bard, Trustee Liaison.

Action items are noted in ***bold italics***.

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 19, 2025, were accepted.

The Treasurer's report for June was accepted. The Library is on budget one month into the new fiscal year. Currently, the Library is also on budget for last fiscal year as well; results will be confirmed next month after final bills are applied.

**President's Report:**

- Rosemarie and Laura met with Larry and Katie today. Katie received the insurance check and paid Servpro. ***Rosemarie will give Katie a list of expenses*** to make budget adjustments for items not covered by insurance.
- ***Rosemarie will contact Tietjen Venegas*** (who has done several Village projects) regarding specifics needed for HVAC proposals.
- ***Rosemarie will get two other estimates*** for HVAC projects. Carrier has provided an estimate based on Sourcewell pricing, but the jobs need to go out to bid.
- Jimmy John is no longer a Village-approved painter. ***Rosemarie will work on finding other painters***. One idea is to check with other towns in the area to see who they have used.
- Moribito isn't Village-approved, but can continue doing electrical work at the Library. ***Rosemarie will follow up*** about a floor outlet in the Reading Room that needs to be covered.
- The hearing loop will be installed soon. ***Roddy will be in touch with installers*** to confirm technical details.
- Rosemarie notes that the Library carpets were cleaned.
- Many building maintenance and other building issues have been moved to August. ***These will be reviewed*** at the next Board meeting in September.

**Director's Report:**

- July programming was generally less active, which Rosemarie notes is typical (fewer programs, lots of people are away).
- The Garden Club held a meeting and hosted a photography show (with judges).
- The Senior movie, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, was well attended.
- The Irvington Commemorate and Juneteenth committees co-sponsored "The Hidden Cost of Progress -- Urban Renewal in Ossining", which was the Library's most popular event for the month.

### Director's Report (continued):

- Juneteenth events at the Library were very well attended. One of the highlights was painting rainbow colors on the crosswalk at the Astor/Main Street intersection.
- YA programs were also less active. However, there were 10 volunteers who were very active on the roster, especially right after HS exams were finished.
- A record 30 teens and tweens signed up for summer reading challenges. The Children's summer reading challenge currently has 58 pre-readers and 135 elementary school children, with more registrations expected.
- The Library's Battle of the Books team — The Irvington Iguanas — is preparing for the competition, which will take place at the Ossining Library on October 25.
- The Tech Angels program continues to be held every Saturday. This program provides a useful service to seniors, helping them understand and use technology.
- Review of circulation statistics. Overall, this month is up compared to previous years, with most growth coming from online sources. Both adult and kid categories have increased.

### Art Exhibitions Update:

- There was a memorial art show featuring the works of Susan Cookson. Her family donated \$500 to the Library. Her husband has also offered to donate one of her works to the library. Rosemarie will refer him to the Art Committee for further discussion. One idea is that there may be another Village entity, such as the Senior Center, that might want to display one of her works. **Rosemarie can put Anne in touch with someone at the Senior Center** to discuss the possibility.
- The Gallery calendar is filled through June 2026, and also for September 2026. June, July, August, and October-December 2026 are all available.

### Tiffany Reading Room Update:

- No updates this month.

### Other issues:

- There is an upcoming Trustee webinar on August 28 (10am-noon). **Rosemarie will send a Zoom link.**
- The Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce Gala has been rescheduled to sometime in March 2026, though the location is still TBD. Hastings has their own gala in May, so they might not want to host two such events. The logo is finished. Alice provided Laura with a list of emails (from FOIL) to add to the mailing list. Chris Mitchell will be Irvington's honoree. **Rosemarie and Laura will work on getting headshots of Chris**, as well as his bio and impact story. **Auction items are still needed**; ideas include a pizza party hosted by the Library, a private tour of the Morgan Library, Irvington film festival tickets, and a Chutney Masala gift card. **Rosemarie will also reach out to Seasons.**
- The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 8, 6:00p.m., at the Library.