



**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 16, 2022**

Present

Lauren Casper (President), Joanna Riesman (Treasurer), Jacqueline Weitzman (Secretary), Tim Donahue, Peter Swiderski, Debbie Quinn (Director)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 5th meeting were approved.

Day-to-Day Operations

Most member libraries of WLS were hit by a ransomware attack on Friday, April 22nd, taking the system down for all of that Friday and Saturday. There was no way to check in books; books checked out had to be hand recorded; and returned books as well as books delivered by WLS had to be set aside until the computers were back up. Public computers were also affected. WLS sent technicians to every library to clean and restore each computer. The staff printer at the circulation desk and the public printer are still not working. Luckily the computers in the workroom are on the Village network, so patrons are currently emailing their work to a library email address and staff prints it out for them. Staff computers that had been upgraded to Windows 10 were brought back to Windows 7. The attack caused an enormous amount of work and inconvenience for our staff. It is now better than it was, but everything is still not fixed.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Month is being featured on the website and on displays in the Library. Mike's book club will be discussing *Crying in H-Mart* by Michelle Zauner on May 27th.

Hastings High School AP exams were administered in the Orr Room and Barnes Room, finishing up on Friday, May 13th.

Jeanne called Debbie at noon on Sunday, May 15th to tell her there was a smell of something burning in the Library. The Fire Department was called, and they turned off the air handler. DP Wolfe will be coming on the 17th to turn on the AC and assess the air handler.

Allee has two HHS students doing their senior internships at the Library starting on May 16th. She also has some teens working in the afternoons for community service hours. It is a lot of work to organize and delegate tasks for the students to do, but Allee is willing to do the work to ensure these students have a meaningful experience.

Personnel

Debbie is taking a two-part grant writing workshop through WLS next week.

Regina is taking the “Breath-Body-Mind Fundamentals” workshop being offered by WLS with the idea that in order to serve, you must take care of self.

Programming

Jack Houghteling gave his book talk on Saturday, April 23rd. He had a nice turnout and a good Q&A.

We screened David Beinstein’s *Are You Happy Now?* On Thursday, April 28th to a crowd of about 25. This was the first time David had seen it on a big screen, and he was grateful for this opportunity.

Open Mic Writing Night was Saturday, May 7th on Zoom. Regina said there were about 14 people and that it went well.

Gil Reavill’s talk on *Why Nordic Noir?* was terrific. Unfortunately, he only had 11 people, perhaps due to competition from Spring Thing and the beautiful weather. He would be willing to present his program again this coming fall or winter.

The League of Women Voters used the Orr Room for a meeting on Saturday.

The Linus Group were knitting away in the Barnes Room on Sunday.

Helen and Seva will be holding a Keith Haring workshop for grades 5 and up. Food will be served.

Allee kept the Library open on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, May 5th for kids studying for AP’s. She had pizza and drinks for them. All available study spaces were filled. She will plan a couple of evenings for HHS finals in June.

June is Pride Month. The Library will have a table at Friday Night Pride on June 3rd. Allee has had student volunteers making rainbow beaded Pride safety pins to hand

out at the table. She will also advertise Summer Reading, have applications for library cards, as well as listings of book recommendations on bookmarks.

Greenburgh Pride is linked to the LGBTQ Advocacy Sub-committee of the Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee. The annual LGBTQ+ rally at the Dobbs Waterfront will be held on June 25th, featuring local community groups, musical performances, and vendors.

GSA Fuse is a group of Rivertown GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) clubs who represent Sleepy Hollow, Dobbs, Irvington, and Hastings. We will be hosting them for a showing of *Rent* on Thursday, June 16th.

The kick-off for Summer Reading will be on June 27th. Allee has hired Penny Lick to bring their cart and there will be a chalk artist to decorate the walkway, lawn games, and music. Allee will have bookmarks, reading logs, and a calendar of events to hand out.

Children's and teen programming planned for the summer include: movie night; family game night; story times at the Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of the month; comic arts with Ketch Wehr (local graphic artist); a possible writing workshop with Lee Hitner-Cunningham; Lonnie Johnson Supersoaker Storytime demo; story walk for kids with Hastings Vine Squad down by the river (chaperones must be with children); Battle of the Books (virtual) in July and August, but practices start in June in person; manga program with Helen and Jackie; Let's Pretend with Nora.

Facilities

Debbie applied to NYSDE for a one-year extension for finishing the roof. Fiona Matthew helped fill out the form.

Donald MacDonald will have bidding documents ready by Friday.

The new carpet in the Barnes Room looks great.

Debbie has asked Buddy to replace the ceiling tiles in the Orr Room before the gala.

Bricks are falling off the wall outside – Debbie asked Buddy to investigate.

The garbage bin outside is broken and needs to be replaced with a larger, more long lasting bin.

Social Media

We now have an Instagram account. Allee will be keeping it current.

Friends

The Friends annual gala, *Once Upon a Musical 3: Out of the Woods*, is back at the Library on June 5th. Auction items will be available for viewing soon and will also be posted on our website. Jamie Karen will be leading a group of fabulous local Broadway performers, and a wonderful time will be had by all.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for June 20th 4:30pm.