

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of
The Northvale Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday February 25th, 2026
6:30 PM**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER –

STATEMENT -

President Staropoli called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM in the Northvale Public Library located at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

STATEMENT -

President Staropoli read the “Sunshine Statement” into the record as follows:

“This is a Regular Meeting of the Northvale Library Board of Trustees. The date, time and location of this meeting has been advertised in the official Newspapers of the Borough, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice President McKeever asked all in attendance to rise and join her in a Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL –

Name	Present	Absent	
Ms. Banzaca	X		
Ms. Lucas		X	
Mr. Honey		X	
Mr. Pinajian School librarian Ms. Nicolich	X		
Ms. Staropoli	X		
Mayor McGuire/ Councilwoman Fernandez	X X		
Ms. McKeever	X		

Also in attendance: Director Magielnicki

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to approve the minutes from the January 28th regular board meeting.
The minutes were adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Name	ACTION	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ms. Banzaca		X			
Ms. Lucas				X	
Mr. Honey				X	
Mr. Pinajian Ms. Nicolich	Second	X			
Ms. Staropoli		X			
Mayor McGuire Ms. Fernandez	Motion	X			
Ms. McKeever		X			

GENERAL DISCUSSION –

Director's Report

Administrative:

- 1,967 registered Northvale Library cardholders as of February 1st. 15 new cards were made in the month of January.
- The NJ State Report is almost complete.

Personnel:

- Yearly reviews for personnel were conducted and reviewed by the personnel committee.

Building:

- MC Glass and Windows mentioned that they will schedule a time to finish the windows when the weather is better for outdoor work..

Capital Projects:

- I spoke with both Insync Innovations and Eastern DataComm about our wifi and phone system. Both have sent over their estimates.
- Mayor McGuire reached out to the borough's grant writer and he found a grant through AARP Community Challenge Grant for \$15k to put towards an outdoor patio space.

January Program Highlights:

- Craft Hour: 37
- Toddler Time: 18
- Story Time: 23
- Korean Book Club: 6
- Evening Book Club: 3
- Painting with Kari: 9
- ESL: 8
- Teen Dungeons and Dragons: 7
- Movie Matinee: 2
- Adult Arts & Crafts Candle Making: 9
- Ukulele Class: 4

Upcoming Programs/Ideas

- Juvenile: Crafts
- Juvenile: Toddler Time
- Juvenile: Preschool Story Time
- Juvenile: Story Time
- Juvenile: Tween Craft
- Juvenile: Book Club
- Juvenile: Dungeons and Dragons
- Tween: Craft
- Family: Family Puzzle Night
- Family: Yoga/Earth Day: Fri 4/24
- Adult: Korean Book Club
- Adult: Evening Book Club
- Adult: Canvas Painting with Kari
- Adult: ESL class
- Adult: Arts & Crafts
- Adult: Movie Matinee
- Adult: Shoprite Dietitian: Thurs 2/26 6PM
- Adult: Intro to Wine Presentation: Thurs 2/12 6PM
- Adult: Women Airforce Service Pilots Lecture: Tues 3/10 6PM
- Adult: Resin Bookmark/keychains: Tues 3/31 6PM
- Adult: NJ Lore Presentation: Tues 5/12 6PM
- Adult: Pysanky: Tues 4/7 6PM
- Adult: Mahjongg
- Adult: Mocktail Class: Thurs 4/23 4:30PM
- Adult: Eyewitness (Rev 250) Lecture: Thurs 6/4 4:30PM

Friends of the Library Report

The friends will be hosting a paint and sip fundraiser and also a trivia night on 3/7.

Treasurer's Report

January Bank balances -- Just in case here as of January 30, 2026:

Regular Expense account: \$63,878.23

Capital Expense account : \$146,295.16

ROLL CALL VOTES-

Resolved to approve the regular claims list for February in the amount of \$4,119.21.

The resolution was adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Name	ACTION	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ms. Banzaca	Motion	X			
Ms. Lucas				X	
Mr. Honey				X	
Mr. Pinajian Ms. Nicolich		X			
Ms. Staropoli		X			
Mayor McGuire Ms. Fernandez		X			
Ms. McKeever	Second	X			

Resolved to approve a salary increase for May Kwon of 3% effective 3/6/26.
The resolution was adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Name	ACTION	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ms. Banzaca		X			
Ms. Lucas				X	
Mr. Honey				X	
Mr. Pinajian Ms. Nicolich		X			
Ms. Staropoli	Motion	X			
Mayor McGuire Ms. Fernandez	Second	X			
Ms. McKeever		X			

Resolved to approve a salary increase for Gineen Brady of 3% effective 3/9/26..
The resolution was adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Name	ACTION	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ms. Banzaca	Second	X			
Ms. Lucas				X	
Mr. Honey				X	
Mr. Pinajian Ms. Nicolich		X			
Ms. Staropoli		X			
Mayor McGuire Ms. Fernandez		X			
Ms. McKeever	Motion	X			

Resolved to approve a salary increase for Lauren Magielnicki of 4% effective 3/6/26 and one additional vacation day.
The resolution was adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Name	ACTION	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ms. Banzaca		X			
Ms. Lucas				X	
Mr. Honey				X	
Mr. Pinajian Ms. Nicolich		X			
Ms. Staropoli	Motion	X			
Mayor McGuire Ms. Fernandez	Second	X			
Ms. McKeever		X			

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:14 PM. With no one from the public addressing the meeting the public meeting portion was closed at 7:14.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Tina Staropoli and seconded by Mayor McGuire, the board, with all present being in favor, **voted to adjourn at 7:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted
Melissa Banzaca, Secretary