

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting
March 24, 2025
DRAFT**

Board members present: Marie Manner, Cindy Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Mark Geisler, Phil Brandon, Judi DiLoreto, Francoise LeGoues, Kevin Quigley

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Mr. Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the February 24, 2025, meeting were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. LeGoues and seconded by Ms. Neff; the motion carried (8-0).

FINANCES – Mrs. Davis

Budget to Date - reviewed

Treasurer’s Reports - reviewed

Miscellaneous Income Reports – reviewed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board of Education Budget Presentation

Mr. Quigley, Ms. Manner, Ms. Trudel and Mrs. Davis all attended March 5, 2025 Board of Education Meeting to ask that the library tax levy proposition be included on the May 20th ballot. Mr. Tromble, HHSD Superintendent, spoke of the great relationship the district has with the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Bitcoin

The library can now accept donations in Bitcoin via our website.

Reputation Based Filtering

For added protection of the WLS network, reputation-based filtering is being tested at larger libraries, with the intention of implementing it across the entire county in the coming months. See the attached document for additional information.

Library Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be held on Monday, April 28th beginning at 7:15 pm. Currently, there is no program planned for that evening. Documents pertaining to the meeting (Annual Report/2025-2026 Proposed Budget) will be posted on the website prior to the meeting.

Joint Gathering of the Town of Cortlandt Library Boards

The Directors of the Cortlandt contract libraries (Hendrick Hudson, Peekskill, Croton, John C. Hart) would like to have a gathering of the boards for discussion of common goals, operations and to any relevant library related topics. Mrs. Davis will reach out to Supervisor Becker to see if he would like to attend. The two proposed dates are July 14th or August 18. Mrs. Davis will send a Doodle poll to determine which date works best for our trustees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lottery for Chess Club

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Chess Club participants will be chosen by lottery. Our volunteer chess instructor will be "retiring" at the end of the summer. We will be looking for a new instructor for this well-attended event, including the high school chess club students.

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 6-13 and there will be a number of events happening at the library for both adults and children. Please see our program calendar for more information. Mrs. Davis is having history boards created for display. These panels will chronicle the history of the library and be displayed in the front stairwell.

Baker and Taylor Check

We have begun the process of reporting the fraudulent cashing of a check that was sent to Baker and Taylor (book vendor) with TD Bank. Since the library has Positive Pay put in place, the probability of the check being whitewashed for future fraudulent activity is very low.

Whistle-Blower Violations Report (April-September-January)
Social Media Stats (February-June-October)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (January, May, September)

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

There was a brief discussion of the Mini Golf fundraiser that was done at the Ossining Library and if it was an event that might be successful here.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Quigley adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6:15 pm General Meeting
7:15 PM Annual Meeting**

Reputation-Based Filtering

Overview

In effort to continue striving for robust cybersecurity, WLS will be implementing reputation-based filtering. Reputation-based filtering is a proactive network security measure now available within the suite of features on our SonicWall network security appliances. Its purpose is to safeguard our network by evaluating the trustworthiness of websites, IP addresses and domains, providing another layer of security. Reputation-based filtering is an industry standard in network security. It is widely used in firewalls, email security solutions and endpoint protection platforms across the industry.

How It Works

- **Trusted Intelligence Engine:**
SonicWall's Content Filtering Service (CFS) leverages threat intelligence from trusted providers, most notably Webroot's threat intelligence engine. Webroot's technology is widely recognized in the cybersecurity community and relies on continuously updated data from various sources, including AI-driven analysis, global telemetry, and third-party threat intelligence feeds. While Webroot may incorporate insights from government-supported initiatives like CISA and collaborative groups such as MS-ISAC, its primary data sources come from real-time web crawling, heuristic analysis, and its extensive global threat database.
- **Evaluation Process:**
When a user attempts to access a website, the SonicWall firewall dynamically queries Webroot's cloud-based reputation database in near real-time. The URL is assigned a risk score based on multiple factors, including historical data, known threat indicators, and patterns of malicious behavior.
 - **High-risk URLs:** Sites known or suspected of hosting malware, phishing schemes, or similar malicious activities receive a low reputation score and may be blocked.
 - **Legitimate URLs:** Sites with strong, positive reputations are generally allowed through without interruption.
 - **Behavioral analysis:** Patterns such as sudden spikes in traffic from an IP or anomalous domain registration details contribute to reputation scoring.
 - **Historical context:** Sites and IP addresses linked to past attacks or blocklisted by multiple security vendors receive low scores.

Benefits

- **Enhanced Security:**
By preventing access to potentially harmful websites, we reduce the risk of malware infections, data breaches, phishing attacks and similar attacks.

- **Dynamic Protection:**
The system continuously updates its intelligence, ensuring that emerging security threats are quickly identified and mitigated.
- **Notifications:**
If a website is blocked, it notifies a user via webpage stating the: URL that was blocked, the block policy, client IP address, and the block reason. Keep in mind that while false positives can occur, leading to unintended sites being blocked, admins can manually override reputation-based filters. Note: https websites visited on endpoints that have a DPI-SSL certificate installed will see the notification when DPI-SSL is enabled. DPI-SSL certificates allow for firewalls to inspect web traffic for malicious files.

Conclusion

It is important to stress that reputation-based filtering acts like a security checkpoint—it assesses risk and protects the network by blocking access to sites that could compromise our systems. This approach ensures a safer browsing experience without interfering with everyday activities. Please let us know if you have any issues accessing any websites or any other related issues.