

ANNUAL MEETING

April 27, 2026

7:15pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES – Ms. Legoues

- April 28, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ms. Goodenow

- July 2026-June 2027 Library Budget

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RE-APPOINTMENTS

- Tammi Trudel-2029
- Mark Geisler-2029
- Phil Brandon-2029

NYS ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEE UPDATE REQUIREMENT

DIRECTOR’S ANNUAL REPORT – 2025 – Ms. Davis

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY DRAFT
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

April 28, 2025

Board members present: Phil Brandon, Judi DiLoreto Mark Geisler, Gina Goodenow, Françoise LeGoues Marie Manner, Cynthia Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Kevin Quigley, Tammi Trudel

Also present: Jill Davis, Director, Theresa Jersey, Children’s Librarian, Jenny Kolesar, Business manager

Total attendance: 13

Mr. Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The meeting began with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – April 29, 2024

The minutes of the April 29, 2024, annual meeting were accepted (reading of them waived) on a motion made by Ms. Goodenow and seconded by Ms. Neff; motion carried 10-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Goodenow presented the proposed 2025-2026 Library Operating Budget which will be voted on by Hendrick Hudson School District voters on May 20th. The Library’s proposed budget reflects a 3.9% levy increase which is a .87% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately a \$54,221 levy increase over last year. The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$1.18 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$.12 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$261 **per year** and in Peekskill that **yearly** number would be \$140.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

Nominated for re-appointment to three-year terms July 2025- June 2028:

Approved at the April 28, 2025 meeting:

Judi DiLoreto
Marie Manner
Steve Pavlopoulos
Kevin Quiqley

Motion to accept the re-appointment of Ms. DiLoreto was made by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Ms. Neff; motion passed unanimously 9-0 with Ms. DiLoreto abstaining.

Motion to accept the re-appointment of Ms. Manner was made by Ms. LeGoules, seconded by Mr. Quigley; motion passed unanimously 9-0 with Ms. Manner abstaining.

Motion to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Povlopoulos was made by Mr. Geisler, seconded by Ms. Manner; motion passed unanimously 9-0 with Mr. Pavlopoulos abstaining.

Motion to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Quigley was made by Ms. Neff, seconded by Ms. LeGoues; motion passed unanimously 9-0 with Mr. Quigley abstaining.

NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEE NUMBER RESOLUTION

New York State now requires that libraries with a range of the number of trustees listed in their charter (HHFL= 7-11) to approve, by resolution, the increase or decrease of the actual number of trustees at their annual meeting. To comply with this requirement a **motion** to approve the number of trustees for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library as 11 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 was made by Ms. Manner and seconded by Ms. Trudel; motion carried unanimously 10-0.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2024

See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)

PROGRAM (none)

OTHER

There was acknowledgment of the staff by the board thanking them for all that they do to make the library a safe and welcoming place for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY

2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME

Hendrick Hudson School District	1,490,794
HHSD-Library Share of IP#3 PILOT	55,721
Reserve to Budget	20,000
Town of Cortlandt	182,485
Interest Income - Operating	12,000
Miscellaneous Income	10,000
Local Library Aid	4,000
TOTAL	1,775,000

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	740,000
Retirement	105,000
Social Security	58,000
Workers Compensations	6,500
Disability	500
Health Insurance	230,000
Books	60,000
Periodicals	7,000
E-content	18,000
Video	2,000
Building-Repairs	50,000
Building-Contracts	40,000
Building-Capital Improvements	10,000
Utilities	48,500
Insurance	37,000
Custodial Supplies	6,000
Office Supplies	7,000
Library Equipment	1,500
Telephone	2,500
Postage	2,000
Publicity	6,500
Professional Development	4,000
Professional Services	16,000
Programs	29,000
Memberships	6,500
Contingency	3,000
Vending Expenses	3,500
WLS Contracted Services	75,000
Debt Service	200,000
TOTAL	1,775,000

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	
Budget request to HHSD residents	\$1,420,913	\$1,490,794	\$69,881 increase
• Levy to levy increase	3.9%	4.9%	
• Budget to budget increase	.87%	4.4%	
• Cortlandt tax increase	\$1.27 per thousand assessed value		Average bill \$271
• Peekskill tax increase	\$1.75 per thousand assessed value		Average bill \$156

“A library is infinity under a roof.”
-Gail Carson Levine, Author



Annual Meeting Report 2026



LIBRARY STAFF

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Francoise LeGoues, President
Tammi Trudel, President Elect
Gina Goodenow, Treasurer
Marie Manner, Secretary
Philip Brandon
Judi DiLoreto
Mark Geisler
Cynthia Neff
Steve Pavlopoulos
Kevin Quigley
Charles Smith

M. Jill Davis, Director

Gracie Belson	Marlene Bhanote
Katie Caracci	Christina Carde
Anna DeAngelis	Geoff Dyckman
Michelle Giannetta	Jackie Graziano
Holly Heidolph	Terri Jersey
Amy Kendel	Jenny Kolesar
Sharon Kullberg	Allyson Macci
Lynn Meyer	Cheri Morreale
Judy Murphy	Nancy Phillips
Parker Piccolo-Hill	Kathy Schmidt
Colette Storti-Roberts	Barbara Schubeck
Adam Slinsky	Rony Vasquez
Charu Wadhwa	

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

If the past is any predictor of the future, there should be no worries about 2026 for the Hendrick Hudson community. While time has a way of pulling us forward—always chasing what’s next—there’s something grounding about pausing and saying: Look how much we have accomplished.

Let’s take a moment to reflect on all that was achieved in 2025.

Legacy programs continued to thrive. Storytimes, LEGO League, Chess Club, and creative crafts remained cornerstones of our Children’s Room, drawing families together week after week. New partnerships brought even more energy and opportunity to our youngest patrons. Collaborations with KinoSaito introduced engaging weekly craft events, while family STEAM activities with the Westchester Children’s Museum sparked curiosity and hands-on learning. One of the year’s standout successes was Mr. Golden’s Reptile Club, where children not only learned about these important creatures but had the unforgettable experience of holding them.

Adult programming remained just as vibrant. Blood drives, crafts, music and movie events, and club meetings—think Mahjong and the Stamp and Stitchers—continued to bring patrons together. Health and wellness emerged as a strong focus in 2025, with Qi-Gong, Tai Chi, and yoga classes quickly filling to capacity. Our partnership with NewYork-Presbyterian played a vital role in making these healthy living programs accessible to the community.

New offerings also found their place this year. The Millennial Book Club created space for new conversations and connections. Candy Houses for adults brought creativity and fun to the forefront. And the installation of two new booths provided additional study and workspace—meeting the evolving needs of our patrons.

No year is complete without attention to our 30-year-old facility, and 2025 was no exception. The Teen Room received new carpeting, our elevator was refreshed both aesthetically and mechanically, and outdated community room chairs were replaced with modern, comfortable seating—enhancements that ensure our space remains welcoming and functional.

It was truly a year that blended the tried and true with the new—strong programming, meaningful community partnerships, and thoughtful infrastructure improvements.

The years may fly by, but growth compounds quietly. And sometimes the most meaningful progress doesn’t look flashy—it feels steady.

FACTS AND FIGURES JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

TOTAL MATERIALS BORROWED 138,800

Books	77,003
Downloadable E-Content	50,492
All Other Materials	11,305

TOTAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS 83,530

Book Holdings	71,124
Magazine & Newspaper Subscriptions	50
Audio Recordings	5,294
Video Recordings (DVD/Blu-ray)	7,062

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

Materials Received	12,826
Materials Borrowed	15,472

REFERENCE QUESTIONS 9,372

COMPUTER USE 3,650

PROGRAMS OFFERED 2,202

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE 16,937

VIRTUAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE 10,687

STUDY ROOM USE 5,169

PASSPORTS PROCESSED 590

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



ADULT PROGRAMS

- Seasonal Crafts
- Music Performances
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Informational Speakers
- Virtual Author Talks
- Defensive Driving
- Mobile Shredder

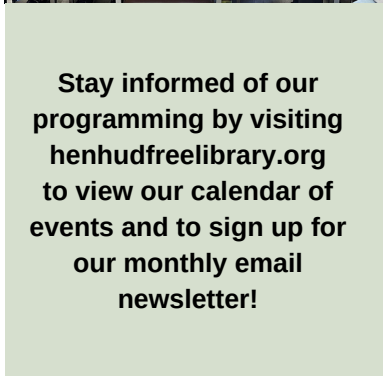
NEW THIS YEAR

- Virtual Cooking Classes
- Winter Sewing for Beginners
- Emergency Preparedness



TEEN PROGRAMS

- Navigating College Admissions
- Camp Life During the Revolutionary War
- Battle of the Books
- Teen Book Club
- Virtual Cooking Classes



Stay informed of our programming by visiting henhudfreelibrary.org to view our calendar of events and to sign up for our monthly email newsletter!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- KinoKids Workshops
- Mr. Golden's Reptile Club
- Charlie and the Bubble Factory
- Color Our World with Debbie Fletcher
- Acting Mini-Camp with Maria Morabito
- Animal Embassy
- Westchester Children's Museum Workshop
- Virtual Cooking Classes
- Halloween Costume Shop
- Battle of the Books
- Storybook Cooking with Shari Munitz
- Candy Houses

