

**Larchmont Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 12, 2025**

The Larchmont Public Library Board of Trustees met on 11/12/25, attended by Library Board Chair Lauren Gottfried (LG), Library Trustees Linnet Tse (LT), Galit Lopatin Bordereau (GLB), Barbara Liptack (BL), Barbara Flickinger (BF), Celeste Sharpe (CS), Friends Liaison Ellie Berlin (EB), Town of Mamaroneck Liaison Sabrina Fiddelman (LSF), Library Director Andrew Farber, Library Staff Assistant Janet Regan (JR), and Head of Reference Paul Doherty (PD). Library Trustee Jill Brennick (JB) and Village of Larchmont Liaison Dana Post (DP) were not present.

Library Board Chair LG called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the 10/8/25 & 10/24/25 Library Board Meeting with a note to mark GLB as absent from the 10/24/25 meeting.

**Board**

LG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Friends**

EB reported that the Friends will be hosting a cocktail party for the Grand Reopening of the newly renovated Village Center and to introduce AF as the current director of the Larchmont Public Library to the community.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

***Schedule of Bill:*** The Board unanimously approved the schedule of bills and the additional list of bills dated 11/12/25.

The finance committee is meeting on 11/13/25 to discuss the budget in depth. Healthcare is expected to be a challenge. The finance committee will meet with the Town next week, as the Town's budget must be approved by 12/20/25.

**Centennial**

The centennial logo is being voted on this month. So far, the Library has over 300 responses. The logo will be used for marketing for the next year.

**Facilities**

The children's elevator needed a new panel, which has now been completed.

Atlantic Westchester switched the system over from summer to winter. Tree roots that had grown into the sewer line and caused a small flood in the basement. Atlantic Westchester's air filters that were stored there were ruined and needed to be repurchased.

The front of the building was power-washed and painted.

The Village is moving forward with the solar panel installation.

AF will request that the Friends fund a children's room office project. The children's room office area will be fully enclosed up to the ceiling; glass will be removed and replaced with sheetrock at a cost of \$7,460.

## **Resolutions**

BL made a motion to accept the equipment discard list. CS seconded the motion.

## **Directors Report**

### **Technology & AV**

- Hudson Valley AV is awaiting delivery of the projector before beginning the project; start date pending.

### **Library Services & Programs**

- *Library of Things* is ready to launch. Plans include creating a flyer and sending an email announcement. Electronics will be stored behind the desk; games will be located near the puzzles.
- Ongoing/Upcoming programs:
  - Battle of the Books team
  - College admissions webinar
  - Sensory Station program for kids
  - December break drop-in programs for all ages
  - Kids' visits, including Ursula Minor and FASNY visits
- Larchmont/Mamaroneck Libraries are awaiting reports on children seeking library cards.

### **New Services**

- Free notary service has begun; the schedule is posted on the website. Six people have used the service so far.

### **Events**

- Blood drive scheduled for 12/18.

### **NYLA Conference Takeaways**

- A very interesting workshop on partnerships between libraries and local businesses was attended. New ideas for working with local businesses could be tied into the summer reading game next year (e.g., stuffed-animal "travel" programs, business-based raffles).
- Emphasis on storytelling to promote the library.
- Discussion of technology, emotional-intelligence literacy, AI-related media coverage, and concerns about social-media policies.
- Having the Friends organize travel-based fundraisers, such as bus tours and a behind-the-scenes visit to the New York Public Library.
- Focus remains on timely and advocacy-driven fundraising by the Friends.

The board went into executive session at 7:07 and left executive session at 7:30. No actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next scheduled board meeting will be on 12/10/25 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Farber  
Library Director