

Springport Free Library
October 23, 2025
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Trustees - President Christy Cooper, Jeanne Hardy, Jim Young, Barbara Casper; Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones. Trustees absent: Laurie Waldron, Sabrina Shepherd

Board President, Christy Cooper called the regular board meeting to begin at 6:40 pm.

Old Business:

- I. The September 17, 2025, Library Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes was reviewed. It was noted that the amount of funding requested for the 2026 USCSD Budget Referendum should be corrected to the amount that was voted and accepted by the trustees of \$102,500.00. Jeanne Hardy made a motion to accept the report with this correction. Christy Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 4-0 to accept the motion.
2. The September 2025 Financial Report prepared by Library Bookkeeper Scott Zippel was reviewed. Jim Young made a motion to accept the report. Jeanne Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 4-0 to accept the motion.
3. Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones presented the October 23, 2025 Director's Report. Key items included:
 - a) The recent Paint and Sip evening programs have been successful. Carla shared her appreciation for the efforts of Trustee Sabrina Shepherd and Librarian Assistant Heather Schenck to organize and facilitate this program.
 - b) Carla is encouraged by the increasing number of students using the library since school has resumed this fall. Teens are gathering to read, complete homework, and use the new gaming systems.
 - c) There has been continuing use of items provided in new hygiene closet.
 - d) Carla and Sabrina have begun to take steps to open a new Amazon Business Account for the library. This is due to the recent unexpected and immediate shutdown of the popular library resource and supply company - Baker & Taylor. Carla indicated that the closure was influenced by increasing demand for digital platforms. Though our library did not have an account with Baker & Taylor, it is thought that by establishing a library business account through Amazon, our library could be able to successfully adjust if our current library supplier Brodart & Ingram were to also abruptly and unexpectedly shut down. Carla also indicated that Amazon does not provide covers, labels and other library book supplies, however it does provide a wide selection of books and media formats, and that its quick delivery, lower prices and other services could help budget constraints.
 - e) As of tonight's meeting, Carla has not seen any visible flooding that has happened due to heavy rainfall. This may be a good sign that the new gutters are helping to offset any flooding. She and Heather will continue to monitor this condition.
 - f) Carla is looking forward to attending the Annual Meeting of the Finger Lakes Library System which will be held at the Center for the Arts, in Homer, NY. The title of the guest keynote speaker address will be "Building Community in Turbulent Times".
 - g) The library will be open during the night of Halloween. She will be giving away candy and will post photos of goblins and other visiting guests on the library's Facebook page.

Christy Cooper made a motion to accept the October 23, 2025, Directors Report. Barb Casper seconded the motion. The motion was open to discussion. The Trustees voted 4-0 to accept the motion.

4. The trustees reviewed and continued their discussion of the 2026 Springport Free Library Budget Proposal that was prepared and presented at the last regular board meeting by the library Bookkeeper, Scott Zippel.

Jeanne Hardy made a motion to increase the proposed Building and Maintenance Budget Line from \$4,000 to \$6,500. Christy Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was open to discussion. The Trustees voted 4-0 to accept the motion.

New Business:

1. Carla announced the recent donation of \$200.00 from Marjorie and C. William Schwab. She and the trustees expressed their appreciation for their generous gift. Christy Cooper will write and send a thank you note to Mr. and Mrs. Schwab to thank them for their donation.
2. Carla shared a flyer that was given to her by members of the USCSD 2025-2026 Yearbook committee. It outlined the benefits of contributing to the current yearbook funding drive. The trustees discussed this opportunity to congratulate the graduating seniors, many of whom have been continuing patrons of the library.
Jim Young made a motion for the Springport Free Library to contribute \$100 for a ¼ page salute to the 2026 Graduating Class. Jeanne Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 4 – 0 to accept the motion.
Carla and Heather will provide the Yearbook Committee with the visual that will be used in this ¼ page salute.
3. Jeanne Hardy described the interest that others have for the library to acquire a Cricut machine for library and patron use. Jeanne Hardy and Sabrina Shepherd will continue to investigate the cost of this machine, along with information about essential accessories .

Board President Christy Cooper adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Casper

Recording Secretary