UNAPPROVED MINUTES

HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The May 20, 2026, Library Board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with facilitator Irene Duszkiewicz, Library Director.

Present were:	Reine Bethany
	Maribel Toure
	M. R. Jordan
	Trudy King
	Irene A. Duszkiewicz
Absent:	William R. Whitaker II, Trustee Village Liaison
	Tanya L. Carter, Trustee Village Liaison

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 22, 2026, meeting was mailed in advance of the meeting.

Moved by Reine Bethany, to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2026. No second to the motion. This motion not considered. Motion defeated.

AYES 2 (Reine Bethany and Maribel Toure)
NO 2 (M. R. Jordan and Trudy King)
Motion failed

Correspondence was reviewed from Roberta Elder, Director of Hempstead Adult Education, regarding the virtual tour of the library to the faculty and students enrolled in the literacy program. The Director thanked the Library for a very informative program that had 177 students and teachers attending.

The Financial Report for June 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026, was emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting. Trudy King commented that the Library Trust Funds do not appear on the Monthly Library Financial report. As explained at the previous meeting, Library Trust funds should not appear on the Library Monthly Financial Statement, but they do appear on Village of Hempstead General Ledger.

Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure, motion to accept the Financial Statement dated June 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026.

AYES 2 (Reine Bethany and Maribel Toure)
NO 2 (M. R. Jordan and Trudy King)
Motion failed

The new fiscal year begins June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027.

Director's report was distributed and sent prior to the May 20, 2026 Library Board meeting.

Library Director continues to canvass for Librarian I position.

Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on schedule F-2354 in the amount of $14,334.51. Some have been properly audited by all members present.

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)
NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Reine Bethany and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on schedule F-2358 in the amount of $8,452.35. Some have been reviewed by all members present.

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)
NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Reine Bethany and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on schedule F-2359 in the amount of $9,632.67. Some have been reviewed by all members present.

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)
NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.