

Watchung Library Advisory Committee
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.
In-Person Meeting
TEMPORARY LOCATION OF
THE WATCHUNG LIBRARY
20 Stirling Road
Watchung, NJ

PRESENT:

Manuela Miracle
Catherine Leigh, President
Marianne Candiloros, Secretary
Bradford Leigh, via phone
Gail Tafaro
Sonia Abi-Habib, Council Liaison absent
Heather Berg, Valley View, via phone
Maria Dahl

- * Report from Librarian Manuela Miracle
Some highlights:
 - Donated furniture
 - New SCLS Director Peter Bromberg
 - SCLS migrating to ILS cataloguing system
 - Resources
 - Expanding hard book collection
 - Informed of many programs, including
 - Wagner Farm Astronomy Night on 11/3/25

Avalon Outreach for Library Programs

Sonia Abi-Habib to contact WHRHS
Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett to inform
about free SAT tutoring through the Watchung
Library branch

Parking capacity concerns from a community
resident for new library were addressed and
satisfied.

International Night to be held at new library
Community Room if space permitting

Heather Berg collaborating with BB librarian

to promote Watchung library 5th graders
targeted audience

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Committee's unanimous agreement that with
current fish's demise, a fishery awaits them
in new library

A children's library mural was suggested for
new library.
Selling family tiles for said mural as a
fundraiser

- * Report from President Leigh on finances from
William Hance are as follows:
Fish Fund - \$ 3,661.24
General Library Fund \$23,168.77
- * Holiday Party to be held on 12/12/25 at 12-2
p.m. at Temporary Library
- * Adjourn meeting
- * Next WLAC Meeting will be on November 19
2025 at 7 p.m. at the temporary Watchung
Library location, 20 Stirling Road, Watchung,
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