



## REGULAR MEETING – LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

JUNE 11, 2026, 7:00 PM  
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Sherelle Harris at [sharris@norwalkpl.org](mailto:sharris@norwalkpl.org) with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
  - A. **Regular Meeting: June 11, 2026**
  - B. **May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
  - C. **April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **REPORTS**
  - A. **President**

1. History Room
2. Eagles Parking

**B. Library Director**

1. Norwalk Public Library History Room Dedication Honoring Ralph Bloom

PowerPoint

<https://canva.link/gdmrkhjbinplcho>

In the News

1. <https://connecticut.news12.com/norwalk-public-librarys-history-room-dedicated-to-founder>
2. <https://www.nancyonnorwalk.com/after-50-years-preserving-norwalks-past-city-historian-ralph-bloom-gets-his-name-on-the-door/>
2. CAPBUD Project  
South Norwalk Branch Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station
3. Summer Reading 2026: Adult and Children's
4. One Book One Community 2026 - 2027
5. America 250 Flyer - DRAFT
6. Conference Room Renovation

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**













**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**APRIL 9, 2026**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:** Laurel Peterson, Haroldo Williams, Jannie Williams, Alex Knopp, Moina Noor

**STAFF:** Sherelle Harris (Library Director)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moina Noor called the Regular Meeting of the Norwalk Public Library Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was performed. Present at the meeting were Laurel Peterson, Heraldo Williams, Jannie Williams, Alex Knopp, and Moina Noor. A quorum was present.

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2026 meeting. A correction was noted regarding the spelling of a name in the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes with correction. Alex Knopp moved and Haroldo Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Diane Lauricella addressed the Board regarding sustainability and future capital planning. She emphasized the importance of incorporating renewable energy solutions, including solar energy, into future library renovations and expressed concern regarding current City policies that delay solar implementation until roof replacement. She requested a clearer timeline for the main library renovation project and expressed interest in participating in any future construction or fundraising committee. Board members clarified that renovation projects must be initiated by the City, as the City owns the building. Members also noted the Board's ongoing commitment to sustainability, including the acquisition of an electric vehicle and efforts to expand EV charging infrastructure. The Board expressed openness to future discussions with Ms. Lauricella regarding sustainability options.

## **V. REPORTS**

### **A. PRESIDENT**

#### **1. HISTORY ROOM DEDICATION**

Chair Noor reported that the dedication of the Ralph Bloom History Room will be rescheduled due to delays in the plaque installation and upcoming elevator repairs. A new proposed date of June 9, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. was discussed. The Board agreed to proceed with scheduling, pending coordination with the Mayor's office.

### **B. LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

#### **1. CAPITAL BUDGET UPDATE**

Director Harris reviewed the capital budget requests, including the continuation of the Norwalk Hour digitization project and the replacement of self-checkout machines. She noted that the digitization project remains in the proposed budget and emphasized the importance of promoting this resource to the public, particularly in connection with the History Room dedication. Board members discussed the timing of the main library roof project, branch library improvements, and the absence of main library expansion planning in the five-year capital plan. Director Harris will follow up with the City regarding funding allocations and future planning.

#### **2. MEETING ROOM POLICY UPDATES**

Director Harris presented proposed updates to the meeting room policy, including adjustments to room capacity limits for comfort, removal of certain rooms from public booking, alignment of room names with official signage, and standardization of pricing. Laurel Peterson moved to approve the policy updates. Haroldo Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE**

Director Harris reported that the elevator project is scheduled to begin April 20, 2026, though the timeline may extend depending on construction conditions. Staff have begun preparations to maintain ADA compliance during the project, including adjustments to programming and room usage. The Board acknowledged the importance of minimizing disruption while ensuring accessibility.

### **4. PASSPORT SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Harris reported that passport services have resumed and are operating successfully, and additional outreach will be conducted to inform the public.

### **5. ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Director Harris presented a list of potential book selections for the One Book, One Community program. Following discussion, there was general support for selecting *Atmosphere*. Staff will explore the possibility of arranging author participation either in person or virtually.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Laurel Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Jannie Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jada Caballero  
Recording Secretary

## SOUTH NORWALK BRANCH LIBRARY EV CHARGING STATIONS











## SUMMER READING 2026

### ADULT

This summer, the 2026 Adult Summer Reading Challenge invites readers to *Choose Your Journey!* Unlike a traditional reading challenge, participants will pick a reading path that fits their interests—whether they’re an Explorer, Deep Thinker, Escape Reader, Adventurer, or Investigator, and pair their books with prompts in that path. Completed prompts can be submitted through the online form to log progress and earn raffle entries (one entry for every two prompts completed). The challenge is designed for adults (18+) and encourages exploration, discovery, and fun, there’s no pressure to read a certain number of books, and it’s okay if participants don’t complete the entire challenge.

You can find all the details here: <https://norwalkpl.libguides.com/SRC2026>

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### CHILDREN’S

The Children’s Department at the Norwalk Public Library is getting ready for a summer full of reading, fun, and prizes! The Summer Reading Program will run for eight weeks, from June 28-August 22, and children may pick up their log sheets beginning on June 21. The first 200 kids to get their sheets will be given a Norwalk Public Library tie-dye drawstring backpack to carry home their favorite books.

In addition to continuing all of the regular programs, the Library will be offering a variety of special events throughout the summer. This year’s theme, “Unearth a Story,” focuses on dinosaurs, paleontology, archaeology, and exploration of nature. In keeping with these topics, the Norwalk Public Library will be partnering with the Stamford Museum and Nature Center and is excited to present the following programs in July and August: *Dinosaur Discovery!*, *Slimy & Scaly*, *What’s Up With Plants?*, *Magical Beasts & Where to Find Them*, *Farm Fun*, and *Wildlife CSI*.

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## **ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY**

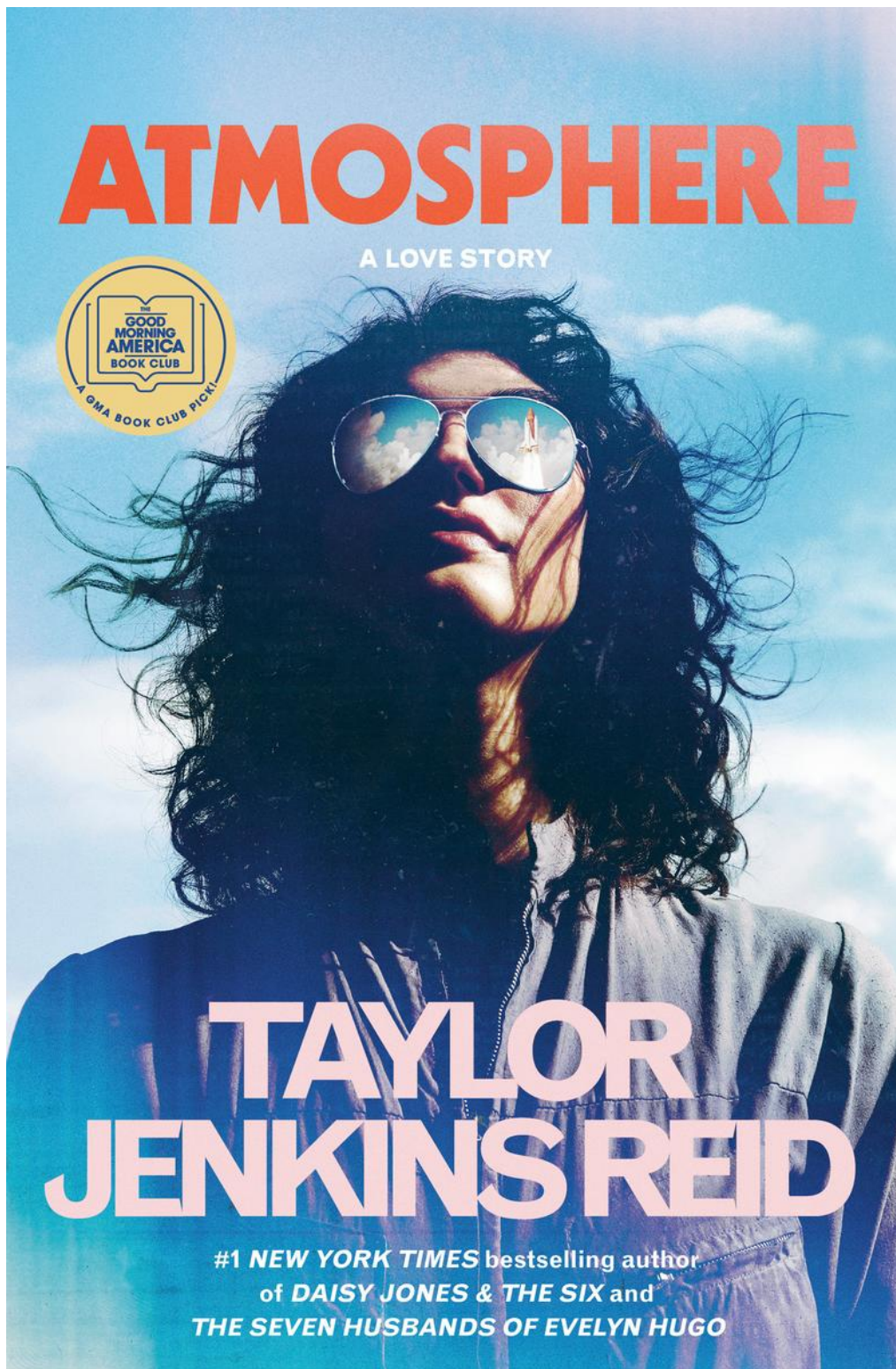
Community-wide reads unite towns around a single shared story. If you are looking for the defining quote about these programs, look to Mary McGrory:

*"The idea is that the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."*

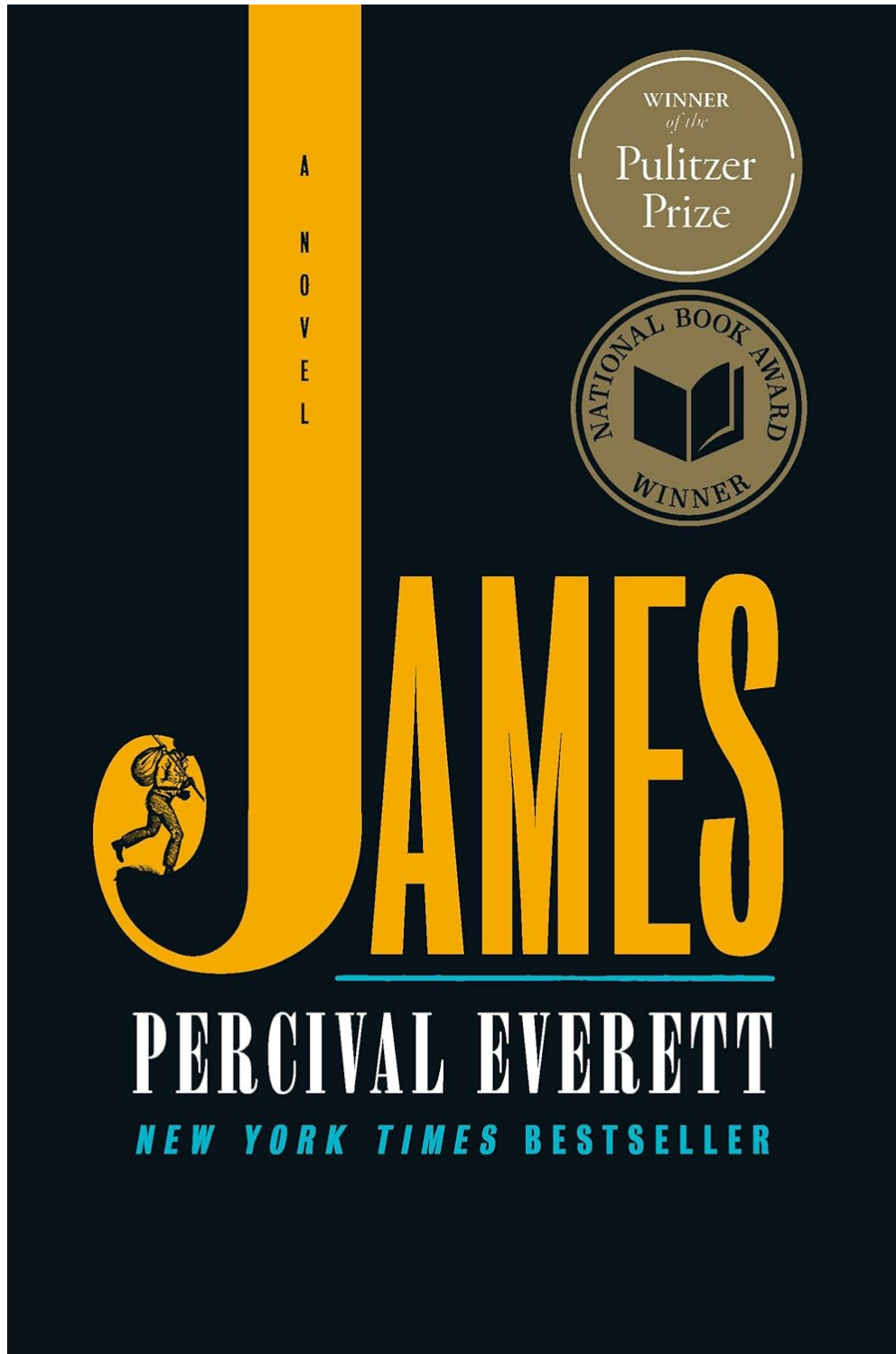
~American Library Association~

## **ONE BOOK ONE NORWALK**

ONE BOOK – ONE COMMUNITY  
Fall 2026



ONE BOOK – ONE COMMUNITY  
Winter/Spring 2027



# AMERICA 250

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
AT NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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*ELECTRIFYING THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD: BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN AND THE BURNDY LIBRARY DISPLAY*

June/July 2026 Front Entrance Display

AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT

NPL Children's Department

COLONIAL CANDLE MAKING FOR ADULTS

Saturday, July 11, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*HOW CONNECTICUT BECAME THE "PROVISION STATE"*

*- IT WAS ALL ABOUT SUGAR AND RUM!*

PRESENTATION BY MATTHEW WARSHAUER, PH.D.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

AMERICA 250 BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY

Saturday, July 18, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MEET BENJAMIN FRANKLIN:

WIT, WISDOM, AND REVOLUTION

Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MAIN LIBRARY | 1 BELDEN AVENUE NORWALK, CT 06850 | 203.899.2780

SOUTH NORWALK LIBRARY | 10 WASHINGTON STREET | NORWALK, CT 06854

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nevins Furniture – Elite Series Conf. Table. 120” (10ft) x 42”d. dbl. post T legs. Chrome. 1 ¼” thick flat edge top. Laminate. Base is offered in Chrome. 2 piece top.



**JSI – Vision series Conference table – rectangle top.**

120” (10 ft.) x 42”d x 29”h. HPL Laminate. Finish: to be determined. 2 piece top, top does not include the power modules in the center. Medium scale block bases (includes wire management inside base). Grommet power way in centr is not required. Top Edge: flat 3mm edge.



**Nevins – Vega series Conference table – rectangle top.**

120" (10 ft.) x 42"d x 29"h. HPL Laminate. Finish: to be determined. 2 piece top, top does not include the power modules in the center. Panel end bases (3) on 10 ft table. Edge: flat 3mm edge.



**Nevins – Opus Series Conference table – rectangle top.**

120" (10 ft.) x 42"d x 29"h. HPL Laminate. Finish: to be determined. 2 piece top, top does not include the power modules in the center. Arc shaped panel end bases with metal accent edge (3) on 10 ft table. Table Edge: flat 3mm edge. Or knife style edge.



**JSI – Anthology Series Conference table – rectangle top.**

120" (10 ft.) x 42"d x 29"h. HPL Laminate. Finish: to be determined. 2 piece top, top does not include the power modules in the center. Metal post legs with Y style base/feet. Grommet power way in centr is not required. Top Edge: flat edge.



**Lesro – Avon Series Stack Chair with arms.** Upholstered seat and back. Metal frame with wood top cap.



**Lesro – Newport Series Chair with arms.** Upholstered seat and back. Wood & Metal frame. Loop arm design.



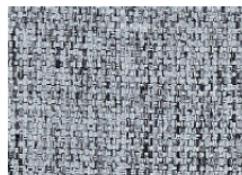
**9 to 5 Seating – Shuttle Series Armchair – 4 legs** Mesh back is black.

Seat fabric, Grd. A. pattern & color to be determined. Brushed Silver arms and legs.



Graded in Grade: M3  
 Pattern: M3 Mesh  
 Color/Style: Slate M32  
 Material Type: Mesh  
 Vendor: 9to5 Seating  
 Backing: Other  
 Abrasion: 100,000

(US) Upholstered Seat



Graded in Grade: A  
 Pattern: Sandbar  
 Color/Style: Palladium  
 Material Type: Textile  
 Vendor: 9to5 Seating  
 Backing:  
 Abrasion: 100,000 D.R.

(A18G) Soft Touch Polyurethane Arm - Silver

**Artopex – Kub Series Armchair. 4 legs. Mesh back, Upholstered Seat.**

Seat fabric, Grd. A. pattern & color to be determined.



**9 to 5 Seating – Teriana Series Armchair** – 4 legs Upholstered Seat and Back. Mesh back is black. Grd. A. pattern & color to be determined. Painted Finish or Brushed Silver arms and legs.

