AGENDA
SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room

Public Audience

a. Participants may address the Library Board in person or virtually and have five (5) minutes to speak.
b. Email cdisanto.spl@simsburylibrary.info by noon on Monday, November 16, to register to address the Library Board live through Zoom.
c. Written comments can be emailed to cdisanto.spl@simsburylibrary.info. Comments will not be read into the record, but forwarded to the Library Board via email.

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 19, 2026
4. Public Audience
5. Communications
6. Friends' Report
7. Board of Selectmen Liaison Report
8. Chair's Report
9. Director's Report
10. October Finance Report
11. Library Board Advocacy
12. Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates
13. Strategic Planning Committee
14. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Cameron DiSanto
Administrative Secretary

Library Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting
October 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room
725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER- Madam Chair McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chair, Holly McGrath; Vice Chair, Polly Rice; Co-Chair of Strategic Plan Committee, Don Heymann; Board of Trustees: Heather Czuchta, Anne Erickson, Marianne O'Neil, Susan Ray, and Laurie Shinaman; Simsbury Public Library Director, Lisa Miceli; Liaison to the Board of Selectmen, Diana Yeisley and Guest Frannie Doherty.

Absent: President of the Friends of the Library, Greg Golinski; and Secretary, Mary Glassman.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting
Madam Chair McGrath amended line 54 to correct the spelling of "invoiced" to "invoices."

MOTION: Trustee O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Rice, to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No public audience.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Madam Chair McGrath shared a *New York Times* article dated October 5 concerning librarians and the experiences of library professionals nationwide. A printed copy was made available to attendees.

Trustee O'Neil shared positive feedback from a new town resident who expressed enthusiasm about the library.

V. FRIENDS' REPORT

No report.

VI. BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORT

Selectman Yeisley provided updates on municipal activities.

Early voting: Early voting began October 19 at the library and will continue through November 1, with varying hours and scheduled exceptions. Residents were encouraged to consult the published schedule. Election Day is November 3, with regular polling locations in effect.

Veterans' property tax exemption: The Board of Selectmen approved a full property tax exemption for an eligible classification of totally disabled veterans who are unable to work. The town elected to provide the maximum available benefit rather than impose additional income or property-based limitations. The implementation date was established to allow eligible individuals and surviving spouses to receive benefits prospectively, without retroactive payments.

Year-end surplus and budget transfers: The Board of Selectmen reported an approximately $3.5 million year-end surplus, consisting of approximately $2.3 million in additional revenue and $1.2 million in expenditure savings. Revenue increases included tax collections, building permit fees, investment interest, and conveyance taxes. Expenditure savings included police staffing vacancies, employee benefits, and debt service.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to restore the $23,000 previously cut from the library's materials budget. The restoration was scheduled for consideration by the Board of Finance on October 20, 2026.

Additional funding was also approved to support planning and infrastructure work associated with the Apple Barn renovation. Selectman Yeisley emphasized the importance of accounting for the durable medical equipment loan program currently housed at the Apple Barn when considering future renovations.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Madam Chair McGrath presented a summary of the Board's activities over the past year.

Policy development: The Board revised 11 library policies through the work of the policy subcommittee and collaboration with library staff.

Strategic planning: The strategic planning committee conducted extensive community outreach, including more than 10 listening sessions, drop-in sessions at the senior center, and surveys. The information gathered is informing the library's next five-year strategic plan.

Advocacy and community initiatives: The Chair thanked trustees who supported advocacy efforts to restore the library's materials funding. Other initiatives included accepting gifts, approving the Sensory Land Trust's golden anniversary tree planting, installing a little free food pantry, and developing and launching the library's website.

The Chair also recognized a visit from Dr. Maria McCauley, co-president of the American Library Association, who grew up in the community and spoke with staff and Board members.

The Chair commended local teenagers who spoke at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting in support of the grant and renovation of the teen space.

Public participation and meeting procedures: Trustee Ray asked about changes to public audience procedures and Zoom access. The Chair explained that the town manager's office had directed greater standardization of procedures across municipal boards. The Board will continue following direction from the Town Manager's Office.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Miceli provided updates on staffing, services, technology, and library operations.

Technology and equipment: The library received twelve requests for laptops through the state's laptop program and requested eight additional laptops. The additional devices were expected to arrive, bringing the anticipated total to 18.

Staffing: Three new part-time library services assistants—Elliot, Briana, and Caitlin—were hired for the Children's Department. An adult services librarian is expected to leave for Australia, creating a vacancy. Interviews for the position are

anticipated to begin the following week.

Programming and strategic plan implementation: In response to community feedback, the Children's Department is offering programs at varied times, including Monday evenings and weekends. The library has new partnerships with Real Art Ways and multiple community land trust partners on programming.

The Board discussed the importance of offering programs at times that accommodate different schedules, particularly for families, students, and teenagers. The Chair noted that a recent half-day program featuring a Super Smash Bros. tournament attracted 43 teenagers.

Library activity and engagement: The Director reported approximately 27,500 visitors in September, representing an increase of more than 3% compared with September 2025. The library issued 138 new library cards, exceeding the approximately 110 issued during the previous year.

The Board discussed the value of tracking attendance and new library cards as measures of community engagement.

Discretionary fund and reimbursements: The Director reviewed the library's discretionary fund, which receives gifts and memorial donations and is used for special projects. The Director also explained that the library receives approximately $17,000–$19,000 annually as part of the CT State Library BorrowIT reimbursement program. The discretionary fund also serves as a pass-through for grant funding. Holding library grant funds in the discretionary fund keeps them separate from the town's general fund. The Director offered to provide quarterly updates on the fund and related financial activity.

Elevator: The elevator is awaiting replacement of its circuit board. It has experienced intermittent problems but was determined to be safe for use following review by Public Works.

IX. SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT

The Board reviewed the September financial report.

A potential accounting issue was identified involving transportation and travel expenses in the library administration section that may have been charged to the wrong funding source. The Director indicated that the charges should be reviewed and corrected as necessary.

X. LEGISLATIVE DIRECTED FUNDS UPDATE

Library Director Miceli reported that documentation for the $350,000 legislative directed grant for the teen space had arrived that morning. The Director and Tom Fitzgerald began working on the documentation.

Unlike the other two projects discussed, the library's legislative directed funding can span fiscal years and is not required to be spent by the end of the current fiscal year. The documentation will be reviewed as the process moves forward.

XI. ACCEPTANCE OF FRIENDS OF THE SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY 2025-2026 GIFT - $101,566

The Board reviewed the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library's annual gift totaling **$101,566**. Supporting documentation detailed the Friends' contributions and expenditures for library materials, programming, memberships, and other departmental needs.

The Director explained that the Friends pay many invoices directly, so their complete contribution is not reflected solely in the library's own financial records. The Board acknowledged the importance of transparent reporting and coordination between the Friends, the Director, and department heads.

MOTION: Co-Chair Rice made a motion, seconded by Trustee O'Neil, to accept the $101,566 gift from the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library for fiscal year 2025–2026. The motion carried, with one abstention. (7-0-1)

The Board expressed its appreciation to the Friends for their substantial fundraising efforts and continued support of library services.

XII. PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (PEGPETIA) GRANT PROJECTS

Library Director Miceli reviewed potential projects for the upcoming PEGPETIA grant cycle. The program operates on an every-other-year basis, and the library intends to apply during the current cycle.

Potential projects include:

- Replacing microphones in both program rooms.
- Installing audiovisual equipment in the Tariffville Room so it may be oriented in an alternate view.

- Replacing the television in the teen space.
- Replacing public computers according to the library's regular technology replacement schedule.

The Director is obtaining vendor quotes, expected by the end of the week. The application requires approval by the Board of Selectmen at its November 9 meeting and must be submitted by November 20, 2026.

The Board discussed the competitive nature of the grant and the decreasing award amounts in recent years. The Director noted that the grant is available to municipalities, community media organizations, and schools, in addition to libraries.

In response to questions about public computers, the Director reported that the library has 42 public computers and maintains a four-year replacement schedule. The current number was considered adequate. The library currently uses PCs rather than Macs due to management and IT support considerations.

XIII. LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

Library Director Miceli introduced a proposed library card design contest intended to engage community members of different ages and increase interest in library card ownership.

The proposed process would solicit designs from the community, narrow submissions to finalists, and allow the public to participate in selecting a design. The initiative is expected to be implemented without increasing the cost of library cards.

The Director also presented a sample cover memo for Board agenda items. The memo would provide background information and context with future Board packets to support informed discussion.

XIV. STAFF DEVELOPMENT MORNING – NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Library Director Miceli requested approval to open the library at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 12, 2026, to allow all staff members to participate in professional development beginning at 9:00 A.M.

The training will focus on artificial intelligence and serve as an initial step toward developing the library's approach and policies regarding AI. A part-time Adult Services Librarian who recently completed her MLIS will lead the session.

MOTION: Trustee Czuchta made a motion, seconded by Trustee Heymann, to approve the delayed opening at 11:00 A.M. The motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

XV. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee Heymann reported that the plan is nearing completion and is entering the design and formatting stage. Trustees will have another opportunity to review the document and provide comments.

The committee anticipates presenting a finalized document for Board approval in December 2026, allowing implementation to begin in January 2027.

The committee is also developing a community communication and rollout plan to share the completed strategic plan with residents and library stakeholders.

The committee will not be holding a meeting in October while it focuses on design and layout.

XVI. TOUR OF THE TEEN SPACE

The Board proceeded to tour the teen space following the meeting's discussion items.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chair Rice made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erickson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Madam Chair McGrath adjourned the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cameron DiSanto
Administrative Secretary

Simsbury Public Library
Director's Report
November 2026

Simsbury Library is the center of an inclusive community that values and welcomes peoples of all abilities, cultures and lived experiences.

- The Library was awarded partial funding of the Simsbury Community Fund grant for Conversation and Connection, a program and items for borrowing that will bring older folks, especially those suffering cognitive issues, and their caregivers together. The funding is short of just over $900.

Adult

- The Department offered
  - Morning Yoga (14).
  - Sweet Social Connections (54) in partnership with the Senior Center, the Aging and Disability Commission and Grassroots.
  - Revolutionary Taverns 1760-1775 (45) in partnership with the Simsbury Historical Society.
  - The Domestic Policy and Affairs Discussion Group: AI – A Blessing or a Curse (12).
  - Taste of Korea – Korean Cuisine Full of Wisdom and Nature (22).

Borrowing & Technical Services

- The Library welcomed 34,400 visitors in October, an increase of 11.8% over October 2025.
- 129 new library cards were issued in October.
- Volunteers contributed 32 hours of service, saving the Library and Town $1,091.

Business & Career Center

- Business Development Specialist Cyn
  - Coordinated the monthly reader's advisory newsletter.
  - Hosted Whatcha Got Cookin'? Wellness Foods for Older Adults with Amy Woodman of Farmington Valley Nutrition and Wellness (31).
  - Presented the ABCs of Planning for the Future of Your Loved Ones with Special Needs (7).
  - Hosted the Monthly Investment Group (7).
  - Presented Government Benefits for Your Loved One with Special Needs (2).
  - Offered Network Your Way to New Opportunities (17).
  - Offered Canva for Business: Not Another AI Flyer (10).
  - Canva for Business Beginner's Workshop (10).
  - Canva Projects: Slide Decks and Presentations (7).

Children's

- The Department developed and maintained displays for
  - Hispanic Heritage Month.
  - Halloween.
  - Dia de los Muertos.
  - Sukkot.
  - Indigenous Peoples' Day.
  - Dyslexia Awareness Month.
  - Election Day.
- Passive programs for October included coloring sheets for
  - Hispanic Heritage Month (70).
  - Dia de los Muertos (100).
  - Halloween (215).
- Kids voted for December's Scavenger Hunt theme (140).
- Staff partnered with the Aging & Disability Commission on the Sensory Friendly Halloween event (70).
- Sensory Friendly Storytime held its second session and grew to 18 attendees.

Teen

- October displays included
  - Banned Books
  - Coming of Rage: When Girls Have Had Enough. These books inspire and empower teen girls.

The Library is a safe place for exploration that offers free and equal access to digital and physical resources

- The Board of Selectmen approved the Public. Educational and Governmental Programming and Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) grant application. The grant will be submitted by the deadline of the November 20 and has a cap of $17,000. It will replace microphones in the Friends Program Room, replace the TV in the Teen Space and also replace the router and camera of the book pick-up lockers. Simsbury Community Media will be adding the cost of microphones for the Tariffville Room to their PEGPETIA grant request.
- 29 staff attended the professional development program on artificial intelligence November 12. Many thanks to part-time Adult Service Librarian Raegan Armata for developing the presentation and leading the program.

Adult

- Adult Services coordinated 60 programs which were attended by 1,104 people.
- October had 35 programs presented by volunteers, a savings to the Library of $5,200.
- Library staff collaborated with the Registrars of Voters and Public Works to host early voting.
- Marina Tinone will join the Adult Services team as a part-time member next week. She replaces Julia who had an opportunity to relocate overseas.

Borrowing & Technical Services

- October displays included
    - Family History Month.
    - Contemporary Romance.
    - Cozy Crafts.
    - International Literature.
    - Friends of the Library.
- 26,400 physical items were borrowed in October. This totals $567,600.
- Digital borrowing was up 2.5% over October 2025. This is the smallest increase in digital circulation in over 2 years, likely due to the Libby and Kanopy new procedure of requiring users to have a password to borrow material.

Business & Career Center

- Cyn and Head of Borrowing Nick continue to update the website with other members of the Library's Leadership Team.
- Cyn managed the Innovators' Workshop inventory to ensure the Library has supplies for those using the space. A reminder, there are charges to visitors for supplies.

Children's

- Library staff took part in the Town's Halloween Costume Contest virtually and also attended the Halloween Storytime (100).

Through in-person and virtual engagement with information and people, the Library inspires people to learn about themselves, their community and the world.

- Chris Carney and I took part in the Senior Center and Aging & Disability Fashion Show. This was a way to support two of the Library's biggest partners in their endeavors.
- I attended the New York Library Association Conference.
- Staff attended a fellowship breakfast and professional development opportunity on AI the morning of November 12.

Adult

- Adult Services staff
    - Notarized 101 documents.
    - Processed 10 passport applications generating $350 in revenue for the Town.
    - Reserved 319 conference and study rooms and coordinated 72 lower level room reservations.
- The second of a 4-part film series, America 250 Forests had 83 attend. This is a partnership between the Library, Real Art Ways, the Simsbury Grange and the Simsbury, Avon, Granby, Canton and Traprock Ridge Land Trusts.
- Hands-on activities in October included
    - Writers' Meet up (8).
    - Flavor of the Month (45).
    - Morning Knitting (52).
    - Uke Hoot (40).
    - Inspired Hands Embroidery (11).

Borrowing & Technical Services

- Laptop ConneCT laptops have begun distribution. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with 2

Business & Career Center

- Cyn presented the following Innovators' Workshop offerings
  - Learn the Sewing Machine (5).
  - Cricut Print Then Cut (3).
  - Cricut Drop-In Instruction (10).
  - Cricut Magnets (8).
  - Intermediate Knitting with Simsbury Yarns (6).
  - Learn the Embroidery Machine (10).
  - 3D Printing Workshop (8).
  - Learn the Sewing Machine (5).
  - Advanced Printable Vinyl T-Shirt Class (4).
  - Innovators' Workshop classes are intentionally for smaller numbers due to the hands-on nature of the programs.

Children's

- Seasonal programs offered included
  - Oktoberfest (21).
  - Candy Charcuterie Board (17).
  - Creepy Faces (10).
  - Pumpkin Decorating (17).
- This fall the Department is offering one evening event per month. In October only 1 child attended. Evening events will be offered thorough December at which time staff will assess whether or not they should continue.
- One monthly Saturday program is also being offered. 26 people attended the October Saturday Storytime.
- October outreach included visits to
  - Little Folks Corner (60).
  - Bright Path (70).
- Hopmeadow Nursery School visited the Children's Department for a special storytime (40).
- Board of Selectmen Wendy Mackstutis, Steven Antonio and Diana Yeisley took part in the Children's Halloween Costume Contest as judges. They selected 4 winners from the 60 who attended.

Teen

- Passive programs included
  - Question of the Month – What Scares You (32).
  - Suggest a Button Design (22).
- Teen programs included
  - Dungeons and Dragons (7).
  - Banned Book Craft (6).
  - Craft & Chill. Teens created ghosts in jars and masks for Halloween (14).
  - Game Club (14).
  - Spooky Movies & Crafts School Half Day Program (38).
  - Sketch Club (7).
  - Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB teens volunteered to attend and speak at the Board of Selectmen meeting thanking the Board for their support of the Teen Space project and letting them know how important it is to them.
- Outreach included
  - Henry James Memorial School Book Club (6).
  - Get Carded Library Card Sign Up Event at Simsbury High School. Teen Services Librarian Mary engaged with 250 students.
  - Mary is starting a Book Club at the High School.

<u>Simsbury Library supports a thriving economy with information, tools and connections to promote businesses, non-profits and careers</u>

Adult

- Additional partnerships in November included
  - The Simsbury Senior Center on A Matter of Balance, Halloween Movie Matinee and the 2026 Flu Clinic.
  - Simsbury Aging & Disability Commission on the Parenting Disability Support Group.
  - Bloomfield and Granby Public Libraries on Millennials Read.
  - Gardeners of Simsbury on Putting the Garden to Bed.

Borrowing & Technical Services

- From the Innovators' Workshop
    - A groom created a gift to ask his brother to be his best man.
    - Someone engraved a cutting board as a retirement gift for a co-worker.

Business & Career Center

- Cyn had 12 various interactions with businesses, groups and clients in person, by email and phone in October.
- Meet the Merchant for October and November featured local Simsbury farms.

Children's

- The Library partnered with the Granby/Simsbury Chamber of Commerce on their Spooktacular. Staff from the Children's Department and Adult Circulation engaged with 500 children and families.
- A Simsbury High School student entrepreneur highlighted her babysitting/birthday party business by dressing up as Belle and interacting with the children and parents at the Children's Halloween Costume Contest.
- Krissy Rand is teaching Baby and Toddler Yoga classes once a month throughout the fall. 16 attended Baby Yoga and 22 attended Toddler Yoga.

Town of Simsbury - prod

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

October 2026

FOR 2027 04

		ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
10047100 GF-Library Administration							
10047100 51010	LbAm*Full-Time	518,502	518,502	157,854.65	45,332.80	360,647.35	30.4%
10047100 51020	LbAm*Part Time	177,057	177,057	52,220.79	16,854.52	124,836.21	29.5%
10047100 51030	LbAm*Overtime	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047100 52200	LbAm*Contractual Se	59,500	59,500	49,114.86	317.40	10,385.14	82.5%
10047100 52510	LbAm*Copy & Printin	2,900	2,900	2,003.14	30.14	896.86	69.1%
10047100 52520	LbAm*Bank Fees	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047100 52550	LbAm*Postage	0	0	129.00	.00	-129.00	100.0%
10047100 53100	LbAm*Office Supplie	4,500	4,500	1,431.77	744.06	2,970.89	34.0%
10047100 53105	LbAm*Tech & Program	8,885	8,885	2,232.41	.00	6,652.59	25.1%
10047100 53106	LbAm*Innovator's Wo	2,740	2,740	117.50	.00	2,622.50	4.3%
10047100 54310	LbAm*Equipment Main	31,500	31,500	6,754.54	957.32	24,201.46	23.2%
10047100 57400	LbAm*Conferences &	0	0	20.75	20.75	-20.75	100.0%
10047100 57800	Travel	0	0	55.56	14.90	-55.56	100.0%
10047100 57910	LbAm*Dues & Subscri	2,567	2,567	1,160.00	.00	1,407.00	45.2%
10047100 57950	LbAm*COVID 19	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047100 58560	LbAm*Tech & Program	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047100 58810	LbAm*Computer Softw	4,600	4,600	389.53	.00	4,210.47	8.5%
10047100 58960	CNR-Computer Replac	14,315	14,315	14,315.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL GF-Library Administration		827,066	827,066	287,799.50	64,271.89	538,625.16	34.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES		827,066	827,066	287,799.50	64,271.89	538,625.16	
10047200 GF-Library Adult & Young Adult							
10047200 51010	LbAd*Full-Time	353,101	353,101	119,083.21	37,045.20	234,017.79	33.7%
10047200 51020	LbAd*Part Time	62,488	62,488	22,276.05	8,626.14	40,211.95	35.6%
10047200 51030	LbAd*Overtime	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047200 52200	LbAd*Contractual Se	8,780	8,780	171.88	.00	8,608.12	2.0%
10047200 52201	Contractual Svs - T	0	0	900.00	.00	-900.00	100.0%
10047200 52202	Contractual Svs - B	0	0	2,425.36	1,525.00	-2,425.36	100.0%
10047200 53105	LbAd*Tech & Program	7,642	7,642	417.23	.00	7,224.77	5.5%
10047200 53150	LbAd*Reference Mate	155,095	155,095	47,784.19	36,817.28	105,608.52	31.9%
10047200 53151	LbAd*Reference Mate	0	0	3,540.12	1,536.45	-6,177.10	100.0%
10047200 53152	LbAd*Reference Mate	0	0	6,963.68	3,827.49	-13,039.25	100.0%
10047200 53153	LbAd*Reference Mate	0	0	2,222.54	.00	-2,252.00	100.0%
10047200 53154	LbAd*Reference Mate	0	0	2,829.65	1,026.86	-3,342.05	100.0%
10047200 53155	LbAd*Management Ser	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
10047200 53156	LbAd*Downloadables	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%

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FOR 2027 04

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TOTAL GF-Library Adult & Young Ad		587,106	587,106	208,613.91	90,404.42	367,535.39	35.5%
TOTAL EXPENSES		587,106	587,106	208,613.91	90,404.42	367,535.39	
10047300 GF-Library Children's							
10047300 51010	LbCh*Full-Time	255,772	255,772	81,798.44	24,017.45	173,973.56	32.0%
10047300 51020	LbCh*Part Time	151,711	151,711	47,622.84	15,717.19	104,088.16	31.4%
10047300 51030	LbCh*Overtime	0	0	7.20	.00	-7.20	100.0%
10047300 52200	LbCh*Contractual Se	4,250	4,250	2,825.00	150.00	737.50	82.6%
10047300 52510	LbCh*Copy & Printin	100	100	529.41	.00	-429.41	529.4%
10047300 53105	LbCh*Tech & Program	4,000	4,000	258.45	.00	3,741.55	6.5%
10047300 53150	LbCh*Reference Mate	44,240	44,240	6,724.98	1,700.31	16,578.00	62.5%
TOTAL GF-Library Children's		460,073	460,073	139,766.32	41,584.95	298,682.16	30.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES		460,073	460,073	139,766.32	41,584.95	298,682.16	
GRAND TOTAL		1,874,245	1,874,245	636,179.73	196,261.26	1,204,842.71	33.9%

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Simsbury Public Library

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **Title of Agenda Item:** Library Board Advocacy

2. **Date of Board Meeting:** November 16, 2026

Summary of Agenda Item:

During the Association of CT Library Boards webinar on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, the CT Library Association (CLA) shared that at this time, the State of CT provides $.06 support to libraries per capita. In comparison, New York provides $1.91 per capita of support and Rhode Island provides over $9 in support per capita.

CLA also presented their priorities for this legislative session. Those priorities are an:

- **Increase Grants to Public Libraries.** Currently each CT public library receives direct support of $1,200 from the state if all of their required policies are current.
- **Increase to Connecticard reimbursement.** Connecticard is the CT State Library program which allows all CT state residents to borrow from any public library in the state. This request is to increase the BorrowIT reimbursement libraries receive for borrowers outside of each library's service area.
- **Increase Cooperating Library Service Unit appropriation.** This request is to increase state financial support to CT Library Consortium (CLC) to $500,000. Currently, CLC is funded by the state at approximately $190,000. CLC provides libraries throughout the state, both public and academic, with negotiated contracts for books, databases, technology, supplies and furniture. As a member of CLC, Simsbury saves approximately $65,000 annually on purchases of these items through the CLC negotiated contracts. CLC also provides roundtables for library staff on a plethora of topics, as well as training to keep staff current in changes in the field.

In order to support the CLA legislative priorities, Library Trustees were encouraged to write to their state legislators both individually, and collectively as Library Boards.

Proposed Library Board of Trustee Meeting Dates 2027

February 8, 2027

March 15, 2027

April 19, 2027

May 17, 2027

June 21, 2027

July 19, 2027

September 20, 2027

October 18, 2027

November 15, 2027

December 13, 2027

January 10, 2028