

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Education and Library Committee Minutes

June 13, 2023
Meeting ID:867 2939 4643

Attendance (Board Members): Erin Mazursky Co-Chair, Celeste Chase

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Maureen Ferry

Absent (Board Members): Jamie Eckstein

Absent (Community Resident Members): Karen Shaw-Taylor, Elizabeth Turetsky, Roberta Nin Feliz, Maureen Ferry

Guests: Janelle Welch (Crown Heights Library) Rebecca Cohen (Brooklyn Book Bodega)
Romona Smith

Agency Representatives: Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

- I. Call to order
 - a. The committee was called order at 7:05 PM
- II. Introductions
- III. Crown Heights Library Managing Librarian (Janelle Welch)
 - a. Branch Manager library at Crown Heights Maple and New York Avenue Overview
 - a. Laptop Loans
 - b. Cooling Center
 - c. Meeting Rooms
 - i. To see available spaces, review BPL’s meeting room policy, and request a reservation
 - d. Outdoor Services
 - e. Teen Tech Center
 - f. Three Library Systems (Bklyn Public Library, Queens Public Library, New York Public Library)
 - g. BPL looking for advocacy from community partners
 - b. Crown Heights Library Programming
 - i. First Five Year: Play Time!
 - ii. Teen Tech Time @ Crown Heights Library
 - iii. Pop Up: Wellness Group: Tai Chi & Ki Gong
 - iv. Cooking for Teens with City Harvest
 - v. Drop-In Resume and Career Help
 - vi. Board Games for Teens
 - vii. Summer Meals 5 days a week 1 pm – 2 pm 18 years old and younger eligible
 - viii. Adult, Baby, Teen Reading Club

- IV. Brooklyn Book Bodega Executive Director (Rebecca Cohen)
- V. Brooklyn Book Bodega (BBB) provides access to, and ownership of books builds community, and creates a passion for learning through free events and literacy-based community programming
 - a. Mission Statement
 - i. The mission of Brooklyn Book Bodega is to increase the number of 100+ books homes for kids 0-18 in NYC
 - b. Purpose
 - i. Households with 100+ books boost life outcomes for children and adolescents
 - c. Theory Of Action
 - i. Literacy Advocates (educators, librarians, literacy support programs, and little free library stewards)
 - ii. Nontraditional Literacy Advocates (coaches, doctors, parks stewards, block associations, community centers, after-school programs)
 - d. Get Involved
 - i. Book Drop Locations (Brooklyn Navy Yard, Old Stone House, Brooklyn Board of Realtors) Donate new and gently used children's books
 - ii. Host Book Drive
 - iii. Volunteer at an event or at the Book Hub
 - iv. Host Book Giveaway
 - v. Host a Fundraiser
 - e. Resources
 - i. In Person Events
 - ii. Family Resources
- VI. Book drives for CB9
 - a. Partnership with BPL Crown Heights & Brooklyn Book Bodega
 - b. Continuing to advocate for literacy programs within the district
 - c. Summer reading programs
 - d. Brainstorming book donation location
 - i. Major Owens could be a possible location for book donations
- VII. Meeting Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM