



Goshen Library Board Recognizes Union

Goshen, NY – September 12, 2023 – At a special Board meeting on Monday, September 11th, Goshen Public Library & Historical Society trustees voted to recognize a union collective bargaining unit that was requested by Library staff. This followed a series of discussions between the Library and union that were intended to define which employees would be eligible for union membership.

The new bargaining unit is part of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), which represents both public and private workers in New York State.

“The Board of Trustees looks forward to continuing its duty to residents of the Goshen Central School District to provide quality services to Library patrons in a fiscally responsible way through this new working relationship with an employee union,” said Board President Meghan Boroden.

“We’re thankful for the steadfast community support through this process and thrilled to join the hundreds of CSEA-represented library workers in New York State. As a unionized library, we will use our voice on the job and a seat at the table to continue to make Goshen Library the best place possible for our coworkers and our community,” said Kitty Ruberte-Smith on behalf of the Goshen Library Organizing Committee.

Both the Library and the union look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship as we continue to provide library services to the community.

The mission of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society is to provide and promote open and equal access to ideas and to the resources and services of the Library in order to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of the community. The Library strives to enrich reading and the use of technology for lifelong learning and the enhancement of the individual’s quality of life.