

Denville Public Library
Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

The Board of Trustees of the Denville Public Library met in a special session on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Denville Township Council Chambers. The President, Mr. Borecki, called the meeting to order at 9:06am

Mr. Borecki announced that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the library and was provided to the Denville Municipal Clerk, The Citizen, and the Daily Record no later than last Tuesday in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL: Present: Kevin Borecki
Sandra Danforth
Susan Dyer
Seth Johnson
Robert Unrath
Linda Breder
Tom Andes, Mayor

Also Present: Siobhan Koch, Library Director
Glenn Buie
Angela Cote
Harry Fahrer
Doug Gabel
Christopher Golinski, Council Representative
Michael Guarino
John Murphy
Steve Ward

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Borecki provided opening remarks about the past year including the challenges and lessons learned. Ms. Koch provided an overview of the past year pre and during the Pandemic. She pointed out the creative ways the library pivoted to help make the library still accessible during the Pandemic while still maintaining safety. She indicated that digital resources during the Pandemic were widely used and a large increase in usage over last year. The library received funds from The Friends of the Library and other groups to support programs and materials. She complimented the Library staff for what they were able to accomplish during the time. Ms. Koch referenced the slide show for more information about the library's programs over the past year.

Ms. Koch talked about the new libraries who joined MAIN library consortium. Library will be offering winter programming virtually and outdoors once the weather warms up. The library will still develop new programs. Ms. Koch spoke about a new digital resource, BrainFuse and the resources that provides including resume writing, tutoring and unemployment help and help with VET benefits. Library will be

offering Hoopla, a streaming service for books, movies and music, in the future. Ms. Koch indicated the best way to stay in touch with library is to sign up for the newsletters. She spoke about the craft kits available and the popularity of those. She spoke about the Amazon wish list and how it helps the Library purchase the supplies. She indicated the strategic plan is the same as last year and not included in the packet. She also mentioned that the library will be applying again for the second round of funds from the Library Construction Bond act grant. The library is working on ways to improve the application.

Budget

Ms. Koch reviewed the budget.

Questions were asked about various line items in the budget and were addressed by Ms. Koch.

There was a question of whether the library can use the schools for programming. Ms. Koch explained the different schools the Library has worked with in the past. The Library works with the schools when there is availability. Mr. Golinski commented that it is difficult to find space in the schools and other buildings due to other activities taking place. Mr. Ward discussed the large capital reserve and an inquiry from a resident in town about returning the funds to the town. Ms. Koch explained that money that has been set aside for capital expenditures cannot be returned to the town as part of the statute the resident referenced. Mayor Andes complimented the Library on its programs.

Public

Ms. Dyer made a motion to open the public and Mr. Johnson seconded

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Ms. Dyer made a motion close the public and Mr. Johnson seconded.

Ms. Dyer made a motion and Mr. Johnson seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 10am. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

Susan Dyer, Secretary