

Denville Public Library
121 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

The Board of Trustees of the Denville Public Library met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2025, in the Denville Public Library Meeting Room. The Vice-President, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Johnson announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey for this meeting have been satisfied. Annual notice of the meetings of this Board, containing the time, date and location of this meeting is posted on the outside door of the Public Library and on the bulletin board at Town Hall. The annual notice was transmitted to two newspapers and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Denville.

ROLL: Present:

Seth Johnson, Vice President
Nancy Gerhardt, Treasurer
Tara Baumann, Secretary
Tom Andes, Mayor
Kevin Williams
Linda Breder, Superintendent Alternate

Also Present: Siobhan Koch, Library Director
Anne Puppo, Manager of Administrative Services
Staff

Absent: Carlos Duarte, President
Mark Venis, Council Liaison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Baumann, seconded by Ms. Breder, and carried to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025 and order them filed. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed and Ms. Gerhardt abstaining.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Ms. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms. Baumann, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending 4/30/2025 and approve payment of bills on the Bill Lists dated 4/30/2025 and 5/8/2025.

Duarte-Absent ; Johnson- Y ; Gerhardt- Y ; Baumann- Y ; Williams-Absent ; Andes-Absent ; Breder- Y

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No correspondence.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Siobhan reviewed highlights from her May 8, 2025 Director's Report.
 - April 24 – Main Policy Committee Meeting on Zoom. All loan periods will be the same at all libraries. This will be voted on in June.
 - The youth services position is still advertised.

- May 1 – A protest was held at the Gazebo from 6-7:30pm. This created havoc and unsafe conditions in the Library parking lot.
- Library Chef is doing well. There is still no breakdown of figures.
- 4/2 – Jodi Picoult Author Talk had 79 attendees.
- Poetry Reading with Denville Voices contest winners from Valleyview – 4/30- 48 attendees.
- The trees from Neighborhood Forest were distributed for Earth Day.
- The FOL gave a donation to the Library of \$10,000 which was split at \$2,000 each for ebooks, adult programming, children's programming, large print and duplicate books.
- Storytimes, craft kits, outreach and adult programming (virtual and in person) continue.

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORTS (Statistical Report & Reference/Digital Resources Statistics Report):

- Statistical Report
 - No comments or questions.
- Reference & Digital Resources Statistics
 - There was a decrease this month in Facebook and Instagram views.
 - The director explained Jersey Cat.

OLD BUSINESS

- Building Update
 - The children's window is still leaking.
 - The faucets in the woman's bathroom were replaced.
 - The filter on the bottle filler was replaced.
- Foundation
 - Discussed foundations in general and Chatham's by-laws.
 - Waiting on Bernardsville by-laws.
 - Roxbury has offered to come and discuss their foundation-possibly at the June 12th or July 10th meeting.
- Sign
 - Compared the 2 samples. Some small changes need to be made.
 - The sign has a 5 year warranty.

PUBLIC:

- Maryellen Liddy, Youth Services Supervisor, spoke about the Summer Reading Kickoff to be held at Lakeview School on May 18th. There will be 200 children at staggered intervals. She also expressed her concerns about the parking lot during the protest on May 1st and how the Library's front lawn is in need of repair.

CLOSED SESSION:

- A motion was made by Ms. Baumann, seconded by Ms. Gerhardt, and carried to go into Closed Session to discuss Union Contract negotiations at 8:06 pm. A voice vote indicated all present in favor.
 - Union Contract negotiations were discussed.

- A motion was made by Ms. Baumann, seconded by Ms. Gerhardt, and carried to go out of Closed Session at 8:23 pm. A voice vote indicated all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Library would like to participate in the 2025 Summer Bucket List program being run by Morris Bernards Moms. The board is okay with this.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms. Baumann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

Ms. Baumann, Secretary