

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, August 13, 2026, in the Denville Public Library meeting room. Ms. Baumann called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Ms. Baumann announced that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided. Notice of time, date, and location of this meeting was posted on the Denville Library's Official website under the legal notices section at least 48 hours in advance, as required by law. The notice will remain available on the website and will be archived in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 2025, c.72.

Please note that this meeting was open to the public, and public participation was provided in accordance with the rules of this governing body. Formal action was taken at this meeting.

ROLL: Present: Tara Baumann, President
Seth Johnson, Vice President
Kevin Williams, Secretary
Tom Andes, Mayor
Patricia Huizing, Superintendent Alternate

Also Present: Siobhan Koch, Library Director

Absent: Nancy Gerhardt, Treasurer
Carlos Duarte
Mark Venis, Council Liaison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Baumann, and carried to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2026, meeting and order them filed. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Baumann, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2026 and approve payment of bills on the Bill Lists dated August 1, 2026 thru August 13, 2026.

Baumann-Y; Johnson-Y; Gerhardt- absent; Williams-Yes ; Duarte- absent; Andes-Y ; Huizing-Y

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter sent to Mayor Andes from Christa Bedkowski and family was shared expressing their gratitude to the Denville Public Library for all their community work. The letter highlighted the Summer Reading Program and the Children's Department.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Siobhan reviewed highlights from her August 13, 2026 Director's Report.

- Reviewed the shift in personnel to fill part time positions as well as new hires for Substitute roles.

- Foveonics has arranged to pick up the first of the files that are to be digitized.
- The Summer Reading Program end of summer event, a Preschool Prom, "Under the Sea," and an Ultimate Game Competition will be happening in this month and all have been very successful and well received.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

- Done Quarterly Now

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

- Statistical Report
 - No comments or questions.
- Reference & Digital Resources Statistics
 - No comments or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

- School House Update
 - Mayor Andes reported that the School House should be going up for bid soon.
- Foundation Discussion
 - Mr. Duarte received a response from a community member who might be interested in spearheading the Foundation and will be scheduling a meeting with him in the near future.
- Handbook
 - Further discussions have been tabled until the September meeting.

PUBLIC:

Mary Ellen from the Children's Department was present and expressed her appreciation for her staff and the Town Hall for all their efforts in making the Summer Reading Program a success. She highlighted some of the outstanding activities that occurred like a bubble show, a magic show, and creating dinosaur fossils. Many of the Children Department Staff members were also very enthusiastic about planning and carrying out many new events as well such as the Ultimate Game Challenge.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hannah resigned from the Children's Department to attend graduate school as of August 7, 2026.
- Chelsey Byrnes was hired and started August 11, 2026 as a Substitute Adult Services Assistant.
- Alexander Maceira is resigning from the regular part time Circulation Assistant position on August 22, 2026 and will change to a Substitute Circulation Assistant.
- A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Williams to accept the resignations and the hiring. A voice vote indicated all in favor with no opposition expressed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Baumann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.