DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY
1303 Burlington Avenue, Delanco, NJ 08075
Monthly Board Meeting – September 8, 2026

Mission Statement: To promote literacy and the love of reading, to grow our cultural and intellectual community, and to serve as a gathering place for community members.

Goals: To advocate for the future of the library and continue outreach efforts that raise public awareness of library services and activities.

Present. Linda Weih, Thom Lord, Mary Wood, Chris Bishop, Ella Graham, Gina Kaluhiokalani, Sam Katz, Holly McLaughlin, Ann Moore, Nancy Mutnick, Carol Rieker, Katharina Radcliffe (Library Director), Fern Ouellette (Township Committee Liaison)

Absent. None.

Public. Mario Constantino

CALL TO ORDER at **7:07 PM**.

Officers.
- President: Vacant
- Vice President: Linda Weih
- Treasurer: Thom Lord
- Secretary: Mary Wood

Township Committee Liaison: Fern Ouellette

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of July 2026 Minutes
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report – July & August 2026
3. Approval of Librarian's Report – July & August 2026

Motion by Ann, seconded by Mary. All were in favor; motion carried to approve minutes and reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
1. Friends of the Library Update.
The Friends will host a Wellness Event on September 17, 5-8pm, featuring chair massage, hand massage, facials, a speaker, two crafts, and flower bouquets for sale at $10 each.

2. Librarian's Report – Katharina Radcliffe
No additional updates.

3. Township Committee Liaison – Fern Ouellette
- Cameron Jenkins was appointed to fill the vacancy created by M. Scott Bartlett's resignation. He will run against Dave Rust in November for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2027.
- The contract between the Township and the School District has been accepted and will be finalized at the next Township meeting. Fern will provide a copy to the Board.
- September 11 – Presentation at the Fire House, 6pm
- September 26 – Fall Fest at Field of Dreams, 1-5pm
- October 3 – Townwide Yard Sale, 9am-2pm

- October 10 – Townwide Clean-Up/Shredding at Public Works
- October 24 – Women's Club 5K Run (Sign-up 8am; Run 9am)
- October 24 – Centennial Park Dedication, 2-4pm
- October 24 – Riverfront Park Trunk-or-Treat, 6:30-9pm

4. Standing Subcommittee Reports
- Executive: Linda, Thom, Mary – Did not meet
- Governance: Mary, Nancy, Sam – Did not meet
- Development: Linda, Ann, Holly, Carol – Did not meet
- Finance: Thom, Ella, Chris, Holly – Did not meet

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Delanco 2026 Centennial Fall Festival Planning Subcommittee – Birthday Theme.

6. General Discussion
- Board Vacancy and Officer Structure. The Board discussed the resignation of Kristine Holland and the resulting vacancy. The Board agreed that Linda Weih will serve as Interim President through year-end. A Nominating Committee (Nancy Mutnick and Ann Moore) will meet in October to interview Board members regarding skills and availability. A President will be selected during the January reorganization meeting. Chris Bishop suggested considering the Treasurer position as an appointed rather than elected role.
- Introduction of Potential Trustee. Chris Bishop introduced Mario Constantino as a potential new Board member. Chris volunteered to serve as an Alternate.
- Donation Matches / Annual Appeal. Linda, Carol, Ann, Holly, and Nancy are working on graphics and the mailing list using tax rolls. Holly is drafting the appeal letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Ann, seconded by Chris, to enter Executive Session. All were in favor; motion carried.
The Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning the potential appointment of a trustee. A motion was made and seconded to approve Mario Constantino for appointment to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried.
Motion by Chris, seconded by Mary, to exit Executive Session. All were in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Following his appointment, Trustee Mario Constantino was assigned to research grants and other funding opportunities that may support future library expansion or relocation efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ann, seconded by Mary, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. All were in favor; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2026