

DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY
1303 Burlington Avenue Delanco, NJ 08075
Monthly Board Meeting July 14, 2026

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

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

PRESENT: Kristine Holland, Linda Weih, Thom Lord, Ann Moore, Sam Katz, Holly McLaughlin, Nancy Mutnick, Ella Graham, Carol Rieker, Mary Wood, Katharina Radcliffe (Library Director), Fern Ouellette (Township Committee Liaison)

ABSENT: Chris Bishop, Gina Kaluhiokalani, Marge Devinney

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM

Officers: President, Kristine Holland
Vice President, Linda Weih
Treasurer, Thom Lord
Secretary, Mary Wood
Township Committee Liaison: Fern Ouellette

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of June 2026 minutes
 2. Approval of Treasurer's Report June 2026
 3. Approval of Librarian's Report June 2026
- Motion to Approve: Ann Second by Linda Motion Passed

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Friends update. Linda Weih, minor changes from last report.
 - September 17. Wellness Event from 5-8 pm includes chair massage, hand massage, and facials. Will also have a flower bar, and flowers for sale at \$15 to \$20 per bouquet.
 - October 21. Friends Helping Friends Boscov's at 8-11 am. We have \$5 gift certificates.
 - October 22. Enchanted Evening from 5-8 pm includes palm reading, tarot card reading, a
 - October 29. South Jersey Ghost Research time TBD Free paranormal presentation.
 - November 12. Vendor Event, \$25 a table. Baskets for sale and they range in price from \$15 to \$25 or \$30. The Friends of the Library will put them together and make baskets from donations such as candles or body-care products, or picture frames. Set-up for event is 4pm.
2. Librarian's Report: Katharina Radcliffe
 - No additional updates from July report.
3. Township Committee Liaison: Fern Ouelette
 - Township Library Sub-committee and Library Association, Kristine and Linda, met: The association asked that the township hold off until the first meeting in August allowing time to touch base with the school board members. The contract will be voted in August 3, 2026 the Township Committee and will go into effect September 1, 2026. No changes to the contract at this point.

The contract includes the new Library hours to start in September are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 1-8pm, and Saturdays 10-2pm. The library will be open for 30 hours with zero hours in the morning during the work week.

- It was agreed that Library Staff may arrive up to 30 minutes before opening to set-up.

- Janitorial staff will sign in when they arrive at the library. Library Staff will leave a note for any items requiring extra attention. After cleaning, janitorial staff must return all chairs to their proper position.

4. Reports of Standing Subcommittees:

- a. Executive – Did not meet
- b. Governance – Did not meet
- c. Development – Did not meet
- d. Finance Committee – Did not meet.

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

- a. “New Location” Exploratory Committee – terminate.
- b. Delanco 2026 Centennial Fall Festival planning subcommittee: Birthday Theme.

6. General Discussion

- a. Thom covered Retire Ready Program. Consider as a potential Benefit for library staff. Could use unrestricted funds.

- b. Donation Matches/Upcoming Annual Appeal. Linda, Carol, Ann, Holly, and Nancy Subcommittee. Donation Matches: Khristine has received \$6k, turned into \$12k. Working on Graphics and mailing list based on tax rolls.

- c. Ideas for future events: Any possibilities, personal skill sets, etc. Ella offered to teach a class on foreclosures/mortgage lenders to inform residents of various options available.

- d. A resolution was approved by the Library Board granting the Board President, Board Treasurer, and Library Director signatory authority for all banking institutions.

Motion: Linda Second Ann Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED: None

ADJOURN: at 8:00 p.m. Motion: Ann Second Mary Motion Passed

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2026