

**Marple Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Sept 23, 2025**

In-person

In Attendance: LaTanya Burno, Mike Ballinger, Stephanie Latchford, Jane Staud, Cynthia Wilson, Richard Rohr

Absent: Marcy Abrams

Disposition of Minutes: Accepted and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The funds lost due to a fraudulent check have been successfully recovered. All funds were transferred from TD Bank to WSFS, and the library's banking relationship with TD Bank has been formally terminated. The Treasurer noted that the customer service at WSFS has been excellent and that all financial matters are now in good order.

Report accepted and approved as presented.

Director's Report:

Library programs are fully resumed with strong participation and enthusiasm. Chair yoga, in particular, had excellent attendance.

Staffing is complete, and operations are running smoothly.

Work with Ingram continues, though some delays persist as other libraries transition to the same system. ReaderLink's acquisition of Baker & Taylor may improve order fulfillment by year-end.

The MuseumKey program launched September 2 and is functioning well. Patrons report ease of use when reserving passes, though scanning library cards is not yet available.

Renovation Update:

Meetings with architects are ongoing. Bill Overton discussed possible project phasing if the library remains open during construction and potential funding through the Keystone grant. David continues coordinating effectively to ensure staff input is represented. Final plans are still in progress.

A ceiling tile incident in the meeting room resulted in a letter from an attorney; the matter has been referred to the township.

Development, Marketing and Social Media

We wrapped up Summer Programming and began sharing fall plans, including MuseumKey and Library Card Sign-Up Month. The Summer Reading Club concluded with the End of Summer Build Party, which was well-attended and received positive feedback from families, highlighting the importance of library programs in their children's lives.

Children's programs, including Storytimes, continued to draw strong participation throughout the summer. Teen Volunteers supported several programs, including Family Movie Night—the third annual event—achieving record attendance.

The library participated in Marple National Night Out, engaging patrons and promoting programs such as the US History series, Opera at the Library, and Chair Yoga, all of which received positive responses.

Strategic Plan

No discussion at this time.

Personnel Committee:

No discussion at this time.

Governance Committee:

The committee reported on the current board vacancy. The position may now be publicly posted, and announcements will be shared on the library's electronic sign, website, and the township's information channel.

New Business:

Revisions to the General Operations Policy were discussed, including updates to sections on unaccompanied minors and borrowing periods.

The library received a thoughtful letter complimenting Kate, the new Children's Services Librarian, for her excellent work.

A question was raised about the Commissioner's Breakfast; LaTanya will provide updates as details become available.

Old Business:

The deadline for the Keystone Grant has been extended. Christina coordinated with the township and now has full access to the application. Some expenses are considered ineligible, and the process requires detailed justification for each item. The review is thorough, focusing on what is truly essential for the project.

Delaware County Library System

All DLS meetings in 2025 at 6:30pm will be held in the County Council Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Government Center Building. 201 W. Front St., Media, PA

2025 Meetings

October 16 - Cynthia

December 18 - Jane

Next board meeting: In person; Monday, October 28, 2025, 7pm

Stephanie Latchford, secretary

Thank you.