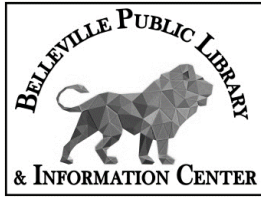


Belleville Public Library & Information Center

221 Washington Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
973-450-3434
Bellepl.org

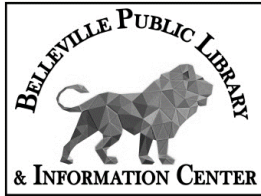
Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 14, 2026– 6 PM
The Teen Room at the Belleville Public Library & Information Center

-
- Call to Order
 - Sunshine Notice:
This meeting, published under Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, and commonly referred to as the "Open Public Meetings Act," is hereby notified that notice of this meeting has been given.
 - Roll Call
 - Executive Session
 - Approval of the minutes of March 10, 2026
 - Communications:
 - Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds
 - Personnel: -
 - Budget:
 - Interim Director's Report
 - Old Business:
 - Monies owed to the Township of Belleville for the first quarter of 2025
 - New Business:
 - Resolutions:
 - 04-0001 Authorization to pay April 2026 bills
 - 04-0002 Authorization to have an employee move from part-time to a full-time position as a library assistant.
 - Public Comments
 - Adjournment



Belleville Public Library & Information Center

221 Washington Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
973-450-3434
Bellepl.org



Belleville Public Library & Information Center

221 Washington Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
973-450-3434
Bellepl.org

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Belleville Public Library and Information Center March 10, 2026

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting in the Teen Room on March 10, at 6:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Michael Melham, Marleni Muñiz, Renato Peralta, Ralph Tunis, and Alexandra Leon. Nelson Barrera, Dr. Alfonso, and Ana Mansilla were absent. Frances Bacardi and Victoria Lucido, Attorney at Law, attended.

Marleni Muñiz opened the meeting and announced that the Open Public Meetings Act had been published.

MINUTES:

As presented, Marleni Muñiz moved to accept the minutes from February 10, 2025. Mayor Michael Melham made the motion, Ralph Tunis seconded, and the board approved it by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

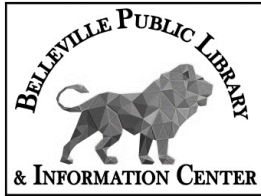
- **Buildings and Grounds**
Nothing to report.
- **Personnel:**
Nothing to report.
- **Budget:**
Nothing to report.

Interim Director's Report

In recognition of Valentine's Day, the library hosted a story time in both English and Spanish, followed by a themed craft.

Recurring programs continue to be well attended, including Baby Bookworms, Anime and Manga Club, Lego Lab, Dungeons & Dragons, Teen Guitars Plus, and Tiny Tales.

Our winter ESL programming continues via Zoom, with participation holding steady at about 20 students in the Beginner, Intermediate, and Conversational classes.



Belleville Public Library & Information Center

221 Washington Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
973-450-3434
Bellepl.org

A highlight this month was the “Make Your Own Clothes: Sew It Workshop,” a three-part series that quickly filled due to overwhelming interest.

On February 20th, Belleville preschool students visited the library for a special program.

The library also recognized Black History Month by featuring related book displays and hosting a fully registered Caribbean Pottery Workshop.

The program “George Washington, New Jersey, and the American Revolution” was postponed due to Winter Storm Fern and has been rescheduled for June, when it will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the United States.

On March 2nd, the library celebrated Read Across America Day. The Children’s Room welcomed 72 children for a story and Dr. Seuss–themed activities.

Finally, the library hosted Eco Explorers: Making Paper Lab, a hands-on recycling workshop led by a naturalist from the Essex County Environmental Center.

OLD BUSINESS

The Township submitted a revised bill for the first quarter of 2025, approximately \$3,000 less than the amount originally billed to the library. Upon receipt of the revised invoice, the library immediately prepared a purchase order and forwarded it to Frank DiMaria for signature. As of March 10, the library has not yet received the signed purchase order; therefore, the payment was not included on the current bills list.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a neurodivergent flag raising on April 17 at 12:00 noon. The library will purchase the flag for the event.

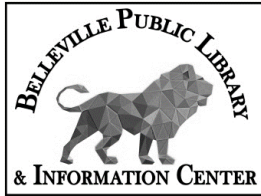
Mayor Michael Melham asked if I had heard from the architect, Bobby Cozzarelli, regarding the egress on Academy Street. I responded that I had heard from Mr. Cozzarelli and informed him that I was available to meet at any time.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a) 03-0001: Authorization to pay March 2026 bills. Renato Peralta approved the motion, seconded by Ralph Tunis, and it passed unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None



Belleville Public Library & Information Center

221 Washington Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
973-450-3434
Bellepl.org

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Michael Meham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ralph Tunis, and approved by the Board's unanimous vote.

Prepared and Submitted by Frances Bacardi

NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 PM