

**Moorestown Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Moorestown Library  
111 West Second Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057**

**OFFICIAL ACTION**

**Meeting Minutes**

***March 26, 2025***

**7:00 PM**

**In attendance: Jamie Boren, Beth Misselhorn, Kevin Aberant, Mary McMahon, Joan Bernstein, Shan Martin, Melissa Vance , Caroline Joyce and Joan Serpico –Library Director**

**Absent: Jackie Brownell**

**Visitors : approximately 30 members of the public**

**I Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

“Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act” by:

1. Posting a notice on the bulletin board at the Library and Municipal Complex
2. Emailing a notice to the Burlington County Times and Philadelphia Inquirer
3. Posting on the Library Board web page
4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

The above posting, filing, and mailing having taken place on the 24th day of March 2025.

**II Moment of Silence and Flag Salute**

**III Public Comment**

**none**

**IV Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2025

Motion to Approve Mary McMahon      Seconded by Shan Martin

Vote: 7 in favor   Abstain: 1

**V Financial Discussions**

**A. Cash Disbursements Analysis Report**

Motion to Approve Kevin Aberant      Seconded by Caroline Joyce

Vote: All in Favor

**B. Cash Receipts Analysis Report**

Motion to Approve Mary McMahon      Seconded by Kevin Aberant

Vote: All in Favor

**C. February 2025 Budget Statement**

Motion to Approve Kevin Aberant      Seconded by Caroline Joyce

Vote: All in Favor

**D. Invoices in Excess of \$2,500.00**

An invoice from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$11,078.90 for the purchase of 14 laptops (budgeted \$14,000)

Motion to Approve Kevin Aberant      Seconded by Mary McMahon

Vote: All in Favor

**VI Director's Report**

**See attached**

Motion to Approve the purchase of AWE Learning Computer was made by Mary McMahon Kevin Aberant      Seconded by Melissa Vance

Vote: All in Favor

**VII Old Business**

None

**VII New Business**

Red cards – Joan waived her right to discuss her in closed session.

Jamie Boren expressed concern that the Board was not consulted before the cards were placed at the Circulation Desks. She stated she has received negative comments from Library patrons about this.

Joan Serpico explained what the Red Cards are and why she had them printed and made available to Library patrons. She stated she had received several positive comments from patrons about the cards.

The township lawyer was consulted but was not able to attend. He advised Jamie Boren that the Library making the Red Cards available is a policy issue. There was discussion and explanation of what the Red Cards are and what and how the information is stated

on the card. Alternate versions of the information was also shared. Kevin Aberant explained that there were 2 issues to be discussed: the distribution of the Red Card and Joan Serpico's action with regard to making decisions about divisive issues without consulting the Board.

Joan Serpico questioned in 1 Board member can dictate what she does. Kevin Aberant reads from the Library's Bylaws on job of President of Board which states the President should act as Board wishes.

Shan Martin feels Joan Serpico was just providing a resource.

Melissa Vance suggested providing this information but on the shelf with other government information instead of Circulation Desks.

Mary McMahon added that the Board should not manage Joan Serpico's decision making

Caroline Joyce is concerned with the wording on the card vs the wording from fact sheet from the State of NJ. The Red Card doesn't have "does not provide legal advice" while fact sheet does state this.

Discussion on placement of cards and alternatives and alternatives to the cards themselves.

Motion to approve posting the information provided on the Fact Sheet on the board in the Community Information Area of the Library was made by Kevin Aberant  
Seconded by Jamie Boren

Vote: All in Favor

Motion to approve putting the Red Cards in the Community Information area of Library with a disclaimer was made by Mary McMahon Seconded by Shan Martin

Vote: 6 in favor 2 oppose – Jamie Boren and Beth Misselhorn

Joan will look for a better option than the Red Card

Discussion on what exactly is a divisive issue and about putting in place a policy for if something seems political or divisive, there should be board discussion first. The discussion of adding policy will be continued next month.

## **IX Resolutions**

Resolution 2025-3

Resolution Supporting the Moorestown Library's Rev250 Grant Application

Motion to Approve Kevin Aberant Seconded by Shan Martin

Vote: All in Favor

**X Public Comment**

Dee Bertino expressed concern with 1 board member making the decision to take down the red cards. Also, there should be no debate over the availability of constitutional rights at the Library

Susan Bernardi stated NJLA is a professional organization and this was over reach by the board. The board shouldn't micromanage the director.

Amy Penwell stated the Red Cards should remain at the desk. Placement should be reconsidered as this is the most expedient way forward with the information

John Crayton stated he loves the library and the constitution and thinks the Red Card is the best option and it doesn't matter if people are upset about the cards. The library is taking information away from people.

Karen Vidal agreed with John Crayton. She would like the cards to remain on all counter tops. She feels these cards meet the needs of people.

Perri Geller- Clark thanked the board but feels we need to have faith in the library director and her decisions.

Pamela Keller stated that ICE is coming into our buildings and schools and this is scary and the Red Cards are needed.

Jessica Kutylowski stated the Red Cards are needed as they are the most accessible way to make this information available

Ralph Bingham of Library Link NJ liked the boards conversation about the topic of Red Cards and was impressed how civil it was. He stated the Library is here to serve all and to provide information and the board should trust the director.

Erica Moon appreciates all the opinions shared but most important is Due Process and that there is a Reconsideration Form and it should be used

Greg Gruble stated that any policy on this issue (Red Cards) would be unconstitutional and create more problems

**XI Closed Session**

**none**

**XII Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Aberant Seconded by Mary McMahon

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm

The next scheduled regular meeting is Wed. April 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm

**FORMAL OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THE OFFICIAL ACTION AGENDA**

*If you require special accommodations, please contact the Library Director at (856) 234-0333 at least 24 business hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate accommodations may be made.*

## Director's report

March 26, 2025

### **AWE LEARNING COMPUTER: \$3,491**

This touch screen computer is popular with young children and teaches important early literacy skills. The library has two but one is nearing the end of its life. (It has already been repaired once to extend its use.) The current price is 10% off and \$2,921.10 would be covered by the savings from the discounted laptop purchase. The remaining \$569.90 could be covered by MISC amount within the Computer Services budget line. I propose that we move ahead with this purchase.

### **Pronunciator:**

The Library launched a foreign language learning tool on March 4. It offers a selection of 315 languages, with 10,000 instructional phrases per language. It is designed to help patrons master a language or learn key phrases needed for international travel. It also includes a US Citizenship Preparation resource. A demo is planned for April 10. More information is available on the Library's website under *Learn & Research*.

### **PrimePoint:**

Staff have been trained and will transition to PrimePoint for their payroll and time management services in March.

### **Friends Budget meeting:**

The Friends of the Library approved their 2025 budget at a meeting on March 12. They committed to continue funding the library's programming, museum passes, hot spots, Kanopy, downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks via SJRLC, special events, patio umbrellas, and the systems that support self-checkout, volunteer sign-up, email marketing, and reservations for museum passes and hot spots. Thank you, Friends!

### **Staff news:**

Donna Butler, a PT Youth Services Librarian, has been appointed as a School Librarian Rep on the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board.

### **Fiero code 500:**

Our patrons just hit 500 logins on Fiero Code – a new resource that teaches coding.

### **Red Cards:**

New Jersey Library Association's weekly email newsletter sent on Jan 31 contained information about proper library staff responses to potential visits by ICE. The email also included links to resources that libraries could provide for the public including the red cards which cover individual rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. These were printed and put at the Mooretown Library's public desks in February. In mid-March an objection to the availability of the cards at the library was expressed. The cards were removed pending Board approval.

Quotation developed for: Jen Dunne Date: March 17, 2025  
 Organization ("Customer"): Moorestown Library Valid until: March 28, 2025  
 New Customer?  3 additional months of warranty at no extra cost

Please open your product upon receipt to confirm a safe delivery.  
 You have 30 days to request an exchange for equipment damaged in shipping.

Item Number	Product	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
<b>AIO Model: Includes computer, keyboard, mouse, mouse pad and 3 year warranty</b>				
ELS	Early Literacy Station	1	\$ 3,622.00	\$ 3,622.00
BLS	BI-Lingual Spanish	0	\$ 3,832.00	\$ -
BLF	BI-Lingual French	0	\$ 3,832.00	\$ -
ASE	After School Edge	0	\$ 3,674.00	\$ -
ELS-S	Early Literacy Station + BI-Lingual Spanish	0	\$ 4,461.00	\$ -
ELS+	Early Literacy Station + After School Edge	0	\$ 4,304.00	\$ -
<b>Warranty &amp; Upgrades Extend Plan (for All-in-one's only):</b>				
EXTEND1	1 Year Warranty & Upgrades Extend Plan (at time of purchase & for a total of 4 yrs.)	0	\$ 550.00	\$ -
EXTEND2	2 Year Warranty & Upgrades Extend Plan (at time of purchase & for a total of 5 yrs.)	0	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
<b>Options:</b>				
DJHP-AWE	AWE headphones with volume control, 90-Day limited warranty	0	\$ 42.00	\$ -
DJHP-AWE	AWE headphones with volume control, 90-Day limited warranty	0	BOGO	\$ -
Y SPLITTER	Audio Y-splitter cable, 6 inch (allows 2 set of headphones simultaneously)	0	\$ 9.00	\$ -
REPLUG	Replug Mini-Stereo Breakaway Audio Adapter	0	\$ 26.00	\$ -
AIO STAND	Enhanced Support Stand (for All-in-One units)	1	\$ 191.00	\$ 191.00
LTMO-AWE	Little Mouse - Optical USB (one included with each system purchase)	0	\$ 35.00	\$ -
LB2B-AWE	Keyboard w/ colored keys (one included with each system purchase)	0	\$ 35.00	\$ -
MOUSE PAD	AWE Mouse Pad (one included with each system purchase)	0	\$ 7.00	\$ -

**Customer Trade In Program : NO need to send back old units**

S/N:	S/N:
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Contact your AWE Learning account executive to learn more or visit [www.awelearning.com/leasing](http://www.awelearning.com/leasing).

DISCOUNT	Flurry of Savings	10.00%	\$ (362.20)	(362.00)
DISCOUNT	Trade In Program	\$ (75.00)	\$ (75.00)	(75.00)
*SHIPPING	SHIPPING AND HANDLING	1	\$ 90.00	90.00
SHIPPING	SHIPPING AND HANDLING	Shipping - All-in-One	1	\$ 25.00
		Shipping - Stands	1	\$ 25.00
		Estimated Sales Tax	0.000%	-
Market: <u>Library (LIB-LIB)</u>				<b>TOTAL</b>
				<b>3,491.00</b>

If you are exempt, please include a copy of your sales tax certificate.

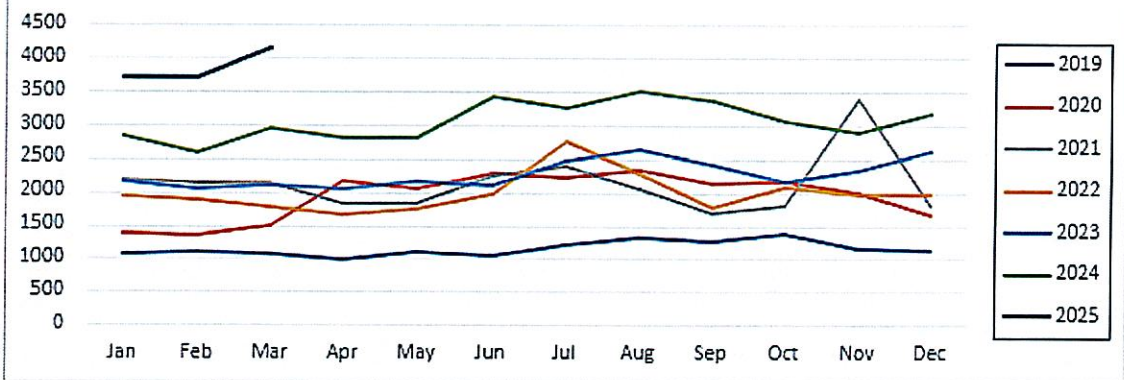
NOTE: An authorized customer contact should sign and return a copy of this quote to AWE by the Valid Until date, to accept this price quote.

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From New Jersey Library Association Weekly Update on March 21, 2025

### **A Message from Brett, NJLA Executive Director**

On March 14, the President of the United States signed an Executive Order that calls for eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding for America's libraries. A new acting director was appointed yesterday (see stories reported by the [AP](#) and [NPR](#)). I encourage you to read responses from the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#), [Freedom to Read Foundation \(FTRF\)](#), and [Chief Officers of State Library Agencies \(COSLA\)](#) (PDF). If you have questions, including what to do if you disagree with the Executive Order, ALA's "[FAQ: Executive Order Targeting IMLS](#)" is an excellent resource.

What is not covered in ALA's FAQ is how this affects you, as a New Jersey-based library staff member or advocate. IMLS funds research grants and allocations to state libraries. These funds are important: New Jersey received approximately \$4.5 million last year and the State Library used these funds to support vital services, including the [Talking Book & Braille Center](#), [databases](#) that everyone in New Jersey can access, and [digital services](#), including web hosting and Internet access. It's also important to note that the average New Jersey public library receives about 98% of its operational funding from its local, municipal resources. The proposed cuts to IMLS would not close public libraries. What they would do is make public libraries less efficient and harm our ability to fulfill our mission. NJLA is working with the State Library and our partners to develop responses if library funding streams should change.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MOORESTOWN LIBRARY'S  
REV250 GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Moorestown Library recognizes the importance of preserving and providing access to local historical records for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS the Moorestown Library's collection of local newspapers is currently available only on microfilm, making them difficult to access and at risk of deterioration; and

WHEREAS the digitization of these newspapers will enhance accessibility for users, preserve local history, and provide long-term accessibility; and

WHEREAS the Moorestown Library is committed to safeguarding and sharing the community's collective memory through the digitization of these valuable historical records;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees fully supports the grant application for funding the Newspaper Digitization Project and will accept grant funds if awarded to ensure the project's success.

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Moorestown Library Board of Trustees held on March 26, 2025.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MOORESTOWN LIBRARY**

  
**SECRETARY, BETH MISSELHORN**

  
**PRESIDENT, JAMIE BOREN**

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Joan Bernstein		✓			
Jamie Boren		✓			
Jackie Brownell					✓
Caroline Joyce		✓			
Shan Martin	2	✓			
Mary McMahon		✓			
Beth Misselhorn		✓			
Melissa Vance					✓
Kevin Aberant	1	✓			