



LIBRARY NEWS & NOTES

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Trustee candidate info available

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library's Information Desk or to [download here](#) for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. **There are two seats on the 2023 ballot, currently held by incumbents Mark Kissinger and Caroline Brancatella, who are both seeking re-election.**



Petitions will need at least 94 signatures of voters residing in the Bethlehem Central School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 17. The election will be held Tuesday May 16.

Weigh in on design solutions



At the Monday, Feb. 13, board meeting, architects from Ashley McGraw presented the culmination of their months-long concept design study.

While the way people use libraries has changed significantly over the past few decades, our 50-year-old building has seen very few updates since it first opened its doors. As part of their long-range planning process, the board has been looking at ways to make this space more responsive to the needs of today's community.

The purpose of the project was to look at building options that are welcoming, simple to navigate, modern and adaptable to a variety of programs, both inside the library and throughout the site. The architects came up with a number of design solutions that would make the entrance more accessible to the parking lot, provide ample space for public and library programs, and include a permanent curbside pick-up and drop-off window.

The most important part of this discussion is YOU. [Click here](#) to take a look at the presentation and let us know what you think by [emailing Library Director Geoff Kirkpatrick](#). You can also watch recordings of the board meeting discussions on our [YouTube channel](#). We have some big decisions to make in the coming months, and we want to hear what you have to say.
