

**Germantown Library – Germantown, NY – Columbia County**  
**Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**MHLS representatives – Jill Leinung, Janet Schnitzer, Mark Wilson**

The Germantown Library is a wonderful small library in the southern part of Columbia County, south of Hudson. There are eight board members, all were in attendance and the Director, Lynn Place.

The MHLS representatives were welcomed by President, Kathy Overington who then introduced themselves to the board.

There was a very interesting discussion by Ms. Overington on the electric vehicle charging station that they have been in discussion with NYSERTA. The board will be surveying the community for future use.

Highlights of the Director's report--the library is reopening to patrons for 45 minutes each and masked, still doing curbside pickup, a volunteer delivers books with Meals-on-Wheels, the Museum Pass Program was discussed, a museum pass brochure is being designed.

Standing Committees—Buildings and Grounds, Communications, Grant Writing/Fundraising, Program/Makerspace, and Technology are active and busy planning future activities to be addressed. Their newsletter went out to 633 addresses; with a received grant they will be providing hotspots.

There is a table at the farmers market for the MHLS Turning Outward Cohort Program at Palatine Manor connecting with the community by going to them, on their agenda.

Their building assessment has gone up and the board has reached out to the town appraiser for discussion.

An interesting piece of New Business—the author Rita May Brown is using the Director's corgi for chapter end sketches in her next book.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by Janet Schnitzer