



## STATEMENT ON TOWNSHIP PROPOSED FUNDING AGREEMENT

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Today the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Public Library issued the following statement regarding the funding agreement proposed by the Township of Montclair:

“At the Township Council Meeting last night the Council discussed a proposed funding agreement for the Library to receive funding above the statutory requirement. Statements made at last night’s Council meeting give the impression of mutual communication and cooperation. However, we have not yet achieved a collective agreement. Until it was mentioned at last night’s meeting, the Library was unaware an agreement would be on the Agenda for the Council meeting in two weeks.

“The Library received the audit report and draft agreement on Friday, October 15, 2021, and members of the Library Board had insufficient time to review it prior to meeting with the Township Finance Committee on October 18. At that meeting it was concluded that further conversations and negotiations would be had. The Township CFO also specified what documentation was necessary for the Library to receive the additional funding through the current fiscal year that has already been approved by the Township. That documentation was provided to the Township within 24 hours of that meeting and two weeks later we have yet to receive that funding.

“The Board continues to review and analyze the Forensic Audit initiated by the Township and will be responding with more details in the coming days. The Library Board of Trustees takes very seriously its fiduciary responsibilities to ensure the Library remains solvent and a good steward of taxpayer and donor funds. We remain committed to transparent and accurate communication.”

—Montclair Public Library Board of Trustees  
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