

2025 ELECTION TRUSTEE BIOS



Lauren Chambliss

I moved to this area from Washington, DC nearly 25 years ago and settled in Lansing in 2016. I'm an avid book reader and now that I'm recently retired, I'm devouring about a book a week, which makes me and my pocketbook extra grateful for the library's resources. I have five young grandkids – all on the West coast. I was a journalist for 20 years and taught communication and writing at Cornell. Perhaps not surprisingly, given my background, I strongly believe in the power of writing to influence lives. From my first weeks living in Lansing, I heard about how the library was a treasured part of our community. I'm interested in joining the trustees at this time to support the library's mission to enhance the quality of life in the Lansing Community by providing access to information, cultural resources, and opportunities to develop a lifelong love of reading. .

Dan Dwyer

I am running for the Lansing Community Library Board of Trustees, bringing 37 years as a Lansing resident and professional expertise as an Information Technology Director at Cornell University. Having witnessed the creation of the community library and its transformation into today's vibrant resource, I am dedicated to supporting and enhancing the important services our library provides to residents of all ages. As a parent who raised two children in the Lansing Central School system, I understand the vital role libraries play in nurturing young minds and serving the community. The excitement of leaving with armfuls of books demonstrated the magnetic pull libraries have on young minds. While digital resources have enhanced modern life, maintaining comprehensive local library services ensures all Lansing residents have access to quality resources and enriching experiences.

Matthew Montague

Matt Montague grew up in Lake Ridge on Fener Road and attended Lansing Schools through to his graduation in 1982. He returned to Lansing in 2006 with his wife Christine and their three daughters.

He served three terms as a library trustee from 2008 to 2018, was on the town ethics committee for two years, has taught sixth and seventh grade religious education at All Saints since 2012, has been a member of the All Saints' pastoral council since 2010, recently began volunteering at Loaves and Fishes in Ithaca, and is the announcer for the Lansing varsity girls soccer team.

Matt works as an investment banker for the Albany-based Schwartz Heslin Group. He has been married to Christine Roos Montague, a cellular physiologist at Cornell University's Vet School and a Lansing Township Trustee, for 32 years. Together, they share a love of traveling, cooking, and hiking with their three adult daughters. Matt enjoys fly fishing, sailing, playing guitar in a "Dad Band," reading history, restoring an old farmhouse with Christine, and the Buffalo Bills.