

Board of Trustees  
Ogdensburg Public Library  
312 Washington St  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Board of Trustees;

I am compelled to reach out to you regarding a recent comment made on social media by one of your Trustees, Mark Demers. The comment does not deserve repeating, and I'm sure you, as a group are already aware of its content.

As everyone knows and feels each day, our city has been torn in two. Both sides are going after each other and hitting below the belt often, tossing hateful words around like I have never seen in my lifetime. These are such difficult, agonizing times for the people in our city, and I am certainly not claiming that our side is blameless for harsh words and criticism. However, mocking and taunting over the fact that a human being is fighting a battle for his life is one low that we won't go. A comment such as that is a hit far too low to go unchecked. I don't know Mr. Demers, and prefer to never know him. But what I do know, is that a person with that much hate in his heart absolutely should NOT be representing the library that is a cornerstone to our community.

As a Board of Trustees member, this person is expected to "observe ethical standards with absolute truth, integrity, and honor," as per line one of this library's Ethics statement. There isn't a shred of truth, integrity, or honor in such a statement made publicly on social media by Mark Demers. His words are far beyond the level of poor taste, and directly reflects on him as a person. Can you even imagine how this person's family members and loved ones felt when they read those despicable words? The cruelty displayed by him is shameful, and I ask the Board of Trustees to hold Mr. Demers accountable for his actions.

Sincerely,

  
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