



Danette Onofrio

Candidate for Library Director, New Fairfield

Danette Onofrio moved to New Fairfield in 2012. She holds an MPA, BPS, and is a candidate for a Doctorate in Management. Danette founded a consulting firm, D.R. Shepard Consulting and Services, LLC in 2006 to build capacity of nonprofits, schools and government.

Danette provided parenting education, support groups and prevention workshops for children and parents in library and school settings. She started a reading garden by collaborating with a local library, school and business, brought a reading wagon to special needs camp she founded, and worked with the library to bring books about special needs to parents and children. As an Adjunct Professor for the Marist College, she helped prepare masters students to research, use technology to its fullest, and used multi-sensory learning to best instill information into inquisitive minds through its library system.

Danette is a member of the Women's Club of Danbury New Fairfield and is Secretary of the New Fairfield DTC. She has served on boards of nonprofits and school, founded and coordinated anti-drug coalitions, was a 4-H leader, and served on a committee for at-risk youth for Cornell Cooperative Ext.

Danette understands the importance of commitment to the **Library Directors** and its important role in serving all the citizens of New Fairfield.

If elected, Danette pledges to:

- Bring NEW community-driven and exciting children and adult programs, a teen area and enhanced community room area and activities to the New Fairfield Public Library.
- Work within the Library Board, the Friends, community and library staff to strengthen all facets of the library to enhance and welcome people of all ages to life-long learning!
- To strengthen and advocate for funding to promote in-house and online learning opportunities that grow the library into a learning hub of the community.

"It's time to move the library to a higher level that better meets the needs of our community's children and adults; an infusion of new blood. Our library should be the community hub that improves and shares knowledge, provides education, prepares people through technology, supports business and jobs, improves parenting, prepares children for life and entertains us."