

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, August 18, 2022

1. Call to Order : H. Grommell-McGrane, S. Keller, K. Standen, J. Shulbank, I. Baines, T. Nixon, D. Ferguson, K. Suda, D. Arnold
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items : no comments
3. Minutes: April 21, 2022: Motion made and seconded (J. Shulbank, T. Nixon) unanimous approval

4. Communications & Announcements

- a. September is Library Card Sign up Month. Staff from DCL headquarters will visit libraries throughout the month. Staff will greet patrons, help download the DelcoReads mobile app, and share general information/services that Delco Libraries offer.

Also, in September, members of County Council will be participating in Story Times at member libraries. The schedule is as follows: Friday, Sept. 10th at 10am- Council Chair Dr. Monica Taylor will be at Sharon Hill Library; Monday, September 19th at 10am- Councilman Womack will be at Norwood Library; Monday, Sept. 26th at 3pm- Council Vice Chair Elaine Paul Schaefer will be at Radnor Library; Tuesday, September 27th at 10:30am- Councilwoman Christine Reuther will be at Lansdowne Library; and Wednesday, September 28 at 10:15am Councilman Kevin Madden will be at the Media Upper Providence Free Library.

- b. Strategic Plan Update

Work on the DCL Strategic Plan is continuous. A few recent highlights include:

- Focus on ensuring that all member libraries are ready to respond to challenges to their collections/programs. There will be a discussion on intellectual freedom with Sukrit Goswami, Director of Haverford Township Free Library and Board member of the Freedom to Read Foundation. Provided language to each library can be added to their reconsideration procedures to address materials owned by other entities. These projects are part of the goal to respond to challenges and champion the Freedom to Read in the Resourceful and Responsive section of the plan.
- From the Community Centered and Engaging section of the plan, DCL staff Diane Arnold and Karen Sacco, have created an outreach program at the Maris Grove Senior Living Community. They visit every 3 weeks with items placed on hold by residents as well as librarian-selected titles. They also provide support for DCL resources such as the Delco Reads app and Libby.
- To further the development of the goal to increase collaboration and communication, DCL is launching a quarterly newsletter titled DCL Digest. Theresa Dykes and Anny Laepple are working on this project and the first issue will be published in September.

- DCL is an institutional partner of the America250PAdeco Committee and part of the efforts to strengthen partnerships with community organizations from the plan's Resourceful and Responsive area of focus. DCL staff served on the education sub-committee and there is a community read program called Revolutionary Reads. They have announced the inaugural title, The Boston Massacre: A Family History by Serena Zabin. There will be book club discussions, lectures, and a visit from the author this fall. Learn more at america250padelco.org.
- 5. Financial Report – July 2022: Motion made and seconded (I. Baines, J. Shulbank) unanimous approval
- 6. Administrator's Report
 - a. County Aid & Reciprocal Borrowing Grant

Qualifying libraries will be receiving their portion of County Aid and Reciprocal Borrowing Grants funds in the next few weeks. County Aid is \$100,000 and District Reciprocal Borrowing funds are \$31,628, in 2022. A reminder that based on guidance from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries and per the 2021-2022 District Negotiated Agreement, the Reciprocal Borrowing Grant is being phased out. This year's grants are being funded at 60% and next year will be the final year of the grants which will be funded at 30%.
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy Committee
 - i. DCL Bylaws - Policy Committee chaired by H. Grommell-McGrane and J. Shulbank. Updated Bylaws were distributed to Board Members for evaluation and feedback. They were also sent to Jonathan Lichenstein, County Solicitor for input. Final draft completed July 14h. Motion made and seconded (I. Baines, S. Keller) unanimous approval
- 8. New Business: S. Keller will be leaving the board. She will be missed.
- 9. Old Business:
 - a. District Negotiated Agreement – The District Agreement Negotiating Committee consisting of 6-member library representatives, the District Administrator, the District Consultant, the DCLB president, and OCL advisor met on April 20 to review the 2022-2023 agreement and budget. The Plan was shared with all member libraries and approved by 24 of 26 libraries. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries has notified all Districts that there will be a \$17.2% increase in District appropriations. The Plan will need to be revised and signed again. Anny Laepple, the District consultant will coordinate with the District Negotiating Committee to determine how the extra funding should be applied to District Services. The agreement is due to The Office of Commonwealth Libraries by September 22, 2022. The annual District Agreement is a statutory requirement as a District Library Center. It also works towards creating greater stakeholder engagement, a Collaborative and Sustainable strategic goal.

10.Public Comments: None

11.Adjourn: Motioned and seconded by (I. Bains, J. Shulbank) unanimous approval

Future Dates:

- October 20, 22 - County Council Meeting Room 1st Floor of the Government Center Building, 201 W. Front St., Media, PA
- December 15, 2022 - County Council Meeting Room 1st Floor of the Government Center Building, 201 W. Front St., Media, PA