

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 21, 2022

1. Call to Order : H. Grommell-McGrane, S. Keller, K. Standen, D. Ferguson, J. Shulbank, T. Nixon, C. Bittle, A. Laepple
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items : no comments
3. Minutes: February 17, 2021: Motion made and seconded (K. Standen, D. Ferguson) unanimous approval
4. Communications & Announcements
 - a. Mobile App – The library mobile app, DelcoReads, went live on April 1st to coincide with National Library Week. The app is a move towards the open and accessible strategic goal of creating accessible digital spaces and connecting/helping Delco adults whose only access to the internet is a cellular data plan. Staff from DCL Headquarters visited several member libraries to show patrons how to download the app and use the self-checkout function. A sweepstakes was also held to encourage the download of the app and 4 lucky residents won tickets to the Philadelphia Union soccer games.
 - b. Library Card Signup and Senior Centers – DCL Headquarters has partnered with Senior Community Services to hold library card signup events at centers across Delaware County, which is one of the Community Centered and Engaging strategic goals. They were at the Schoolhouse Center in Folsom and Friendship Circle in Yeadon and hope to schedule visits to the remaining centers in the near future.
 - c. Longwood Gardens Community Read – Delaware County Libraries are once again partnering with Longwood Gardens for their Community Read program, another Community Centered and Engaging strategic goal initiative. Launched in 2014, the Community Read was uniquely envisioned as a collaborative effort between the Gardens and community to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation surrounding gardens, plants, or nature. DCL is hosting a Community Read Challenge on the Beanstack book logging platform from April 1 – April 30. Participants can receive a free ticket for up to 4 people to Longwood Gardens by joining in the Challenge and earning points. More information on this is available at www.delcolibraries.org.
 - d. Science in the Summer– SIS is a program sponsored by Glaxo Smith Kline, administered by the Franklin Institute, and part of our lifelong learning strategic goal. This summer's theme, "Be a Biologist", will offer one or two-day sessions for students entering grades 2 through 6. Online registration will take place May 9 – 27. Participants will be selected through a lottery. Those selected will be notified by mid-June. The program will take place in various libraries across Delaware County from July 5 through August 12.
 - e. Strategic Plan Update – after its official adoption at the February DCLB meeting, the DCL shared their new strategic plan widely with the member libraries and the community through the delcolibraries website, social media, and word of mouth. In early March, the strategic planning consultant Sheryl Trent, lead the DCL staff in

their first quarterly implementation check in. Discussions were on roadblocks, tracking progress, and fine priorities for the second quarter. There are several initiatives that directly came from the plan, like the DelcoReads app and a variety of partnerships. There are also many internal projects such as updating the staff website to better serve the needs of member libraries.

5. Financial Report – March 2022: Motion made and seconded (D. Ferguson, T. Nixon) unanimous approval
6. Administrator's Report
 - a. District Negotiated Agreement – the District Agreement Negotiating Committee, comprised of 6 member library representatives, the District Administrator, the District Consultant, the DCLB president, and OCL advisor, Heather Warren Smith, met via Zoom on April 20 to review the 2022-2023 agreement and budget. The draft agreement was shared with all district libraries on April 1 for review. After a discussion of the document, the agreement was approved. The final agreement was shared with all libraries this morning, April 21, 2022. The Member Library Endorsement signature page is due back to DCL no later than Friday, May 27th. Either the library director or board president can sign the document. The annual District Agreement is a statutory requirement as a District Library Center, but also works towards creating greater stakeholder engagement, a Collaborative and Sustainable strategic planning goal.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws for the Board have not been updated since 2004. They were distributed to the board to review/comment. H. McGrane & J. Shulbank will chair this committee to revise the Bylaws. They will then be sent to the County Solicitor to review hopefully in time for the June meeting, for approval
8. New Business: None
9. Old Business: None
10. Public Comments:
 - a. Anthony Santoro from Darby Free Library announced they received a \$981,000 Restoration Resilience Grant with help from Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon. There will be a reception and press conference on May 1st at 1:00 at the library located at 10th and Main Street, Darby, PA.
11. Adjourn

Motioned and seconded by (D. Ferguson, J. Shulbank) unanimous approval

Future Dates:

- June 16, 2022 - County Council Meeting Room 1st Floor of the Government Center Building, 201 W. Front St., Media, PA
- August 18, 2022 - County Council Meeting Room 1st Floor of the Government Center Building, 201 W. Front St., Media, PA
- 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