



**DELAWARE COUNTY LIBRARIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, June 15, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order – 6:32pm by Grommell-McGrane

Present: H. Grommell-McGrane, V. Maroun, T. Nixon, J. Shulbank, C. Bittle, A. Laepple

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

3. Minutes: April 20, 2023

Motion to approve made and seconded by V. Maroun, J. Shulbank;
unanimous approval

4. Communications & Announcements

a. Library Foundation of Delaware County Competitive Grant (C. Bittle)

On May 15, 2023, LFDC announced 10 recipients of its inaugural Library Grant Program.

- i. J. Lewis Crozer Library: Filling the Gaps
- ii. Darby Free Library: I Need to Print (printer and supplies)
- iii. Lansdowne Public Library: Global Collection
- iv. Marple Public Library: Seed Library
- v. Newtown Public Library: Play with a Purpose!
- vi. Norwood Public Library: The Solution Squad STEM Club
- vii. Sharon Hill Public Library: Community Garden Party/Lot of Love
- viii. Tincum Memorial Public Library: Children's Area Upgrade
- ix. Upper Darby Township & Sellers Memorial Free Public Library: Video Game Programming and Circulating Collection
- x. Yeadon Public Library: Project Chromebook and Laptop

b. Juneteenth Event – Rose Tree Park (C. Bittle)

Delaware County Government will celebrate Juneteenth with a large event in Rose Tree Park on Monday, June 19th from 4 – 7pm. There will be vendor tables, food, giveaways, and entertainment and several local libraries and DCL headquarters will be on hand to provide activities and to promote their services. Participating libraries are CR, MA, NE, and SH.

c. Libby Lucky Day Collection (A. Laepple)

On April 24 a Lucky Day collection launched on Libby. Extra copies of super popular titles are purchased for the collection. You may borrow Lucky Day titles for 14 days with no renewals. You may borrow 1 Lucky Day title at a time.

d. Text Message Alerts (C. Bittle)

The option to receive text message notifications about library items has been added. Patrons must opt in by going to their account via delcolibraries.org and following the instructions for "Text Message Notifications."

e. Summer Quest (C. Bittle)

Summer Quest is a celebration of reading and learning that takes place in Delaware County Libraries during the summer months to help reduce the "summer slide" and increase the joy of reading. This year's theme is All Together Now. Delaware County Administrative Headquarters is committed to supporting a kickoff event at each library has allocated a \$200 reimbursement per library location for an event. In order to receive the reimbursement, all supporting documentation for the event must be submitted to youth services consultant, Cheri Crow, by July 31st.

f. Journey Across Delco (C. Bittle)

Member libraries are promoting All Together Now with JAD June 19-August 16. Participants visit each library, find the JAD poster highlighting the library's instrument/fact/and activity. Earn a brag tag at each library when you complete the activity. JAD participants are invited to the end of summer party at Rose Tree Park on August 23, 10am-12pm.

5. Financial Report: May 2023

Motion to approve made and seconded by T. Nixon, J. Shulbank;
unanimous approval

6. Administrator's Report

a. 2023-2024 District Negotiated Agreement (C. Bittle)

The 23-24 DNA was negotiated on April 6 and approved unanimously by the negotiating committee. The final agreement was shared with all libraries and the Member Library Endorsement signature page was due May 19. The agreement was approved by the majority of member libraries.

Motion to approve 23-24 DNA made and seconded by H. Grommell-McGrane, V. Maroun; unanimous approval

b. Reciprocal Borrowing Grant Funds & County Aid (C. Bittle)

Information and required documents for the determination of Reciprocal Borrowing Grant Funds and County Aid will be distributed to member

libraries July 5 and will be due July 31. Libraries are encouraged to complete the report as quickly as possible so funds can be disbursed.

7. Committee Reports

a. Board-to-Board Communications (H. Grommell-McGrane)

H. Grommell-McGrane began by encouraging all member library board members to return to attending DCLB meetings in person whenever possible. Subcommittee of H. Grommell-McGrane, D. Ferguson, V. Maroun, and C. Bittle met and brainstormed strategies to facilitate board to board communication that wasn't onerous. The recommended option was an email account that member libraries boards could send in public comment and those comments would be read into the record. Comments must include/be:

- i. Name, Township, and Library
- ii. 150 words or less
- iii. Of interest/relevance to other boards
- iv. Submitted no later than 6:30pm the day before the DCLB meeting

A reminder will be added to the registration and Zoom reminder emails.

Motion to approve made and seconded by V. Maroun, J. Shulbank;
unanimous approval

8. New Business

No new business

9. Old Business

No old business

10. Public Comments

C. Bittle received an email from Bethanne Harris, CR Library board, in answer to a question earlier in the meeting describing the Filling the Gaps program that was awarded a LFDC grant.

J. Shulbank shared that she visited the Bethlehem, PA, Library where they offer extra copies of new books that may be checked out for 3 weeks at a cost of \$3.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made and seconded by J. Shulbank, V. Maroun;
unanimous approval