

DLA Bulletin

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—President's Letter—

This is an exciting time for libraries across the nation – our services and technology are ever changing, and the Delaware Library Association are changing with them! For this reason, I am excited to announce that we are taking some giant strides this year to change how DLA works, what we do, and why we do it. Therefore, we are hiring a strategic planner from the Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement to help us create our mission and our goals for this year and the coming years – and working out how we can best meet those goals, with your help!

A special thank you to Immediate Past President Christy Payne and her team for the marvelous membership videos! How did you do in the “Guess the Library Locations” competition?

I am really looking forward to this coming year at DLA. I hope that you will enjoy the changes that will be taking place – and as always, we look forward to your participation as DLA members. I am here to listen and to help. No matter what type of library you work in – please feel free to contact me at any time at the address and phone number on the DLA website. <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/>

Beth Borene

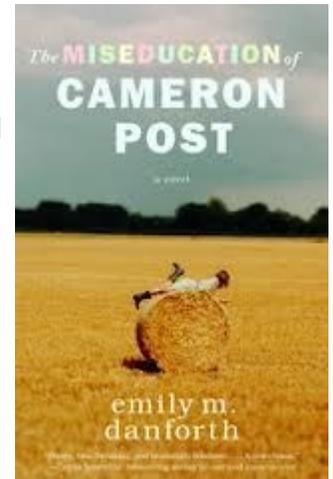
DLA President

Book Discussion and Author Chat at Lewis Public Library

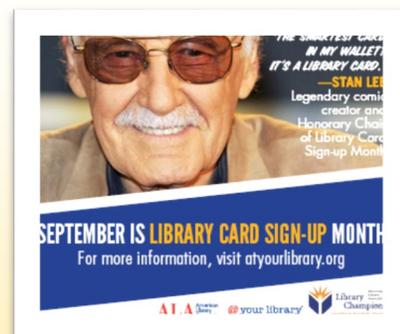
PFLAG – Rehoboth Beach, in association with the Library, and with generous donations from Browseabout Books and AfterEllen.com, will host an Author Chat and Book Discussion on “The Miseducation of Cameron Post” on Monday,

September 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Library. Local

teens who participate in the National Coalition Against Censorship essay contest on the book are invited to read their submitted work from 6:00 – 6:30 PM. From 6:30 – 7:30 PM, author emily m. danforth will join the discussion via Skype to participate in a moderated Q & A session. The book discussion will begin at 7:30 PM following the Author Chat and will conclude at 8:30 PM.



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and Stan Lee Wants to Help



Library Card Sign-up Month is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Find free promotional materials from ALA at <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>

President's Report 2013-2014

Who knew it would be so difficult to summarize a year's worth of DLA happenings into a little report? This is my third draft and after pages of writing and trying to be clever and creative, I decided to attempt brevity (for once) and will deliver this report in bullet points.



What we did:

- Early membership drive helped us reach 230 members
- Professional development at DLA meetings based on feedback from survey—
 - iEducate library finalists
 - Social Media and Marketing
- 80th birthday celebration
- “Race for Relevance” book discussion with the Executive Board
- Legislative Day that educated over 60 people on how to advocate with legislators
- Funded the Blue Hen Committee's marketing display for all public libraries in the state
- DLA/MLA Joint conference
- Awards and Scholarships (see page 3 for list)
- Passed more amendments to the Handbook and Bylaws

SAVE THE DATE

December 11, 2014

DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS WILL HOST AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR JACK GANTOS IN DOVER (TIME AND LOCATION TBA). MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

- Intellectual Freedom Committee supported school libraries in several challenged book cases (“Brave New World” and “The Miseducation of Cameron Post” in the Cape Henlopen School District)

What is to come:

- Renewed contract with MLA to continue the joint conference for the next three years
- Working with a consultant so DLA can develop relevant and viable strategic plan

In all, even though time flew, I feel it was a successful year for DLA. We recognize that we have a lot of work to do in order for the association to progress and grow, but I am confident that the current leadership is prepared for this important task. My parting thought is really more of a challenge: DLA can only be as effective as the members who actively participate in the process, so look at the available committees and opportunities and GET INVOLVED. Our success is up to you! Active Members = an Active Association!

Christine Payne, Immediate Past President

Executive Director's Report

DLA's Past Year and New Opportunities

The Delaware Library Association has seen growth in the depth of leadership and effective participation that has been expressed this last year or so. There were a few times last year that I had to pause and reflect about how proud I am to be part of this Association, and how lucky I am to be working with such exceptional people from libraries across the state. Together, we've explored ways to bring DLA into the libraries it works to serve through professional development options and opportunities for personal growth—from the Joint State Conference in May to the very core of networking and enlisting involvement on many levels.

While there are a variety of ways DLA can be effective as an organization that supports Delaware library staff, perhaps the most important is through communication and education. Our Association has many examples of exceptional leaders and ways in which each has been instrumental in shaping the Association to its current form. Members have been able to serve our library communities though DLA in areas that may be difficult otherwise.

There is no better example of this than the recent community and school district challenges to the Delaware Blue Hen Award reading list selections and other titles. Beginning last spring with the question of whether *Brave New World* (Huxley) is appropriate for a particular Delaware high school curriculum, the same two parents initiated the challenge of *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* (Danforth). This situation recently made the Delaware News Journal, NPR, and other news outlets.

DLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, led by Chair

Upcoming Executive Board Meetings

September 18

DLA Executive Board Meeting

4 - 6 p.m.

Dover Public Library, Dover

All DLA members are welcome to attend.

November 20

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4 - 6 p.m.

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Margery Cyr (Dover Public Library), has been a leading presence in helping us understand what this was about, what it means for our communities, and how to professionally work with such outrage (assisted by the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom). Personally, it encouraged me to think about my own response to book challenges, book banning, and the important role of libraries and librarians. During a recent meeting, I listened to a recent high school graduate recount her unpleasant experiences in high school and how she believed books like *Cameron Post* would've made a real difference in her life. I was moved to tears by her testimony. I was even moved to say a few words, knees shaking and all.

Hand-in-hand is DASL (Delaware Association of School Libraries), and the robust information-sharing, ideas, and support offered through our listservs, meetings and through social media. Without school librarians who are equipped with the professional resources and knowledge they need to operate well, schools and their students suffer and cracks in the very foundation of literacy become apparent.

Thank you for a great year and for the amazing projects we have embraced. I look forward to our journey together!

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Looking Forward

We begin a new year with momentum. The Association helps us step outside our comfort zones to speak out, to try new things, to take on a leadership role – and this, in turn, helps Delaware’s



libraries grow and excel. I see our upcoming year moving on this same path in a direction that will be shaped by our board and members’ involvement in the development of a mission statement. We are beginning to explore the migration of DLA’s website to a new platform. The upcoming Joint State Conference is likely to be one that we’ll never forget through a partnership with NASA that is being finalized now. Through the energy of the existing long-term and incoming new board, committee and division leaders, DLA is emerging into a vibrant, shining organization that will have positive effects across Delaware. If you want to get involved, the time is now.

All my best,

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Cathay Keough
DLA Executive Director

Awards and Scholarships Recipients

- ▲ Distinguished Library Award- Senator Christopher Coons
- ▲ Life Member- John C. Painter
- ▲ Helen H. Bennett Scholarship- Megan McCrery
- ▲ DASL Administrator Award for Excellence- Jay Owens, Sussex Central High School
- ▲ DASL Outstanding Library Media Specialist- Suzanne Smith, AI duPont High School

Friends of Kent County PL Unveil New Scholarship

There are many good reasons to volunteer at Kent County Public Library: the friendly environment, meeting new and interesting people, gaining a feeling of accomplishment, polishing job skills, and learning about the library and all its resources. The Friends of Kent County Public Library have recently added another great reason to volunteer: a \$1000 scholarship!



The Friends of Kent County Public Library plan to award one \$1000 scholarship annually. Scholarship eligibility is restricted to Kent County Public Library volunteers who complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service at Kent County Public Library between September 2014 and April 2015. The scholarship is a one-time grant designated to encourage higher education study by helping to defray college expenses including tuition, fees, and books.

An applicant must be a Delaware resident from Kent County who is enrolled in the 2015-2016 school year at a college or university. A committee, made up of library staff personnel and Friends of the Kent County Public Library, may interview applicants should there be a need for further evaluation. All decisions are final.

The scholarship will be paid to the recipient in June of the application year. Submissions for the 2015 scholarship are due on April 30, 2015. Please include two references with the application, along with the required essay. Forms are available upon request at Kent County Public Library from January through April 2015.

Hilary Welliver

Assistant Director of Community Services
County Librarian, Kent County Division of Libraries

Constitution Day 2014: Words of Liberty

*...secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...
Preamble*



September 17 of every year is observed as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The day commemorates September 17, 1787, when the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution and recognizes those who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have attained the full status of citizenship.

I created a guide for the University of Delaware Library website titled Words of Liberty (<http://guides.lib.udel.edu/constitutionday>). The guide has resources for learning about the constitution and information about Constitution Day.

Words of Liberty focuses on words and phrases from the Constitution, their importance, and changing meanings.

The guide includes a “For Younger Readers” section, a word search, and links to games, activities, and videos.

A poster is on display in the Information Room (August 15 – September 23) and free pocket constitutions are

available.

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day: federal legislation requires that all students at schools receiving federal funds receive education and training about the Constitution on September 17. United States Code (36 USC § 106).

Rebecca Knight, Reference and Instructional Services, University of Delaware Library

Hilary Welliver Awarded Ada Leigh Soles Scholarship

Hilary Welliver, Director of the Kent County Division of Libraries, has been awarded an Ada Leigh Soles Memorial Scholarship. The Soles program is intended to enable and encourage academically talented Delawareans to pursue careers as librarians and archivists in Delaware. Hilary is a doctoral student in Wilmington University's College of Education, where she is earning a degree in Organizational Leadership.

Ada Leigh Soles also considers awards for a program of study leading to a bachelor's degree or an ALA-accredited master's degree program of library and information science. Online applications open December 1 at http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/students_family/dheo/how_to_apply/financial_aid/FA_webpages/librarian.shtml.

You may also want to apply for scholarships through the Delaware Library Association. Check out details of the Grace Estelle Wheelless, Helen H. Bennett, and Charlesa Lowell scholarships at <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/scholar.htm>.



Banned Books Week Is September 21–27, 2014

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of

September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community -- librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types -- in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

2015 Conference Announcement

Our annual MLA/DLA Conference will be held May 6-8, 2015 in Ocean City, Maryland.

The Delaware Library Association is once again partnering with the Maryland Library Association in a joint conference. As many of you know, this year's conference has the added excitement of NASA's participation.



In honor of our partnership with NASA, this year's theme is "Boldly go...where no library has gone before" and speaks to the exciting possibilities in store. We hope to be able to publicize the name of our keynote speaker soon!

One of the differences you'll notice this year is that we're going green! The conference brochure will be available online rather than printing it! This will save money and a few trees! We hope you agree this is a "bold" move in keeping with our conference theme.

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