

We're Charting New Courses Together at our Annual State Conference!

The MLA/DLA Joint State Conference planning is well underway! DLA's conference committee, comprised from DDL, each Division and Group, have submitted a variety of workshop and preconference proposals on a variety of topics. Among the many workshops, we have team building/leadership programs, tips about designing library buildings and spaces as well as what to do if a disaster strikes, working with youth and other populations, enhancing your advocacy and library reference services skills. The Conference Committee has been hard at work to bring in quality speakers and experts to motivate you with ideas and resources you can bring back to your library.

The state conference will enjoy a new location this year: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, in Cambridge Maryland. Dates: Wednesday May 10 through Friday May 12, 2017. As in previous years, DLA's Business Meeting and Division meetings are on Friday morning. We'll enjoy the Awards/Scholarship ceremony that morning too, and end the day with banquet luncheon keynote speaker Michael Halpern, of the Union of Concerned Scientists who will talk about "Misinformation, Literacy, and Integrity."

See the DLA's website under 'Conference' to keep track of details and progress, and watch for registration sometime in January. Contact Delaware Library Association VP/Conference Chair Michelle Hughes (michelle.hughes@lib.de.us) or Cathay Keough (cathay.keough@lib.de.us) if you have questions or would like to be involved.



Looking For Silent Auction Donations

The DLA Annual Silent Auction is held every year at the state conference in conjunction with the Maryland Library Association. Donations to this auction are needed by you and your library. We're looking for baskets and high quality items that have broad appeal to library staff, supporters, Friends and administrators who attend the conference. One hundred percent of all proceeds from Delaware auction items go to support the Delaware Library Association! Get your items ready now.

See our Silent Auction page (<http://dla.lib.de.us/conference-info/silent-auction/>) for more information, and contact Silent Auction Chair Kay Bowes (kaybowes@gmail.com) to learn more about the auction and if you'd like to be involved with this important part of DLA!

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## State Conference Poster Session Review Sub-Committee Needs a Volunteer

The Conference Committee is looking for one more person from Delaware to be on the state conference poster session review sub-committee. The time commitment will be minimal (about 5 hours), will happen mostly in March, and most – if not all – communication will be through email. Help your DLA colleagues by selecting posters to be presented at the conference! If interested, contact Delaware Library Association VP/Conference Chair Michelle Hughes ([michelle.hughes@lib.de.us](mailto:michelle.hughes@lib.de.us)) or Cathay Keough ([cathay.keough@lib.de.us](mailto:cathay.keough@lib.de.us)).



## Delaware School Libraries Council Releases *Delaware School Libraries Master Plan*

(Dover, DE) - The Delaware School Libraries Council is pleased to announce the release of the *Delaware School Libraries Master Plan: Quality School Libraries = Higher Student Achievement* which contains recommendations to develop quality state-of-the-art school libraries. The 18 month-long comprehensive planning effort was funded by the Delaware Department of State and supported by the Delaware Department of Education.

*The Delaware School Libraries Master Plan* summarizes the current status of school library services, addresses future trends, and informs solutions for development. It was conducted by the Institute for Public Administration (IPA) at the University of Delaware and Himmel & Wilson, Library Consultants. IPA has an extensive project management and strategic planning background in the public sector. Himmel & Wilson specializes in evaluation and planning services for libraries.

"Delaware's school libraries, along with our public library system, are tremendous assets that foster a love of learning and drive academic and career opportunities," Governor Markell said. "I appreciate the School Libraries Council for undertaking this comprehensive study, which demonstrated the impact school libraries can have in improving student achievement, and I welcome the ongoing discussion about ways to more fully support them in the years ahead."

"Congratulations for these efforts to connect the public and school libraries. This connection will improve access to resources and enhance the lives of students and their families" said Representative Valerie Longhurst, who is leading a pilot to integrate school libraries into the Delaware Library Catalog.

"Delaware has made a great investment in upgrading the services offered to residents in our 33 public libraries across the state," said Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock. "*The Delaware School Libraries Master Plan* provides recommendations to ensure students will have the resources they need to be successful within their schools."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our school librarians, teachers, administrators, students and families to help us

coordinate important services and resources across our state and between our public school and library systems," said Secretary of Education Steve Godowsky.

This school library planning process builds upon the strategic *Statewide Master Plan for Delaware Public Libraries* which resulted in significant improvements in public library buildings and sharing of library collections statewide through the Delaware Library Catalog. "A statewide strategic approach to all library services will support Delawareans in achieving potential in their education, career, and throughout life," according to Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian and Chair of the Delaware School Libraries Council.

The consultants reviewed background documents and national library research, and obtained input from school librarians, educators, district administrators, students, parents, legislators, and the public through surveys, site visits, interviews, and focus groups. The final plan submitted to the Delaware School Libraries Council provides recommendations for an integrated framework for school libraries across 4 categories, including: Staffing, Content & Access, Governance & Infrastructure, and Assessment & Accountability.

The Executive Summary and full report are available at: <http://www.ipa.udel.edu/publications/delaware-school-libraries-master-plan2016.pdf>

School administrators and community leaders are encouraged to submit a request to the Council for a local presentation on the recommendations by contacting Dr. Annie Norman at [annie.norman@state.de.us](mailto:annie.norman@state.de.us).

**About:** The Delaware School Libraries Council was enacted by Governor Markell in 2011 through Executive Order 30 "to improve and extend school library services that are essential to educational success."

Delaware School Libraries Council members: The Honorable David Bentz, State Representative; Erin Daix, UDLib/SEARCH Jennifer Delgado, Senate appointee; Michael Hojnicky, Department of Technology and Information; Kathy Kelly, Department of Education; John P. Monahan; Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian, Chair; James Rau; Suzanne Smith, Al DuPont High School; Janine Sorbello.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Library Legislative Day 2017

### Dawes Begins as Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums and May Morris University Librarian

Trevor A. Dawes was named the vice provost for libraries and museums and May Morris University Librarian at the University of Delaware, effective July 1, 2016. In this role Dawes will oversee the staff and operations at the University of Delaware Library, the University Museums, comprising three galleries, and the University of Delaware Press. Prior to arriving at the University of Delaware, Dawes was an associate university librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was responsible for many of libraries' public services operations. Dawes earned his master of library science from Rutgers University and has two additional master's degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University. He is an active member of the American Library Association and is a past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Dawes may be reached at [tadawes@udel.edu](mailto:tadawes@udel.edu) and at 302-831-2231.



## From the Executive Director

It's my pleasure to share some good news with you, DLA member and supporter:

We've seen upward trends in membership, participation, and overall activity. During the 2016 fiscal year, we saw a 37 percent increase of DLA members, which brought our total to hover just around 300. More people means more revenue, that's true. But most importantly, it means that more Delaware library staff are taking that step. It could be that each person's decision to renew or become a member for the first time is motivated by the discount given for an event, such as our joint state conference. It could be that the person wanted to join in on a social event, such as to last year's "Behind the scenes in Washington DC" trip. It could be that they simply value the efforts DLA is making, that we are all making, to represent libraries and librarians, administrators and associates, staff, friends and trustees, and all Delaware library supporters.

No matter what the reason, your membership has a deeper effect. It has truly been motivating for those who have taken a leadership role with DLA. When we learn that membership has increased and see you at a DLA-sponsored event or meeting, when we hear from you through the channels (Facebook, our listserv), when we join together to raise awareness about commonly-held beliefs, we are motivated to keep going. In 2015, the Delaware Library Association's (<http://dla.lib.de.us/>) crafted and adopted our mission statement:

*"Advocating, Empowering and Educating a Diverse Library Community"*

Lately, I've been thinking about these powerful words while considering DLA's upcoming year. I think about reasons I'm so greatly (and gratefully) involved and think it has much to do with the people I interact with through DLA. Our library association brings librarians and library staff together who come from school, public, academic and special libraries and diverse backgrounds. It promotes a welcoming environment for ideas and learning. And it often works most effectively through advocating for Delaware libraries where no other agency or system can tread.

I feel proud and empowered through my involvement with DLA and want to share that. Each time a person says "yes" to membership and furthers that action by getting involved with their Division or Committee of choice, I think of how we are strengthened. There are many opportunities for members to be involved. And there is so much more we can do. The more we grow, the more we represent every person who is part of a Delaware library in some way, the stronger and more energetically alive our Delaware Library Association becomes.

Be part of this vibrant community – join DLA, renew your membership, ask how you can get involved, give us ideas and be part of the process to make DLA your professional organization.

Cathay Keough October 1, 2016

# Have an idea for a story?

We're looking for stories from all the divisions, any library, or any anything that is about/by/for libraries and library staff in Delaware. Contact Jessica Olin, chair of the Publications/Bulletin Committee: [jessica.olin@wesley.edu](mailto:jessica.olin@wesley.edu). Deadline is February 1, 2017.



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## Scholarships, Awards, and Citations, Oh My!

We celebrated and honored the accomplishments of our 2015/2016 scholarships, awards, and citations recipients at the DLA/MLA annual conference in May 2016, and now it is time to apply and nominate for 2016/2017! Applications are now being accepted for the four DLA scholarships being offered for 2016/2017.

The due date for all DLA scholarships is December 1, 2016:

**Grace Estelle Wheelless Scholarship** (MLS Students) | \$1200

**Helen H. Bennett Scholarship** (MLS Students) | \$1200

**Charlesa Lowell Scholarship** (MLS Students) | \$1200

**Linda Walge Penman Scholarship** (High school juniors/seniors) | \$500

For more information, please visit the DLA Scholarships page: <http://dla.lib.de.us/scholarships/>. This website also provides other non-DLA scholarship/incentive opportunities.

Nominations are now also being accepted for the 2016/2017 DLA Awards and Citations. Please visit the website for a full list of available awards and citations and their descriptions. New this year, you can now submit your nominations via an online form for your convenience (fillable/printable PDF form still available). Nominate your exceptional colleagues by January 31, 2017!

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