

Presidents Letter

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 2013 DLA/MLA Joint Conference in May. Final numbers are not in as of yet, but we know that Delaware had an increase in participation and we are currently boasting record membership numbers. It was such a pleasure to be involved in the planning process and to be a part of such worthwhile professional development and networking opportunities. As a school librarian, I personally had a wonderful time getting to know some of our public and academic library colleagues.



Sue Rekart and Cathay Crosby deserve special thanks for their organization of the Delaware Silent Auction items. The auction alone profited over \$1,000 for DLA!

I would also like to congratulate Jon Jeffery and his Handbook and Bylaws committee for their hard work in getting the bylaw changes passed this year. I understand it has been quite a journey and kudos to everyone involved in ensuring a quorum not just once, but TWICE, so the changes could be enacted.

As we move into the 2013-2014, year I would like to identify several goals:

1. Professional Development: discuss the future of the DLA conference and professional development provided by the organization- a survey was recently sent to all current DLA members on this issue.
2. PayPal for membership dues: provide a convenient online payment system for membership. Due to the recent change in the fiscal year for DLA, ALL memberships (with the exception of a few people who paid twice!) are up for renewal this June 30th.
3. Membership: continue increasing membership and encourage members to take a more active role in the association.
4. Advocacy: continue working with stakeholders to share our successes and advocate for essential library funding through events like Legislative Day.

As our organization turns 80 years old this January 2014, it is a good time to reflect on our past as well as look to our future. I can't help but be a little cliché here and say "YOU are our future!" The DLA website states, "DLA is totally volunteer operated and depends on the participation of its members." I would like to say thank you to all of the members who serve the organization in various capacities and I challenge you all to continue to find ways to actually participate in the upcoming year. I know that I personally am very excited to work with you!

Christy

Upcoming DLA Board Meeting

Thursday, July 18th
4:00 PM
Dover Public Library

DLA Membership News

Great news!!

You can now pay your membership dues online via PayPal!

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla>

DLA Scholarship & Award Winners

Presented at the 2013 Annual Conference

Distinguished Service Citation

Awarded to:

Anne Theo Loppato from the Friends of the South Coastal Library

Distinguished Librarian Citation

Awarded to: Janet Shaw & Susan Thompson-White, school librarians and regional coordinators for the International Reading Association's Teachers' Choices Project

Trustee Citation

Awarded to:

Glennes (Beckie) Healey, President of the Lewes Public Library Board of Commissioners

Charlesa Lowell Scholarship

Awarded to:

Faith Dixon

Grace Estelle Wheelless Scholarship

Awarded to: Karen Milowicki

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Top 5 Reasons to Join DLA

5. Reduced rates for the spring joint conference which offers over 100 different Professional Development workshops and time to be with friends from Delaware AND Maryland!
4. An awesome listserv that keeps you informed and in touch with colleagues across the state!
3. The amazing newsletter and website published by DLA that link you to resources and news, not just from Delaware, but from across the nation.
2. There is power in numbers! The more members DLA has, the more power we have when advocating for library issues with policy makers.
1. It is your Professional Organization... 'nough said!"



Lunch!



Networking...



Informative...



Congratulations Mary Anne Farrell!

New Director of the Wilmington Campus Library at Delaware Technical & Community College

-Submitted by Laurel Ferris
Delaware Technical & Community College Library, Wilmington

Mary Anne Farrell is now the Director of the Delaware Technical Community College, Wilmington Campus Library. Mary Anne has been with DTCC for 23 years as a Technical Services Librarian. She's been involved in many committees and initiatives, including:

- DDAT – Delaware Disaster Assistance Team
- CRLD – Served as President
- Coordinator of Learning Communities for the Wilmington Campus
- Chair of the State Cataloging Executive Committee

She's married with one daughter who is a senior at West Virginia University. She likes to travel, garden, read, and cook only when she has to. She enjoys the company of Olive and Charlie, her two feisty cats.

Donna Abed was with Delaware Technical for forty years and is now enjoying her much deserved retirement so she and her husband can travel and continue their active participation in folk dancing.

Year in Review

The Delaware Library Association had an amazing year thanks to your participation and support! Personally I have learned a great deal and have met some fantastic librarians and supporters through my first year working with DLA and I look forward to more. I am highly motivated by our Delaware library leaders, from staff in academic, special, school and public libraries to administrators in each county and on a state level. We are lucky to have such a multi-level, unified vision that supports learning, helps with the necessary changes we each embrace, and encourages participation in the Delaware Library Association.

Here are some highlights about DLA's achievements this year:

- Membership is at an all-time high – thank you! Need to renew your membership? Now we have an online way to get that in (no cost to you to use). See the online Membership Form at: <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/membership/form.htm>. (As noted, memberships are due in July. Please feel free to contact incoming Membership Chair Sara Thomas (smthomas@nccde.org) or me (cathay.crosby@lib.de.us) if you have any questions.
- For the first time in many years, we end the cycle in the black largely due to the income received from your participation as a DLA member in the MLA/DLA Joint Conference!
- The MLA/DLA Joint Conference (May 8-10, 2013) had more registrants than ever! Preliminary surveys gathered by MLA's offices show how we can make next year even better. If you are interested in helping, feel free to contact our incoming DLA Conference Chair, Beth Borene (eborene@nccde.org) or me (cathay.crosby@lib.de.us).
- The Silent Auction, held at the MLA/DLA Joint Conference, raised over \$1,000 for the Delaware Library Association! Now is the time to think about what you'd like to donate for next year's event! I already have a couple of items tucked away in my desk drawer. Quality items and/or baskets are needed to provide a range of possibilities.
- Delaware Legislative Day had 77 registrants representing libraries all over Delaware! The presentations by Senator Lopez and Representative Baumbach gave us motivation and ideas for how to effectively approach our legislators. And the legislative visits provided ways to actively advocate for all our libraries. We made new connections and renewed others all with the intention to keep our libraries on the forefront of issues that provide funding and support.



The Delaware Library Association is buzzing with opportunities to become involved. Committees provide you with ways to learn and be part of the change we see all around us. We have committees that cover youth services, intellectual freedom, legislative action, archives, and other special focuses. For more information about DLA's committees, see our DLA website at: <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/Committees/chairs/comm13.htm> and please feel free to contact incoming DLA President Christy Payne (christine.payne@appo.k12.de.us) or me (cathay.crosby@lib.de.us) if you have any questions.

Your involvement makes a significant difference with our Association; we can see the evidence in many ways! Each of us can benefit from increased professional development opportunities because of our growth; each of us will benefit from learning and working with each other on creating a strong, vibrant Delaware Library Association.

Thank you for an excellent year!

Cathay Crosby