

DASL Executive Report - January 2018

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Report from January 10, 2018 Division Meeting:

We met at Appoquinimink Library on January 10 as a division with Dr. Annie Norman and Mike Matthews as guest speakers.

Our members seemed receptive to strengthening the partnership between public and school libraries, since public libraries are available to help their students during the summer and prevent summer slide. Annie sparked several ideas for how to accomplish that with her presentation on the State of the Library in Delaware.

There is no current legislation pending to mandate school librarians, and Mike Matthews spoke about the difficulties inherent in proposing and passing anything given our current budgetary climate in Delaware.

We plan to have another meeting in March, possibly inviting someone from UD to present on UDLib/SEARCH so we can be sure SLs are making the most of it.

Advocacy:

We were contacted on Monday, January 8th, to confirm our presence at the Joint Committee for Education at Legislative Hall on Wednesday, January 10th. None of the Executive Board members were aware that we had been added to the agenda, so our presentation has been rescheduled for the Joint Committee meeting on January 24th. Jennifer O'Neill and Kim Read will be doing a joint presentation, partly informative on what SLs do and why having one in each school matters, and partly a plea for legislation.