

Delaware Library Association 2015 State of the Chapter Annual Report

These snapshot reports help Chapters and ALA assess the health and vitality of state and regional library associations. They also help highlight notable activities and achievements that can be modeled, and identify challenges and needs that may be addressed collectively.

Chapter Councilors are tasked with responsibility for their Chapter's completion and submission of the "State of the Chapter Annual Report." For Regional Chapters, the President is asked to oversee the submission.

Important. Please note:

** While answering questions, you may go back to previous pages in the survey and update existing responses. Once you have submitted the survey, however, you will be unable to update existing responses. So it is recommended that you [print out a blank survey and fill in the responses before completing the online survey \(PDF\)](#).*

** Round up all financial answers to nearest dollar, for example, \$500, not \$493.27. If you have any comments or questions, please contact:*

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Date Completing This Survey

9/1/15

Report for Fiscal Year

Start Date/End Date

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

List Contact Information for Survey Respondent Who Could Answer Questions about Survey from Chapter Relations Office

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Final Budget Totals for Fiscal Year (answer requires a figure rounded to the nearest dollar)

Revenue: 28,399

Expense: 24,800

Unrestricted Net Assets: \$48,923.06

Were there changes made to your management or staffing during fiscal year?

No

List the Number of FTE of PAID Staff (e.g., 0, 1, 2.5, 3 . . .).

Note: While technically, DLA had 0 paid staff, the DLA Executive Director was paid by the Delaware Division of Libraries (the funding ended in January).

Were there changes made to your membership categories dues rates during fiscal year?

No

If yes, what changes were made to your membership categories dues rates?

Chapter Membership

Calendar Based

Dues Structure for Regular Personal Members

Graduated (fee levels based on salary)

Please List Applicable Fee or Percentage for Regular Personal Members.

Highest graduated fee \$40

Lowest graduated fee \$10

Total Number of All Members (Regular Personal, Institutional, etc.) at End of Fiscal Year. Totals of all following membership categories should equal total entered here.

217

Total Number of Regular Personal Members Only at End of Fiscal Year Total

213

Total Number of Institutional Members Only at End of Fiscal Year.

4

Please List Number of Chapter Members by Category (only by categories you use; do not count twice)

Personal 140

Support Staff 50

Student 7

Trustee

Retired 6

Library/Institution 4

Total of Any Other Categories 10

Chapter Membership Compared to Last Year

Declined

If Membership Grew or Declined . . .

Declined by What Percentage (if known)? 5.8

If Membership Increased or Decreased by 2% or More, Please Explain or Surmise Cause.

Please Provide the Following Financial Information about Your Chapter's Annual Conference (answer requires a figure rounded to the nearest dollar).

Revenue 9,386

Expenditures 4,596

Please Provide the Following Non-Financial Information about Your Chapter's Annual Conference (if not applicable, insert n/a).

Month May

Location Ocean City, MD (Joint conference with MLA)

Total number of attendees 750

Total booths/tables of exhibits 14

Total Number of Program Offerings 72

Did Your Chapter Meet Its Budget Projections for Its Annual Conference?

Exceeded

Did Your Association Try Something New at This Conference?

Yes

If So, Please Briefly Explain What It Was and What Your Association Hoped to Achieve.

We tried a partnership with NASA in the hopes that it would allow for speakers and programs for several years to come. Although this didn't happen, we had some participation from NASA in the form of speakers and their amazing Hyperwall. The speakers and the wall were extremely well received.

Was It Successful?

Yes

Will Your Association Offer This Again at Its Next Annual Conference?

No

List Your Association's Most Successful Events Held during Conference.

Visual Literacy: Data Visualization or How to Make Data Stunning by John La Masney (many participants felt this was the best workshop of the conference.)
Ninth Annual Pub Quiz

Share Outstanding Keynotes or Speakers (include topics, please).

Dr. Joyce Valenza - "Hacking Libraries to Exceed Expectations"
Dr. Jack Kaye (NASA) - "View the Earth's Global Environment from Space"
Dr. Derrick Pitts - "Home Away From Home" on searching for life elsewhere.

List Major Activities, Accomplishments of Your Association during Fiscal Year (e.g., Library Legislative Day, legislative successes, new strategic plan, trainings, etc.).

Last year we hired a strategic consultant with the goal of growing our membership and infusing our Association with new vitality. Our year-long introspective review of our Association has provided us with a well-thought out plan of action that we will be working on for the immediate year as well as the next. One of the identified issues is communication between members, so we've come up with a number of creative ways to

improve this, especially between divisions. Another issue we'll be working on is advocacy, which is of prime interest to our members.

Delaware library officials, friends, advocates, patrons, and other lovers of libraries had an opportunity to meet with legislators at the annual Delaware Library Legislative Action Day on March 24, 2015. The full day event included an information session at the Dover Public Library and lunch with legislators followed by discussions with legislators at Legislative Hall.

The College and Research Libraries (CRLD) division held a free Winter program on February 6th, 2015 at the Legislative Hall library in Dover. Eleven attendees enjoyed a tour of the library and Legislative Hall led by Sarah Zimmerman, legislative librarian, and also presentations on the life of a bill and bill drafting procedures from Mark Cutrona, Deputy Director of the Division on Research and Rich Puffer, Chief Clerk of the House.

List Major Issues Facing Your Association (e.g, budget, membership , structure, systems, competition, etc.).

Increasing membership and participation is an immediate focal point, including filling Division and Committee needs. We also need to continue to communicate better with members as well as non members, and show the value of DLA membership.