

*DLA Reports from Committee Chairs and Division Presidents for November 19, 2015*

**ALA Councilor Report, Hannah Lee**

No report at this time.

**Archives Committee Report, Sarena Fletcher**

No report at this time.

**Handbook and Bylaws Jonathan Jeffrey**

**Delaware Library Association**

**Handbook and Bylaws Committee Report**

**November 19, 2015**

My participation in the Delaware Library Association is about to come to an end.

I will be retiring from the University of Delaware Library after 40 years of service on December 18th, 2015. Consequently, my last Executive Board meeting will be November 19th.

I recommend that Beth Borene be appointed as Chair of the Handbook & Bylaws Committee.

I will be in touch with Beth to address any questions she may have and to turn over any records that I received from the prior committee and any more recent ones of interest.

This is the only report I have for the Thursday board meeting.

I've enjoyed working with DLA and looking forward to my next chapter.

### **Membership & Web Report submitted by Sara Thomas**

We currently have 247 active members and 15 members who have joined or renewed in November so far. I have not gotten a number of new members from Trivia Night yet (I'm sure Ed knows though) but I know we had quite a few!

Sara has posted photos from Trivia Night to the website and will send the link out to the listserv when that is available.

### **Conference Planning Report, Beth Kloetzer**

Report to follow later.

### **Treasurer Report, submitted by Ed Goyda**

### **Scholarship Committee, Molly Olney-Zide**

The Scholarships, Awards, and Citations Committee posted announcements and reminders over the past two months through the DLA and other personal listservs in order to encourage candidates to apply for the available scholarships by the November 1, 2015 deadline. The DLA scholarships for this fall include:

- Grace Estelle Wheelless Scholarship
- Helen H. Bennett Scholarship
- Charlesa Lowell Scholarship
- Linda Walge Penman Scholarship (due by Dec. 1, 2015)

The Committee is currently reviewing the submissions and will make decisions on awardees by Dec. 1, 2015. Awards and Citation forms were also due by Nov. 1, but no forms have been submitted.

### **State Friends, Kay Bowes**

No report at this time.

### **College & Research Libraries Division, Melissa Jones**

No report at this time.

## **Delaware Association of School Libraries Division Jen Delgado**

The DASL October meeting at East Dover elementary focused on DPAS IV goals and evaluations for school librarians and was very well attended. A representative from DOE spoke and offered support in answering future questions for both librarians and administrators. Public and school librarians from the iLead program also presented and facilitated further discussion about how school and public librarians can collaborate to better serve our patrons.

The DASL Vice President stepped down earlier this month. Her explanation was that the conference committee commitments were more than she was prepared to handle. Rachel West was suggested as a possible substitute, and that option is being explored.

Festival of Words is progressing nicely. I am beginning to collect names of volunteers. Some of the volunteer tasks include:

“Handling” and author – we need an adult to be in charge of each author, making sure that they have transportation and everything else they need for before, during, and after the event.

Lunch duty – helping with setting up lunch, distributing lunches, and cleaning up after lunch during the event.

Room set up – helping to set up each room for the different sessions\

Q&A – general help guiding attendees and answering questions

Book signing set up- and facilitation

Check in help –

Putting together attendee goodie bags –

Planning Committee:

- Several tasks pertaining to planning and obtaining goods for FOW

## **Public Library Division Rose Harrison**

No report at this time.

## **Youth Services Division, Lea Rosell**

The YSD meeting was held on 10/9 at DDL. Topics of discussion relevant to YSD business were the results of the summer reading challenge and how YSD can respond to those changes, Blue Hen Book Award updates, and discussion about what YSD members want from the division.

Though 10 libraries saw increases in summer reading sign up numbers, 19 libraries saw a drop in participation this year. 5 libraries did not report. Much discussion was centered on why this happened and how we can change the summer reading challenge to boost community engagement in future years. It was agreed that interested members of YSD and DDL come together sometime in January 2016 to discuss changes and create a strategic plan for YSD. Our hope is that the strategic plan will distill best practices, be a breeding ground for new ideas, and bring together youth librarians throughout the state as we focus on a common vision moving forward.

A separate committee was assembled to focus on summer reading funding. The committee will reach out to private donors to collect funds that will be used to pay for marketing and publicity on a state wide level. Radio, television, billboards, and print media buys will be the goal of this committee. Work will commence December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Blue Hen Book award votes are due to the President no later than COB 11/15/15. The votes will determine the winner of the 2016 Blue Hen Book Award. Library staff and other interested parties will be notified of the winner in each category in December. Public recognition of the winners will be made in February to coincide with Love Your Library Month. In March, the President will send out a congratulatory letter and certificate to each of the authors.

YSD has been brainstorming ideas about how to increase membership. In doing so, it has been brought to our attention that most new hires have no idea what DLA is, how it works, or how it benefits them as individuals. It was proposed that Sara Thomas and I put together a welcome packet to be distributed to new hires by each site's director upon commencement of employment. We all agree that this will be a cost effective and efficient way to reach new library employees.

The Performer's Showcase was held at the Smyrna Opera House on 10/19. Youth service librarians watched 14 performers and had the opportunity to meet 12 more performers in the exhibition hall. Those performers chosen by the librarians and paid for by DDL will be announced sometime in December or January.

## **Jobs Webpage, submitted by Julie Brewer**

Attached is the current Jobs Webpage Report. So far in calendar year 2015 there have been 38 position announcements posted on the [DLA Career Opportunities](#) page with \$825 fees invoiced. Please let me know if you have any questions.

No report at this time.

**Nominations, Suzanne Smith**

**State Librarian, Annie Norman**