

Friends of Delaware Libraries: FODL

The Friends of Delaware Libraries are holding their Annual Meeting at the Delaware Library Town Meeting on Thursday, December 1st. Please urge your Friends to attend.

The Board has prepared an Advocacy Plan for Friends organizations that we are preparing to take on the road, after the beginning of the new year. We are also presenting it at the MLA/DLA Conference in May. The FODL Board is also one of the sponsors of the Pre-Conference titled "Creating Catalytic Conversations" with Michael Kumer, creator of Boards Made to Order, a Nonprofit Counseling organization.

Awards and Scholarships

The 2017 DLA Scholarships, Awards, and Citations were officially open for applications and nominations in mid-September. Scholarship applications for all four DLA scholarships (Wheless, Lowell, Bennett, and Penman) are due by December 1, 2016, and award/citation nominations are due by January 31, 2017. The first reminder went out on October 26, 2016, and the next reminder will be sent by November 18, 2016. This year scholarship and award/citation forms can be completed via a printable form or via an online Google form.

As of today (Nov. 15, 2016), no full scholarship applications have been submitted. However, five people have emailed asking questions, and I have received two very positive reference letters and am expecting full applications soon. No award/citation nominations have been received at this point. All full scholarship forms will be shared with the Scholarship Committee on Dec. 2, and decisions will be made on scholarship recipients before Christmas break.

Please note that beginning this year DASL awards and any other division-specific awards will be promoted and awarded by the specific division. I ask that DLA members continue to spread the word to colleagues about applying and nominating!

Scholarships: <http://dla.lib.de.us/scholarships/>

Awards: <http://dla.lib.de.us/awards-citations/>

Notes from the Long Range Planning Committee:

The committee met for the first time this fiscal year on November 14. We completed revisions for all DLA Treasurer and Councilor positions and the following committees: Archives, Membership, Publications, Nominating and Job Placement.

Beginning in January, the committee will be meeting via conference call once a month (instead of bimonthly in person). It is hoped that the handbook revisions will be completed sooner and more emphasis can be made on other strategic planning initiatives.

Also beginning in January, recommended handbook revisions will be placed in a Google Document, link sent via email to the Executive Board members. It will be the responsibility of the board members to review the document before the board meeting and make any requests for discussion at the meeting. After discussion, a vote will be taken on the revisions in the working document as a whole.

There will be no fall social event this year. The PubQuiz will be in March or early April 2017.

Public Library Division Report – Josias Bartram

The Public Library Division held our 3rd annual fall workshop – “We Go Together” – on October 20th.

- We had 30 participants from a variety of libraries and partner organizations.
- The workshop featured lightening talks, library related crafts, a networking lunch paid for by the PLD, and a speed networking event.
- We also gave away a DLA membership as a door prize.
- Evaluations were sent via follow-up email. We received 16 responses, and they were overwhelmingly positive. A spreadsheet of all responses is attached.

At the workshop, we introduced our streamlined Library Passport Program.

- The program is intended to incentivize public library staff to visit other libraries throughout the state.
- After soliciting feedback at our annual meeting in May, we have simplified the process of entering library visits. All that is required now is a selfie that is either posted to Facebook, or emailed to Catherine Wimberley.
- The prizes will still be a DLA membership and a \$100 gift card.
- The flyer is attached.

Delaware Library Association Youth Services Division Report October/November 2016

Summer Reading

As the year comes to an end the Youth Services Division has decided on a few changes for Beanstack. At the last state Youth Services Division meeting on September 21st, the main goal

was trying to make the summer reading program more uniform statewide. A few of the decisions made are listed below:

(Copied from Beth-Anne Ryan, facilitator of this topic at the meeting)

- **Summer Reading will run from June 1, 2017 – August 12, 2017 for all public libraries.**
 - This is with the understanding many libraries will have local kickoffs after school ends for the year.
 - Each library, or library system, will have their own Beanstack url.
 - Each library, or library system, can badge/award prizes locally
 - DDL will work with Beanstack to have demo sites in place before the end of December 2016.
 - DDL will populate Beanstack profiles with badges and graphics
 - There will be an in-person Beanstack training for all interested staff in early spring 2017 (March or April)
- There was much discussion on how to award badges for Early Lit, Children, and Teens (books vs. time)
 - Libraries would prefer the Early Lit & Children programs to use the same structure (books or time)
 - Patty will check national early learning standards and best practices for a recommendation
 - Although the preference from the group is to be consistent libraries may badge/award for what they prefer. Decisions to be made after Patty presents the national recommendations.
- DDL will send out a press release at the beginning of Summer Reading and a reminder release towards the end
 - DDL will investigate the possibility of a local Summer Reading manual
- DDL will cross check Juvenile checkouts for summer with summer reading stats. Some libraries report kids are in the library and reading but do not sign up for summer reading

Blue Hen

The voting session has officially ended for the public. We are in the midst of collecting the tallies for the books and should have the winders soon! We also decided on the next Blue Hen committee.

Picture Book:

- Chair:** Catherine Wimberley: Dover Public Library (will be year 1) KC
1. Christina Poe: Greenwood Public Library (Year 2) SUSSEX
 2. Amy Jones Greenwood Public Library (will be year 1) SUSSEX
 3. Katryna Cera-Proulx: Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library (will be year 1) NCC
 4. Leah Howard: Wilmington Public Library (will be year 1) NCC

Middle Readers:

- Chair:** Ashley Hoffman: Lewes Public Library (will be year 1) SUSSEX
1. Donna Carter: Greenwood Public Library (Year 2) SUSSEX

2. Debbie Howard: North Wilmington Library Branch (will be year 1) NCC
3. Barbara Keesey: Appoquinimink Community Library (will be year 1) NCC
4. Marleena Scott: Harrington Public Library (will be year 1) KC
5. Martha Boyd: Wesley Colelge (Year 2)

Teen Readers:

- Chair:** Renate Cummings: Appoquinimink Community Library (will be year 1) NCC
1. Sarah Beham: Rehoboth Beach Public Library (Year 2) SUSSEX
 2. Kerry Holliday: Dover Public Library (will be year 1) KC
 3. Jill Swain: Woodlawn Public Library (will be year 1) NCC
 4. Terri Jones: Hockessin Public Library (will be year 1) NCC

More news in regards to Blue Hen award is the addition of Graphic Novels as a category or sub-category. An ad-hoc committee has been made and will be meeting and decide on the specifics of how this will occur soon.

Upcoming

MLA/DLA-Jessica Webb/Vice President has brought 4 programs to MLA/DLA this year! We are excited to see the turn out.

1. " Serving Diverse Teens" through YALSA/ALA.
2. "Internet security and keeping kids safe" through Beau Biden Foundation.
3. Lea Rossell is doing a "How to" for implementing a Teen Job Fair at your library.
4. "Stewards for children-Showing tips on how to determine abuse, where to report to and our role as librarians" through the Beau Biden Foundation.

Proposed Bylaws Change: Below is the proposed bylaw change. We are still counting votes from all the members. Although not finished yet we will have an answer by next Friday. So far it is looking as though it will pass.

The officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and take office, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No one holding office in the Delaware Library Association shall be eligible for office in this Division.

The President and Vice President shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected and take office, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve in office for one year and is not required to transition to any other office once the one year term expires. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No one holding office in the Delaware Library Association shall be eligible for office in this Division.