

D. A. S. L. NEWSLETTER 2018/2019

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~ Upcoming Events ~

January 15th - Library Legislative Day

Where: Dover Public Library & Legislative Hall

What: School Librarians are encouraged to attend to help advocate for the needs of our communities. Lunch is provided!

How: See the DLA website -

<https://dla.lib.de.us/> - for more details and registration)

January 29th - D.A.S.L Meeting

Where: St. Georges Technical High School, Middletown, DE – 19709

When: 5pm-7:30pm

What: This event is open to all library employees, please invite non-members in your district. Refreshments will be provided!

How: RSVP to kim.read@nccvt.k12.de.us

D.A.S.L. Meeting Agenda:

1. Membership drive and the benefits of membership (as well as information about joining other divisions)
2. Library Advocacy: recent success & failures and re-cap of Library Legislative day
3. Planning for new DPAS guidelines and alignment with the new A.A.S.L. Standards.
4. New opportunities for professional development on line and clock hours. Also included is info about the Library Schoology site
5. Festival of Words: Conference and future changes
6. D.A.S.L awards information (*See DASL website for information) Last year's winners: Katelynn Scott (School Librarian of the Year, Alfred G Waters Middle School) & Kelley Thompson Administrator of the year (Assistant Principal Woodbridge High School)
7. Annual MLA-DLA Library Conference and future changes

~ News ~

Last year we saw awards given to two school librarians in the Brandywine school district - Bonnie Yurkanin (District Teacher of the Year) & Tammi Parker (Building Teacher of the Year)



Bonnie has received special recognition for projects like the Rock Your Socks video "Our Friend, Aaron." She commits herself to the school community at Claymont Elementary School. The list of her accomplishments is endless.



Tammi is not only a great school librarian, she is also an accomplished children's author. Tammy is dedicated to her students who inspire her penmanship.

Acknowledging achievements of school librarians is important. We need to publicize the positive side of school librarians. We need administrators and politicians to see our professionalism and dedication to students and education.

Please share any accomplishments with D.A.S.L. and consider nominating someone for a D.A.S.L. award this year!