

## **Scholarships, Awards & Citations Committee**

### **Report to Executive Board**

**August 20, 2019**

Committee members this years are:

- Maria Bunce, Dover Public Library
- Pamela Inskeep, Bear Public Library
- Julie Kirk, New Castle Public Library
- Katie McDonough, Delaware Division of Libraries – Chair
- Steve Newton – Delaware Division of Libraries (retired)
- Marianne Reeves – Delaware Library Association

We have received the amounts that we can offer this year from the Delaware Community Foundation:

- We will be able to award a total of \$15,000 for the Helen H. Bennett Scholarship.
- We will be able to award a total of \$2,400 for the Grace Estelle Wheelless and Linda Walge Penman scholarships.

Based on these amounts, the committee is discussing how many Bennett scholarships to offer and how to break down the amount for the Wheelless and Penman scholarships.

I've contacted Pat Birchenall, the Manager of the Newark Free Library, to ask whether their Friends group intends to offer the Charlesa Lowell Scholarship this year and am waiting to hear back.

The committee is also discussing:

- The establishment of a new award – an Emerging Leader award (although the name may be different in case of issues with ALA) – that would complement the Distinguished Librarian Award.
- Fleshing out the criteria for the Distinguished Librarian Award.
- Requiring that recipients of the Distinguished Librarian and Emerging Leader awards be members of the Delaware Library Association. They could join after nomination.
- Membership could also be included in the Emerging Leadership award if they're not already a member. There could more than Emerging Leadership award each year (a cohort).
- Requiring that recipients of the Bennett and Wheelless scholarships be members of the Delaware Library Association.
- Whether scholarship recipients should be residents of Delaware.

- Whether recipients of the Bennett Scholarship should be required to work in a Delaware library for a certain period of time after receiving the scholarship.
- How to get the word out to high school juniors and seniors about the Penman Scholarship.
- Revisiting the scholarship application.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie McDonough on behalf of the Committee