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DLA has 4 divisions, 9 committees, and 1 interest group, all in 1 awesome organization! Read on to see what they've all been up to lately.

## Help Lead DLA!

DLA still has open leadership positions -- read on to hear how you can contribute to DLA's growth and development!

### **Vice-President**

Term: 3 years

As Vice-President (year 1), you will take a key role in developing DLA's contributions to the MLA / DLA Annual Conference. The VP leads the DLA Conference Committee and liaises with MLA on conference matters.

As President (year 2), you will lead the DLA Executive Board, guiding the organization's activities for the following year.

As Past-President (year 3), you will lead the Long Range Planning Committee -- a group focused on long-term changes that would benefit DLA, such as conducting member surveys or researching membership software.

For more information on any of these roles, including details on responsibilities, please see the [DLA Bylaws](#).

### **ALA Councilor**

Term: 3 years

As ALA Councilor, you will represent DLA at the national level with the American Library Association. You will attend LibLearnX and ALA Annual Conference to participate in Council meetings.

### **Treasurer**

Term: 2 years

The DLA Treasurer plays an important role in helping plan the budget for the association, divisions, and committees, remit payments, and manage DLA's accounts.

### **Committee Chair Positions:**

- Handbook & Bylaws
- Social Justice

# Message from DLA President, Scott Businsky

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I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and for those returning to academic and school libraries in the Fall, may your upcoming academic year be filled with joy.

We live in contentious times, and we all know that libraries are not immune. Part of our mission as an Association is to uplift and support our colleagues throughout Delaware. It is vital that we continue to strengthen our community of practice to ensure that Delaware has an engaged and proactive library workforce. We are a small Association and a small state, but we aim high and have achieved great success.

These achievements are owed to the DLA members and library workers throughout Delaware. Your commitment to serving in various roles within DLA, and all facets of library work, has tremendous value and importance. The DLA Executive Board is excited about our new membership software, and the mentor/mentee program. It is our hope that these new components of DLA will increase member engagement, and strengthen our community of practice.

DLA is an all-volunteer member Association. We need library workers throughout Delaware to take part in committee and leadership roles to help DLA grow. I began my career in libraries as a recent college graduate, shelving books while listening to the entire Kinks catalog of music. I also had no idea what I wanted out of life. Over time, my professional network grew and I started to find my footing. When I moved to Delaware and joined DLA, I became instantly aware of how DLA could impact my career. I've had the great fortune of working with so many amazing

colleagues throughout Delaware and from a wide array of professional backgrounds. I encourage you to seek out opportunities to serve DLA. Do not hesitate to reach out.

I recently traveled to Seattle and up the coast to Alaska with my wife Sara (school librarian, woo woo!). We have a habit of seeking out libraries on our travels. I know we are not alone in this adventure. We stumbled upon a familiar sight: the same 2024 summer reading yard sign. It was located in the front of Sitka Public Library in Sitka, Alaska, some 3,000 miles from home. There's an overwhelming sense of joy seeing a shared library resource on the other side of the country.





# Message from DLA President, Scott Businsky

I'll leave you with this quote from the Working Together Project, an initiative based out of Canada. "Transforming staff roles to work with socially excluded communities means changing the way we look at planning, customer service, and policy. It means moving toward a model in which every user is viewed as a complex individual, with history and community, requiring human contact to fully meet their needs. Such a transformation shifts the library back to its human roots."

Let's continue our work of building bridges, and empowering our communities.  
Thank you,  
Scott Businsky, President





# A New Season of Youth Services: Updates and Invitations

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As the leaves begin to change and a new season approaches, I'm excited to share updates from the Youth Services Division and invite you to actively participate.

We're gearing up for an exciting fall filled with opportunities to connect, learn, and collaborate. Our fall division meeting will be held in conjunction with the Statewide Youth Services meeting on **Thursday, October 24th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Dover Public Library.**

During my term as President, I plan to highlight the experience, expertise, and enthusiasm of our youth services staff throughout the state at our meetings and special events. Stay tuned for more information!

I encourage each of you to share your thoughts and ideas for strengthening our division. **What challenges are you facing? What successes are you celebrating? What topics would you like to see addressed at our meetings?** Your input is invaluable in shaping the direction of our work.

Please reach out to our Executive Board at [DelawareYSD@gmail.com](mailto:DelawareYSD@gmail.com) if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,  
Rachel West (she/her)  
President, Youth Services Division  
Delaware Library Association  
Branch Manager, Hockessin Library



## DELAWARE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SURVEY OF DELAWARE'S 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES

The Delaware Library Association (DLA) and the Friends of Delaware Libraries (FODL), with assistance from EveryLibrary, recently conducted a survey of candidates running for office in Delaware's 2024 Primary Election to gauge their support for school and public libraries. With a survey response rate of 65%, respondents overwhelmingly expressed their support for school and public libraries.



### SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Strongly agree that all students should have access to school libraries and state-certified school library media specialists.

### STUDENT SUCCESS

Agree or strongly agree that librarians are essential to student success and are a crucial part of the education system.

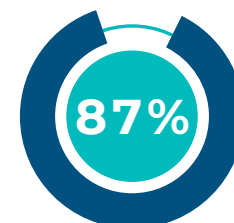


### STATE STANDARDS

Support additional operational funding for public libraries, with 70% stating they support increasing funding by \$2.25 million.

### LITERARY PROGRAMS

Agree literacy programs that promote individual learning and exploration of new ideas are a vital part of public libraries.



## 2022 DELAWARE VOTER ATTITUDE SURVEY ABOUT LIBRARIES



72% of voters have a library card



82% support increasing library funding



2/3 Describe the library has "helpful" or "useful"

Visit [dla.lib.de.us](http://dla.lib.de.us) for more information.



# 2024 Community Engagement Grant Awardees!

The Delaware Library Association (DLA) awarded five Community Engagement Grants in FY24 totaling \$2500. The DLA Community Engagement grant is awarded annually and is open to any personal or institutional member of DLA. More information on the grant, including when the next grant cycle will open, can be found [online](#).

*Interviews and information written by Michelle Hughes, Community Engagement Grant Chair.*

## Congratulations to the South Coastal Library!

The South Coastal Library was awarded \$450 for their proposal; Get Weather Wise. The primary goal of this program is to provide participants with accurate information and resources in an engaging way so that they might be more prepared for future weather emergencies and disasters. Pat Young, Chair of the Delaware Libraries and Disasters Initiative (DLDI), and Pat Heineman, Emergency Planning Specialist with the University of Delaware's Center for Disability Studies, have been doing a disaster preparedness and planning program at local libraries, and were instrumental in the planning of the Delaware Libraries and Disaster Summit in 2017. Now they are looking to pull in bigger audiences by having a local weather personality talk about weather red flags. According to Pat Young "We were missing the fun hook". Bringing in a local weather personality will add fun to what can sometimes be an overlooked topic.

The program will be geared to all adults with special emphasis on including resources for seniors, caregivers and individuals with special access and functional needs, such as mobility issues, hearing impairment, vision loss, etc. Weather related emergencies and disasters don't discriminate but can impact individuals of all backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, gender, etc.

Studies have shown that communities are more resilient when their residents are better prepared for emergencies and disasters. South Coastal is looking to have two presentations during the program, and is hoping community members not only from Bethany Beach area but nearby communities will attend. They are hoping to line up Dan Satterfield, Chief Meteorologist for the local news outlet WBOC. If he's not available they are looking into other options. South Coastal was the first library in DE to have an emergency preparedness kiosk that has 'to-go' bags freely available.



*Pictured left to right: Jaclyn Hale (DLA Treasurer, Anne Hiller Clark (DLA Past President, Pat Young, Sue Keefe (Library Director)*

# Community Engagement Grant Awardees!

## Congratulations to the Georgetown Public Library!

The Georgetown Public Library was awarded \$1,000 for their proposal; Get Moving at the Library. The project will be a health initiative across all ages and will be done by working with community partners and outside presenters to bring a variety of healthy activities to the library. The inspiration for this project was initiated by the high demand for the 'Feelings Rock' program. The library wanted to get parents involved in programs with their kids (or vice versa).

Meghan Palazzo, Assistant Director, says “We are excited to launch Get Moving at the Library and hope it will encourage the entire family to embrace an active lifestyle”! The library’s mission is to get the whole family at the library and have programs that reach all ages. Library leadership has noticed that while the town of Georgetown is flourishing, they only have one gym and not a lot of food options. They have noticed with the addition of a new food market that there seems to be a push to try and get healthy, and the library wants to provide programming that will draw the community in.

The unique thing about Georgetown’s program is that it will be for all ages. They want to focus on a cohesive program across the age ranges. Infants and Toddlers will do a music, movement, and social emotional wellness program; Children and Teens will learn how to make healthy snacks with cooking classes presented by the University of Delaware; Adults will have Pilates and a Walking Group option; and older Adults will have the always popular chair yoga.



*Pictured left to right: Meghan Palazzo (Assistant Director), Rachel Culver (Library Director), Jaclyn Hale (DLA Treasurer), Anne Hiller Clark (DLA Past-President)*

## Congratulations to the Hagley Museum and Library!

The Hagley Museum and Library was awarded \$350 for their proposal; Hagley Unboxed: Education Through Play with Vintage Board Games. The Hagley Museum and Library (Hagley) will host weekly board game nights during November 2024 in celebration of International Games Month. The goal is to present the public with board games from different time periods that explore topics such as careers, economics, and business history and have the public engage in considerations how the board games might reflect trends and perspectives from that period.



# Community Engagement Grant Awardees!

Hannah Spring Pfeifer is excited for this program as a “Tangible experience with collections in a research institute in a ‘gloves off’ way”. The board games were donated to Hagley by the Institute for Financial Literacy. Through this program visitors will play with facsimile versions of selected games which will be placed in context by a companion case exhibit. The exhibit will feature original items from Hagley’s collections and will encourage critical thinking of board games not just as fun activities but as historical artifacts.

As a research institution, Hagley has innovation, investigation, creativity and inquiry baked into everything they do. They also have a strong focus on diversity and inclusion. The board games that have been selected for this program span from 1957 to 1988. Two of the games, Careers and What Shall I Be, are framed from an individual standpoint, with the games proposing different versions of individual success and fulfillment. All the games reflect the implicit and explicit biases of the era and culture in which they were

produced, notably how biases about race, gender, and socio-economic status informed the game’s design. Despite the potentially upsetting nature of these board games, Hagley wants to make them available for public use to bring awareness to how something as simple and benign as a board game could represent and shape norms and perceptions. For participants wanting a deeper dive into the topic and their collections, they will provide a traditional case exhibit. Said Alice Hanes, “We’re excited about this unit of the organization putting on a topic like this”.

## Congratulations to the Hockessin Library!

The Hockessin Library was awarded \$425 for their proposal; Citizen Science @ the Library. The library will create kits of equipment, instructions, and related materials for circulation so patrons can complete Citizen Science projects like measuring light pollution, counting pollinators, and tracking plant and insect species in their communities. The library will purchase a variety of technology levels and equipment to make the SciStarter kits accessible to multiple ages. Citizen Science is community-based science done by everyday people to contribute to the larger research field. Patrons can be connected to local, statewide, and national scientific initiatives.

According to Rachel West, Library Director, they are always looking towards sustainability and environmental education, with STEM programs and collections being a core pillar at Hockessin. The library is also working to align library programs and services with the New Castle County 2050 plan. “I’m proud of the opportunities that this program presents to partner with the Friends and local organizations. This will really flow from community asset mapping and strategic partnership evaluation”.



*Pictured left to right: Alice Hanes (Technical Services Librarian), Anne Hiller Clark (DLA Past-President), Jaclyn Hale (DLA Treasurer), Hannah Pfeifer (Library Coordinator), Angela Schad (Head of Reference Services)*

# Community Engagement Grant Awardees!

said Rachel. “The library is looking to do more with STEM activities, especially with families and teens”, said Geri Krolin-Taylor, member of the NCC Advisory Board.

The library has worked hard to cultivate partnerships. The SciStarter kits will be highlighted at existing programming from outside organizations like Mt. Cuba Nature Center, and Delaware Nature Society programs and with local businesses. The Friends of the Hockessin Library will designate a portion of their Reading Garden to wildflowers so the library can host programs utilizing the Counting Pollinators kit.



*Pictured left to right: Ann Pfeifer (Circulation Aide), Anne Hiller Clark (DLA Past-President), Jaclyn Hale (DLA Treasurer), Rachel West (Library Director), Geri Krolin-Taylor (Past President Hockessin Friends & NCC Advisory Board), Louise Glenn (Library Specialist), Mary McMahon (Library Assistant)*

## Congratulations to the Bear Library!

The Bear Library was awarded \$275 for their proposal; Bear Library 3rd Annual Fall Festival. The Bear Library, like most libraries, is beloved by all and is the heart of the community. However, library staff noticed there was no unifying event (like a parade or festival) that brings the community together. Bear is a more transient community and doesn't have a City Hall or community center. Elizabeth Mayer started to see the disparities and recognize this need, and three years ago started the first Bear Library Fall Festival event. The objective was to host a community event that is free and provide free resources to the community they might have not known about previously. The goal for the first year was 150 people, when in reality over 700 attended. The second year they had over 1,400 people attend, even with weather not cooperating and the festival had to shift completely indoors.

For the third year Elizabeth and Kathryn Hatfield are expecting an audience of 1,500 and will expand free community offerings to include free dental checks (past years included Lions Club vision checks and AmeriHealth health checks and screenings), and have musical entertainment for all ages plus crafts and activities. The library is also looking to bring cultural elements into the Festival. Through a partnership with the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union they provide financial story times with Brother and Sister Bear from the Berenstain Bears and a petting zoo. Other sponsors include ShopRite, Walmart, Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, and Fulton Bank, as well as the Friends of the Bear Library, the Lions Club, AmeriHealth, NCC Policy Community Outreach department and other community partners.



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The core of this event is bringing the community together. After Covid when program numbers were down, Elizabeth and Kathryn wanted a visual program that would draw people back to the library. “We definitely want to keep the Festival going throughout the years and have the Bear Community come to expect it every year. We are so grateful for the support from all the organizations that have been so generous and the unconditional support from Rep. Johnson and Library Director Eric Kuhn”, said Elizabeth. The Festival is held in the fall to capitalize on the last of the nice weather and so the library can promote programs happening in the winter months which tends to be their slower season.



*Pictured left to right: Adriana Camacho-Church (Library Specialist), Anne Hiller Clark (DLA Past-President), Karen Potts (PLA), Laura Borzellieri (CSW), Representative Kendra Johnson, Kathryn Hatfield (Librarian I), Elizabeth Mayer (Librarian I), Jaelyn Hale (DLA Treasurer), Julie Billips (Library Assistant), Kim Anguish (Library Specialist), Kim Friberg (Library Specialist), Connie Malin (President Bear Friends), Carol Boome*

**Congratulations to all the awardees!**

Watch our [website](#) for more information on the next grant cycle.

# NEWS

News from DLA, Delaware libraries, and beyond.

## Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday!

*The following piece was submitted by Susan Elizabeth Cordle, Delaware Division of Libraries.*

On August 9th, Dover Public Library hosted Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday Celebration where over 116 children and adults attended. This event was organized by the Delaware Libraries and Delaware Forest Services. Special guests included First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney, Dr. Annie Norman, Secretary Michael Scuse, Kyle Hoyd, and Smokey Bear! Since January, Delaware Libraries and Delaware Forest Services have been working together to promote Smokey Bear's 80th Reading Challenge in the State of Delaware.



*Left: State Forester Kyle Hoyd and State Librarian Dr. Annie Norman.*

*Right: Smokey Bear celebrates his 80th birthday.*





# DSU Library Joins Getty Images HBCU Photo Archive

*This piece was submitted by Tim Patterson, Digitization and Copy Cataloger and Marjorie Ramsey, Reference and Public Services Librarian, Delaware State University.*

This past spring, Delaware State University began a partnership with Getty Images to preserve both archival photographs and contemporary photographs and make them available for licensing. This initiative was made possible through Getty's HBCU Photo Archive Grants Program and with the support of DSU's Division of Institutional Advancement. Donations from EPSON, including an Expression 13000XL scanner, have allowed library staff to begin the process of exploring our archives for photographs and slides to scan and upload.



*Digitization Copy Cataloger, Tim Patterson, and Reference Librarian, Marjorie Ramsey, sort through photographs in the DSU Archives.*

The project was jump-started with a visit to the DSU library and archives in May by Cassandra Illidge and Matt Flor, two Getty team members who worked with the library team on setting up the process and determining the types of photographs that would be a best fit for the project. During the site visit with Getty, 109 images were scanned over three days with many more selected to continue. Digitization and Copy Cataloger, Tim Patterson, is the library's lead on the scanning process with other library staff assisting with the selection process and adding metadata tags to the images once they are digitally processed by the Getty team.

A typical day of scanning for Patterson sees him selecting curated photos from the archives, based on recommendations from Getty. These include no "boring" photos, such as groups of professors posing for a group shot. Ideally, photos are "action shots," like a winning football touchdown, or something that is of its time, like students huddled around 1980s IBM computers. Unique and interesting photos are continually found and scanned, such as a Hot Air Balloon class or a Honda motorcycle class for continuing education. These interesting photos lend to a vivid and celebratory visual history of Delaware State University, which can be viewed on [Getty's website](#).

Next, Patterson scans the photos on the Epson Expression 13000XL scanner using SilverFast 9 software to edit and touch-up the photos. This is a long and painstaking process to revitalize photos, some as old as from the University's early days of the 1890s (when it was the State College for Colored Students).

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Files are then sent to an offshore photo software company, where hi-res edits are made. Then, those files are uploaded to Getty Images. The Library team can then access the uploaded images on Getty's website and add metadata to provide a real sense of history, through identifying these historical figures or landmarks. Since May, 400 additional photos have been scanned at a rate of approximately 50 per week.

This fall, the library plans to train student workers to help continue the project. Select students will be trained how to use the Epson scanner and SilverFast software. Mr. Patterson and the library staff will continue to monitor and select the photos. The library is hoping that the additional help will make the process faster but still has high quality results.

*(L-R) Matt Flor, Getty Images; Ondrea Murphy, Library Director, and Cassandra Illidge, Getty Images, select photographs in the DSU Archives.*



*College student reviews a specimen through a microscope, circa 1984.*



View the [full collection](https://www.gettyimages.com) at [GettyImages.com](https://www.gettyimages.com).







# Adventure Begins at Rehoboth Beach Public Library

*The following piece was written by Lauren McCauley, Director of Rehoboth Beach Public Library.*

The Rehoboth Beach Public Library had a spectacular summer of adventure, thanks to our hardworking staff and in particular our new Youth Services Librarian, Shannon Davis. Shannon's enthusiasm brought a lot of joy to our local and visiting families. One hundred and twenty-one children and teens registered for reading logs, with fifty-seven completing the challenge and a total of 1,905 books read! Special events included our Summer Kickoff Party at Grove Park, monthly STEM activities and crafts, our annual Hogwarts Camp, a live game of Among Us in the library, and the ever-popular Reptile Wonders.

*Lobby display for "Adventure Begins at Your Library"*



*Children play with flag at the Summer Kickoff Party, June 17th*

# First Spouse Launches Reading Tour at DE Libraries

*The text of this piece is adapted from the [Press Release](#) from the Office of the Governor.*

Governor Carney and First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 joined Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian of Delaware, Casey Family Programs, literacy and early education advocates, and students to launch a Reading Tour. This Reading Tour highlights the importance of literacy and encourage children and families to take advantage of the services and programs at Delaware Libraries.

As part of the Reading Tour, First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney released her original children’s book – *Books for Blue*. *Books for Blue* encourages children and all readers to visit their local library, step outside their comfort zones, explore different genres, and discover their passions through reading. *Books for Blue* is available in three languages, English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. The book was reviewed by Dr. Meghan Walls, a Delaware child psychologist, and published by Syncretic Press.

“First Chance is all about strengthening partnerships to serve Delaware’s children and their families,” said First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney. “One of our main pillars has been to encourage early language experiences toward healthy brain development and school readiness. Casey Family Programs, Delaware Libraries, children’s healthcare providers, and early education champions all have been lead partners in that work. *Books for Blue* conveys a lot of the

messages we’ve hoped to advance. In addition to the essential need to actively develop kids’ skills and habits around reading, those messages include how literacy activities can strengthen family connections and the importance of nurturing curiosity, self-awareness, and joy in lifelong learning. As Blue says, ‘keep looking to learn what you’re looking for.’”

This book was made possible by the generosity and partnership of Casey Family Programs. Families will be able to borrow *Books for Blue* from 33 libraries across the state in the coming weeks. Copies are also being sent to school districts for distribution in their schools and early learning centers for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney will be participating in events across the state as part of the Reading Tour with educators, members of the General Assembly, and various community partners.



*First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney reads Books for Blue to children at Wilmington Library.*



# First Spouse Launches Reading Tour at DE Libraries

“The First Spouse Tracey is a wonderful supporter of children, and literacy, and libraries,” said Annie Norman, State Librarian. “The book she is launching is about libraries, which provide the opportunity for every child to discover the magic book that sparks the love of reading for a lifetime!”

Both Selbyville Public Library and Harrington Public Library are beneficiaries of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. In 2022, in response to the rise in demand for library services, [Governor Carney invested \\$40 million](#) in Delaware libraries throughout all three counties. This funding – championed by Delaware’s Congressional Delegation – benefitted nine libraries and made two new facilities for Selbyville and Harrington, respectively, possible.

The Selbyville Public Library is proud to host Delaware’s First Spouse, Tracey Quillen Carney, on the reading tour for her new book,” said Kelly Kline, Director of the Selbyville Public Library. “While the Selbyville Public Library will soon turn the page with its new building, we couldn’t be more grateful for the Governor and First Lady’s support of libraries throughout all the previous chapters.”

“The Harrington Public Library is very excited to host First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney as she debuts her new book which we hope will inspire the children of our area to get their first library card,” said Marleena Scott, Director of the Harrington Public Library.

*Read the rest of this piece on the [Governor’s Website](#).*



*First Spouse Tracey Quillen Carney reads Books for Blue to children at Wilmington Library.*



# Disaster Blaster!

*The following piece was written by Pat Young, Library Assistant at South Coastal Library and current Chair of the Delaware Libraries and Disasters Initiative (DLDI).*

Welcome, once again, to Disaster Blaster – the regular feature in the Bulletin that strives to help readers stay safe and be more “disaster ready.” In this installment, I would like to continue addressing preparedness by introducing you to two new tools that deal with specific emergency related situations: power outages and evacuation.

When it comes to power outages, sometimes it’s difficult to know exactly what’s going on. Many of us have learned to turn to our service provider’s website, but what if we’re checking on a family member or friend who lives elsewhere in the state – or even in the country – and we don’t know who provides their service? PowerOutage.us is an excellent online tool that provides detailed information such as how many customers are without power and who the service provider(s) is/are for any state in the country. Information is even available not only on a state level but also on the county level.

Closer to home, our own Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) has created a new tool to address concerns around possible evacuations. If an evacuation order is issued for part or all of Delaware, where do we go? Given that we’re living on a peninsula and conditions may or may not be

safe to use routes such as across the Bay Bridge, the answer is north. But what if all Delawareans were to evacuate heading north at or around the same time? It could be a recipe for major problems at best or disaster at worst. Enter “[Know Your Zone](#),” the new geographically based tool that will fine tune evacuations. DEMA has developed an online tool that has great potential to lead to a much smoother and less stressful evacuation process when the need arises. The agency has identified 4 low-lying zones susceptible to flooding primarily in Delaware’s coastal areas. Using their easy online tool anyone can look up any address in the state to know their specific zone. If / when an evacuation order is announced, the order will indicate which zone(s) are impacted. By taking this approach, DEMA will be able to fine tune the evacuation order to only those areas that are in danger for any reason. The tool is available at <https://preparede.org/know-your-zone/> and now would be the perfect time to check it out so that you Know Your Zone!

**KNOW YOUR ZONE**

When emergencies happen, officials issue evacuation warnings or mandatory evacuation orders for communities in impacted or potentially impacted areas.

Scan the QR code to use the **Know Your Zone** lookup tool.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE?**

In Delaware, evacuation zones are labeled

**A B C D**

Use the **Know Your Zone** lookup tool at [PreparedE.org/Know-Your-Zone](https://PreparedE.org/Know-Your-Zone).

**PrepareDE.org**



Exciting DLA events coming up soon!

# Save the Date: MLA / DLA Conference May 7-9, 2025



Next year's conference will be held at the **Roland E. Powell Convention Center** in **Ocean City, MD**.

Themes, more information, and calls for proposals coming soon!



# Write for the DLA Bulletin!

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The DLA Bulletin is an excellent way to let other DLA members know what's going on your in library! All Bulletin content is written by **you, DLA members**. Things you could share:

- A recap of a successful library program
- A division, committee, or working group update -- what is your group working on right now?
- A cool collection or program you have at your library
- A call for participation -- need volunteers for a DLA-adjacent event? Or a collaborator for a project?
- Awards or recognitions of DLA members
- Upcoming professional development opportunities for DLA members
- Events for DLA members
- In Memoriam pieces - remember a Delaware librarian who has passed away



**Bulletin on hiatus for Fall  
Next call goes out February 2025**

You can still [submit here](#) for Spring  
Bulletin.

Contact the Bulletin Editor, Kayla Abner, with any questions ([kabner@udel.edu](mailto:kabner@udel.edu)).

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