



Delaware County Libraries Board of Directors

MINUTES
April 16, 2026
6:30pm

1. **Call Meeting to Order – 6:30pm by McGrane**

Present: Jody Allen (arrived 6:35pm), Jessica Brangiel, Steve Mason, Helen McGrane, Jenny Shulbank, Karen Standen, Ann Yurcaba Public Comment on Agenda Items

2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items – No Comments**

3. **Minutes**

A correction to the date of Delco Gives was noted. Motion to approve minutes of the February 19, 2026, meeting with the correction was made and seconded by Shulbank, Brangiel; unanimous approval.

4. **Communications & Announcements**

a. **Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities awards (Laepple)**

PDE/OCL announced more than \$11 million of grant funding through the Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities program on April 3, 2026. All three DCL libraries that applied received grants:

- i. Marple was awarded the maximum \$750,000 to renovate their circulation area and entrance, as well as replace the ceiling and upgrade lighting
- ii. Ridley Park was awarded \$30,000 to address water intrusion issues
- iii. Sharon Hill was also awarded the maximum \$750,000 to replace the existing facility with an accessible, modern library.

b. **National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026 (Laepple)**

Find Your Joy is this year's NLW theme with Mychael Threets serving as honorary chair. Anny made a presentation at County Council's April 8 meeting and Council presented a resolution in recognizing NLW. All are

invited to DCL's 3rd Annual Read at Rose Tree event on Saturday, April 18, from 11am-12pm. If libraries receive a resolution or proclamation from their municipality for NLW, please send pictures to Theresa Dykes and PaLA.

c. Summer at the library (Laepple)

i. Reading Challenges

Beanstack challenges will run June 19 to August 15 for all ages.

ii. Journey Across Delco

Journey Across Delco will also run June 19-August 15 and children are challenged to visit each library to learn about dinosaurs, complete their game sheet, and collect dino trading cards.

iii. Science in the Summer

Science in the Summer 2026 has the theme Be a Chemist and is for children entering 2nd through 6th grades. Locations and dates, along with registration info can be found on delcolibraries.org

5. Financial Report

Motion to accept the March 31, 2026, report made and seconded by Allen, Shulbank; unanimous approval

6. Administrator's Report

a. Annual Report 2025 (Laepple)

All State Aided libraries are **statutorily** required to complete an "Annual Report" to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Reports were due to DCL on March 2 and are in the lengthy review process.

b. Waiver of District Aid Standards approved (Laepple)

On February 27, 2026, our request for Waiver of District Aid Standards was approved by OCL ensuring DCL is eligible for District funding for 2026-2027.

c. District Negotiated Agreement 2026-2027 (Laepple)

The annual negotiating meeting for the 2026-2027 DNA is scheduled for April 21, 2026. The final agreement will be shared with all libraries and they will then be required to complete the Member Library Verification

form using Counting Opinions. Thank to the negotiating committee library representatives from Media, Norwood, Rachel Kohl, Ridley Park, Ridley Township, and Springfield.

d. Anticipated changes to SALSA process (Laepple)

Laepple shared the OCL has announced a change in the SALSA process for Federated Systems and their member libraries which will begin to be rolled out this year and will have a multi-year transition. Ultimately, the federate system admin unit (DCL) will be the only entity that applies for State and for Waivers on behalf of member libraries. More information will be shared as it is provided.

e. Strategic Plan & System Evaluation update (Laepple)

- i. Laepple recapped the Legislative Breakfast and thanked the planning committee as well as attendees. Everyone is invited to review the Impact Report (delcolibraries.org/impact-report) and the Library Value Calculator (delcolibraries.org/library-value-calculator).
- ii. Laepple shared the DCL is working on the implementation of a new discovery layer (generally known as the library catalog), that will launch later this year.

7. Committee Reports – No reports

8. New Business – No new business

9. Old Business – No old business

10. Public Comment

- a. McGrane shared a public comment submitted via email from the Media-Upper Providence Free Library
 - i. Media's Merry Musicians Ensemble - Media's Merry Musicians are a community string ensemble that meets every other month at the Media Upper Providence Free Library. This is not a professional ensemble—rather; they are neighbors and friends who simply believe that playing music together as a community matters. The ensemble is open to adults and youth (ages 12+) accompanied by

a parent or guardian. Their next meeting is Saturday, May 16th, from 11 to 12:30. You are welcome to come join!

- ii. Calling All Book Lovers! - Discover a world of stories waiting to be explored at the [Media-Upper Providence Free Library](#) Book Sale on April 18-20, 2026. With over 30,000 books and thousands of additional items for sale, there is something for everyone! The Book Sale, in support of the Media-Upper Providence Free Library, is run entirely by volunteers and relies solely upon donations from the community.

b. Laepple shared 2 DCL personnel updated:

- i. ILL Coordinator position has been posted internally for AFSCME candidates, if no candidates apply, it will be posted externally after 4/23.
- ii. DCL will host a summer intern who will primarily work with the IT team. The intern is a student at DCCC and wages will be funded by an outside source, so it will be budget neutral for DCL.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made and seconded by Shulbank, Allen; unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next Meeting: *June 18, 2026*