

DCL DIGEST

A Newsletter for Library Staff



Keystone Grant Recipients

By Theresa Dykes

Congratulations to the Marple Public Library, the Ridley Park Public Library, and the Sharon Hill Public Library on their recent Keystone Grant awards! The purpose of the Keystone Grant, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Commonwealth Libraries, is to improve public library facilities.

The Marple Public Library was awarded \$750,000 to renovate the circulation area for improved service and accessibility, renovate the entrance and replace failing accessible doors, as well as a ceiling replacement including upgraded lighting.

The Ridley Park Public Library will receive \$30,000 to address flooding issues through installation of a sump pump and additional drainage improvements.

The Sharon Hill Public Library was awarded \$750,000 to construct a more accessible and modern library to replace the existing facility.

Applications for the next Keystone Grant cycle will open at the end of 2027 for work to begin in 2028.

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Annual Young Poets of Delaware County Poetry Celebration

The annual Young Poets of Delaware County poetry celebration took place on May 31st at the Redwood Community Center located in beautiful Upland Park. Over 100 poetry lovers gathered to hear our 36 winning poets read their poems. Each winner was awarded a certificate and small monetary prize provided by the Mad Poet's Society and a copy of the anthology and a writing journal from Delco Libraries.



Meet Delco Discover

By Kristin Suda

We're excited to introduce Delco Discover, our new catalog experience designed to make finding, borrowing, and managing library materials easier than ever.

Delco Discover brings together all available formats of a title—print books, eBooks, audiobooks, and more—in one convenient display, making it easier for patrons to see their options and find what they're looking for. Search results can be refined using helpful filters such as format, language, age group, publication date, genre, and location.

Patrons can also bookmark titles as they browse and use the Request Any Edition feature to quickly place holds and have items delivered to their preferred library location. Once logged in, the Account Portal provides an updated view of checkouts, requests, and account information.

Along with the new DCL Kids' Catalog, Delco Discover offers a fresh look and improved access to our collections. As you explore the new catalogs, keep an eye out for the built-in Tour and Tips features, which provide helpful guidance throughout the site. Staff are also encouraged to visit the new catalog help page for tutorials, screenshots, and answers to common questions so you'll be ready to help patrons make the most of this exciting upgrade. (www.delcolibraries.org/new-catalog-help)

The implementation of our new catalog moves forward DCL's strategic goal of ensuring our integrated library system (ILS) is meeting the needs of all users by providing a more accessible and intuitive experience.

Prepare For an Adventure This Summer

By Cheri Crow

We hope your libraries will participate in our county-wide events this summer including summer reading in Beanstack, Journey Across Delco, and Summer kick-off events.

This summer we invite you to participate in a staff only reading challenge. Help us reach our county-wide reading goal of 750,000 minutes, read and post book reviews, and maybe even invite your colleagues to share their friend codes so you can see who is on top of the leaderboard and cheer each other on!

Journey Across Delco will be spotlighting 28 types of dinosaurs as kids travel around the county from library to library. Each child can find and color in your library's designated dinosaur bone on the back of their game sheet and then collect your library's unique trading card!

Our libraries will be hosting kick-off events from now until August 1st to get kids excited about reading! All kinds of performers are booked, from Fossil Hunters to Birds of Prey. Check out Libcal to see everything being offered.

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Team Up to Clean Up Kits

We've partnered with the Delaware County Office of Sustainability to provide libraries with Team Up to Clean Up kits! Each library will receive two kits containing two foldable trash grabbers, two trash bags, two branded high-visibility safety vests, a pack of disinfecting wipes, and an instructional sheet. These kits can be checked out with a library card. They provide an easy way for residents to earn volunteer hours, take pride in their neighborhoods, and become part of the solution to litter. Look for kits to arrive in libraries in mid-July.



Just For Fun



"Hand over all your cash or
I break this book's spine!"

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Meet The Staff: Amanda Pentimall

1. What's your job title?

Circulation Services Assistant

2. How long have you worked at DCL?

Five years

3. What's something people might be surprised about your job?

Something that may come as a surprise is that I rarely, if ever, get to communicate with any library patrons

4. Would you rather read the book or watch the movie?

I'd rather read the book than watch its movie adaptation, because it's likely to be more accurate to what the author intended.

5. Who is your favorite author and what's their best work?

If I had to choose a favorite author, I'd choose Heather Fawcett. All of her books are amazing, but she outdid herself with the Emily Wilde series.

6. Is your glass half empty or half full?

My glass is half full most of the time, I try to have an optimistic outlook on life.

7. What's your favorite family tradition?

Every year on the anniversaries of my grandfathers' deaths, my family and I have a dessert they loved in remembrance to them- ice cream for one, strawberry shortcake for the other.

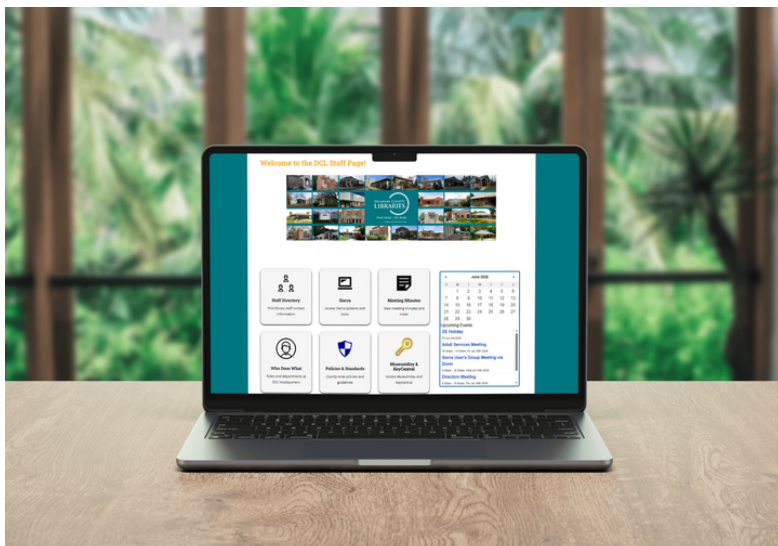
8. What app or website do you use most?

The app or website I use the most is either YouTube or Spotify, maybe both.

9. Best ice cream topping?

Rainbow sprinkles





Staff Site Highlight

By Theresa Dykes

Our staff site homepage has a new look! Now you'll find buttons for the most popular pages right on the homepage. You may notice some other changes across the site as well. Thank you to DE intern, Jaleel Whaley, for implementing these changes and making our staff website easier to navigate.

Resource Spotlight

By Angela Brown

Where do you send community members in need to search for health and social services in the local community? Direct them to PA Navigate, a vast curated database of services throughout Pennsylvania. This resource is provided by funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. This statewide network places everything at their fingertips. Just by entering a zip code, one will find thousands of resources to help with food, housing, transportation, education, work, legal and health services, and so much more by using the drop-down menus. Patrons will be provided with each resource's address, phone number, hours of operation, and a map for directions. Each entry also shares who they serve, what they offer, and what the next steps are to get help. The database is a go to for reference staff and those who know of community members in need of support.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

July French American Heritage Month

July 2 Thurgood Marshall's Birthday

July 3 DCL Holiday

July 10 Adult Services Meeting

July 15 Sierra Users Group Meeting

July 16 Directors' Meeting

August 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People

August 20 DCLB Meeting

September 7 DE Holiday

September 15 International Day of Democracy