Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development
February 2, 2023: 10:00a.m.
Venue: Virtual meeting via Teams

Minutes

GAC Members Present: David Belanger, Marsha Everton, Mary Garm, Dale Hamby, Robert
Lambert, Rebecca Long, Allison Mackley, Beth Mellor, Sue Werner, Barbara
Zaborowski

GAC Members Excused: None.

Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL): Susan Banks, Deputy Secretary; Demetrice Barbour,
Admin Assistant; Carrie Cleary, Executive Assistant; Sara Deegan, Library Dev.
Supervisor; Sarah Greene, Bureau Director State Library; Corri Hines, Library
Development Advisor; Stacey Mulligan, Library Development Advisor; Heather
Sharpe, Bureau Director Library Development; Heather Warren-Smith, Library
Development Advisor; Katy Vance, Librarian 1

Guest presenters: Katie Greenleaf Martin, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Integrated Library
System (PaILS) with staff Katherine Dannehl and Elizabeth Davis.

Attendees: Holly Ambrose, Bucks County Free Library; Alexandra Barbush, LCLS; Jessica
Bayless, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Brenda Beikert, Knox Public Library; Holly
Bennett, Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity; Denice Bigham, Franklin County
Library System; Catherine Bittle, Delaware County Libraries; Carolyn Blatchley,
Cumberland County Library System; Caitlyn Boland, Mars Area Public Library;
Clemens Brady, Guest; Christi Buker, PA Library Association; Maxyne Cadman;
Friends of the Cranberry Public Library; Brianna Crum, Dauphin County Library
System; Dellana Diovisalvo, Tunkhannock Public Library; Andrea Dow; Aimee
Emerson, Pennsylvania School Librarians Association; Brandt Ensor, Adams County
Library System; Barbara Falci, Friends of Sullivan County Library; Kiely Fisher,
Franklin County Library System; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Abington Township Public
Library; Terri Foster, Meyersdale Public Library; Anne Frank; Wissahickon Valley
Public Library; Cathi Fuhrman, State College Area High School; Vince Giordano,
Juniata County Library; Andrew Henley, New Castle Public Library; June Houghtaling,
James V Brown Library; Kimberley Hrivnak, Allegheny County Library Association;
Debbie Jack, Parkland Community Library; Erin Joyce, Oil Creek Library District; Kelli
Knapp, Warren Library Association; Leslie LaBarte, Seneca Library District; Allison
Latagliata, Marian Sutherland Kirby Library; Michele Legate, Northeast Library
District; Rob Lesher, Pennsylvania Library Association; Heather Lindskold, Altoona
District Libraries; Sandy Longo, Abington Community Library; Abbey Lukiewski, York
County Libraries; Kathy McClure, Eva K. Bowlby Public Library; Jill McConnell,
Cooper-Siegel Community Library; Glenn Miller, retired, Office of Commonwealth
Libraries; Hannah Miller, Bucks County Free Library; Jessica Miller; Fredricksen
Library; Richard Miller, Osterhout Free Library / Luzerne County Library System; Jill
Morris, PALCI; Lilla Neva, Guest; Amber Osborne, Easttown Library; Maryam Phillips,
Hosting Solutions & Library Consulting; Jennifer Powell, Tyrone Snyder Public

Library; Jim Reinmiller, Hazleton Area Public Library; Amy Resh, Berks County Public Libraries; Kathee Rhode, Lower Macungie Library; Jess Royer, Reading Public Library; Christine Rushton, Springfield Township Library; Donna Samuel, Friends of Yeadon Public Library; Joyce Sands, Manheim Township Public Library; Lauren Sands, J. Lewis Crozer Library; Tracy Schwarz, Wayne Library Alliance/PAILS Board; Joseph Sherwood, Chester County Library System; Ann Shincovich, Pocono Mountain Public Library; Denise Sticha, Centre County Library and Historical Museum; Kristin Suda, Delaware County Libraries; Jeffrey Swope, Bosler Memorial Library; Sheryl Thomas, Erie County Public Library; Karla Trout, Library System of Lancaster County; Robyn Vittek, Mt. Lebanon Public Library; Becky Wanamaker, Reading Library District; Melinda Washington, Guest; Stephanie Williams, Berks County Public Libraries

1. Call to Order & Introductions – Mary Garm, Chair. Meeting opened at 10:00a.m.
   a. Garm mentioned that Acting Secretary Mumin wanted to attend but at last minute was unavailable. There is a plan to invite him to the next business meeting.
   b. Other GAC members in attendance were introduced.
2. Approval of Minutes of the December meeting – Garm asked for corrections or questions. Hearing none, Garm approved minutes as submitted.
3. Chair's Report – Mary Garm
   a. Garm shared highlights from written report attached.
   b. Garm noted that bylaws require a vote to approve the Executive Committee:
      i. Mackley made motion, second by Werner, to appoint David Belanger as Executive Committee Vice Chair. Motion passed.
      ii. Zaborowski made motion, second by Mellor, to appoint Allison Mackley as Member at Large for Executive Committee. Motion passed.
4. Deputy Secretary's Report – Susan Banks
   a. Banks shared highlights from written report attached.
5. Spotlight: Katie Greenleaf Martin and the team at Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS) shared an overview presentation about the work of the organization and its impact.
   a. Refer to highlight handout from PaILS.
   b. Greenleaf Martin shared the attached presentation.
6. Bureau Reports from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries
   a. Bureau of Library Development – Sharpe shared highlights from written report attached. Links were shared in the chat to supplement her information.
      i. Home - Promising Practices for Youth Services in Pennsylvania's Public Libraries - LibGuides at State Library of Pennsylvania
      ii. Annual Report Overview - Annual Report 2022 Overview and FAQ - LibGuides at State Library of Pennsylvania
      iii. HOME - Welcome to the Pennsylvania One Book Website (powerlibrary.org)
   b. Bureau of State Library – Greene shared highlights from written report attached.
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
   a. None.
8. Council Vacancies: Garm discussed reappointment for Everton and Mackley and the need for two new members to replace recently retired members in the trustee and layperson role. Attendees are encouraged to send recommendations to Garm.
9. Guidelines on Service Areas: Belanger shared that the committee has been working diligently for months on a draft of a complicated guideline. OCL is suggesting members

for a focus group to review and react to the first draft created by the committee. After feedback, the committee will fine tune the guidelines and intend to present for approval.

10. Strategic Plan Update: Zaborowski shared an overview of discussion to address the priority areas of Communication, Collaboration, and Clarification. Plans include perhaps a small GAC group meeting with Secretary of Education twice a year, seeking an opportunity to meet with the Governor, sharing an annual update in a concise format or with an infographic to try to highlight, and a welcome letter. GAC attends PSLA and PALA. GAC will reach out to PCBL to get feedback because they represent Friends groups. GAC will reach out to college and research division of PALA and plan to establish a regular meeting with district consultants. GAC will engage library schools in PA to talk about trends and get feedback on issues.

11. Statue and Regulations Committee: At each GAC meeting going forward, Garm will give an update of what is happening with working group. The group is meeting monthly, reviewing progress on three fronts: (1) Internal process: Banks is leading the internal process by talking with Policy Director and looking for a project manager/regulations writer. (2) Communications: PALA is offering forums to gather feedback. At each of those Christi has presented survey questions and asked people to vote and then discuss it. They are having meetings with directors, district, and system folks. First survey asked if they agreed with decision to focus on regulations instead of statute. 80% agreed it was correct decision. (3) Regulations: Sharpe and BLD staff are working on structure and timeline for reviewing. The plan is to rewrite rather than revise the regulations. There is a need to focus on the future of PA libraries and what is possible rather than re-writing what was there. People need to understand that it won't be a quick process.

12. Committee Reports
    a. Bylaws: No report
    b. Communications: No report
    c. Education and Advocacy: No report
    d. Guidelines and Policies: Library Service Areas: Reported above.
    e. Planning: Reported above.
    f. Ad Hoc Committee / Statute and Regulations: Reported above.

13. Community Conversations: The GAC plans to use meetings as a listening opportunity to interact with attendees when time allows. At this meeting, two questions were asked, and answers from attendees were gathered in the chat.   What library issues do you find most confusing? What library services do you want more information about? See attached report of public comments from chat.

14. Public Comment
    a. Pennsylvania School Librarians Association report was submitted by Aimee Emerson, PSLA President. Emerson shared highlights of the report attached.
        i. PSLA IFTG (google.com)
    b. Maryam Phillips, Executive Director of HSLC discussed a new plan for an e-content platform. Participation in public trials is requested. See attachment.
    c. Christi Buker, Executive Director of PaLA shared highlights of a meeting she had with Acting Secretary Mumin and reminded libraries of upcoming trainings and the work of the association in progress.

15. Adjourn: Garm entertained a motion to adjourn. Everton made a motion to adjourn, and Belanger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:47a.m.

Next Business Meeting: Friday, March 31: PA School Librarians Conference, Harrisburg

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

- Next Business Meeting: Friday, March 31: PA School Librarians Conference, Harrisburg
- Thursday, June 29
- Sunday, October 1: PA Library Association Conference, Kalahari Resort, Poconos
- Thursday, December 7

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted,

Demetrice Barbour, Administrative Assistant and Carrie Cleary, Executive Assistant, Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

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Chair's Report
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Appointment of Vice Chair and Member-at-Large for Executive Committee
Our bylaws require annual confirmation of the appointment of the Vice President, as well as election of a Member-at-Large to serve on the Executive Council. The Executive Council consists of the Chair, the Vice Chair, a Member-at-Large, and the Deputy Secretary/State Librarian. I recommend that we re-elect David Belanger as Vice Chair and Allison Mackley as a representative to the Executive Council. David currently serves as Chair of the Guidelines Committee; Allison serves as Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

LibGuides
The GAC Highlights publication has a new home as a LibGuide, thanks to the efforts of OCL Executive Assistant Carrie Cleary and GAC member Beth Mellor.

The LibGuide will contain issues of Highlights, along with documents and other materials referenced during GAC meetings. The Highlights publication is produced shortly after each GAC meeting. It contains notes on the meetings, but is not intended to serve as minutes. It allows the Council to more quickly distribute information prior to the formal acceptance of minutes at a subsequent meeting. https://pa-gov.libguides.com/GAChighlights

Carrie has also created another LibGuide for exclusive use of Council. It will serve as a repository for Council and committee documents and other items.

Statute and Regulations Working Group
There will be a report on the progress of this group later in the meeting. However, I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the group for their willingness to meet regularly and collaborate on this important project to revise and update the state's library regulations. We have developed tasks and a timeline for the first six months of 2023, and, at this point, the group is on track for success. We anticipate that the full process will take as much as two years to complete.

Vacancies and Appointments
There are currently two vacant seats on Council due to the resignations of Larry Nesbit and Patrick Oates. We are now seeking and interviewing candidates for a Trustee seat and a Layperson seat. We welcome suggestions for consideration.

 In addition, we are awaiting word from the new Governor on the reappointment of two existing members.

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Deputy Secretary's Report:

- **PDE** – New Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid Mumin has begun his tenure. He has shared a message for PA libraries which we distributed via the mailing lists and the Compendium. We welcome any insight from the library field on Dr. Mumin or Gov Shapiro that we can put to work within PDE!

- **COSLA Update:** Update from Arkansas and South Dakota on new legislation gaining momentum in those states… AR Legislation about "obscene materials"; SD Leg SB and HB

- **Digital Skills Training and Digital Equity** input requested – ALA and the IMLS working with the US Department of Labor to collect information. More info and links to the collectors via OCL's Compendium.

- **Forum schedule update** Progress continues at the previously-reported rate – we hope to return to the Forum offices by late summer of 2023. State Library re-opening is tentatively scheduled for October of 2023 (after the PaLA Conference).

- We've convened some planning conversations about a **Futures Community of Practice**, with the help of a team of folks from libraries across the state – public, academic, school and special libraries. Look for invitations to join the conversation and community later this month or early February. The CT State Library has secured another Laura Bush 21 C. Librarian training grant to continue the work with the Kedge Futures School which has trained more than 60 PA Librarians in the tools of strategic foresight and futures work.

- Work continues on the process to produce **new Regulations in Pa Code Title 22, Part IX.** The OCL team is making good progress based on the work done by previous attempts to clarify our current Statutes – attempting to start fresh with new language, rather than trying to revise the existing regulations, many of which date to the 1960s. Additional information on that process, which will involve discussions and feedback from the field, to come. The writing of the regulations is the responsibility of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

2022 AT A GLANCE

BY THE NUMBERS

158
Locations

99.8%
Uptime

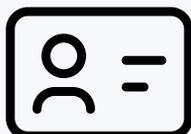**262,604**
Items Added

700,000+
Active Patrons

5,934,234
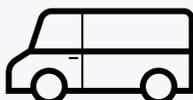Circulations

1,295
Support Tickets

66,027
New Patrons

178%
Increase in Autorenewals

45,775
Hold Transits For Resource Sharing

OUR MISSION

PaILS provides access to information resources by offering a collaborative, high quality, open source integrated library system that is equitable, cost-effective, and promotes resource sharing among libraries statewide.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2022
- Katie Greenleaf Martin starts as Executive Director

FEBRUARY 2022
- Western Pocono Community Library & Barrett Paradise Friendly Library go live on SPARK
- Elizabeth Davis starts as Support & Project Management Specialist

MARCH 2022
- Katherine Dannehl attends Public Library Association conference in Portland, OR

MAY 2022
- SPARK Annual User Group Meeting held virtually

JUNE 2022
- All PaILS staff attend and present at Evergreen International Conference

OCTOBER 2022
- PaILS exhibits and presents at Pennsylvania Library Association Conference

NOVEMBER 2022
- SPARK is upgraded to Evergreen 3.9
- PaILS partner with HSLC to streamline the ILL process for SPARK libraries - the first step was adding a live holdings search for member libraries

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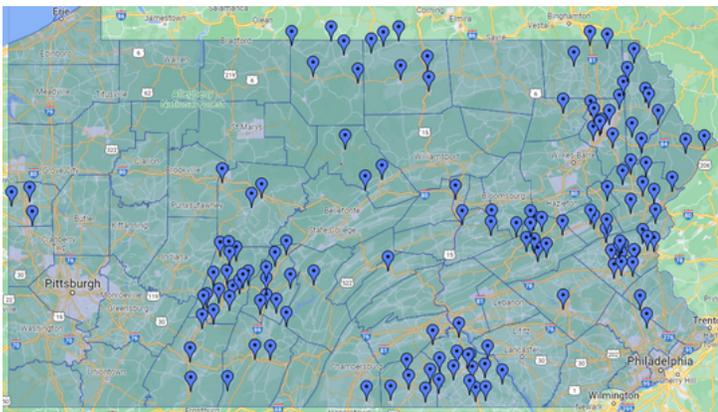
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MEMBER LIBRARY MAP

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OUR VISION

PaILS provides Pennsylvanians with a sustainable network of integrated library services and access to a statewide community of libraries and information resources.

FROM OUR MEMBERS. . .

"The whole team has been knowledgeable, supportive, and so willing to help guide us through the [migration]... So glad we finally made the switch!"
-Mary Ann Lewis, Barrett Paradise Friendly Library

"Excellent customer support. I would not be able to achieve the necessary results without your help. I am so grateful for your great team and all the work you do to help us better understand the system. "
  - Linda Krafinski, Pike County Public Library

EVERGREEN ILS

This year, PaILS funded development in Evergreen to facilitate more customized settings for fine free libraries.

PaILS also assisted more libraries in implementing autorenewals, going fine free, and resource sharing.

Staff paid onsite visits to 18 SPARK member libraries to connect further with front line staff.

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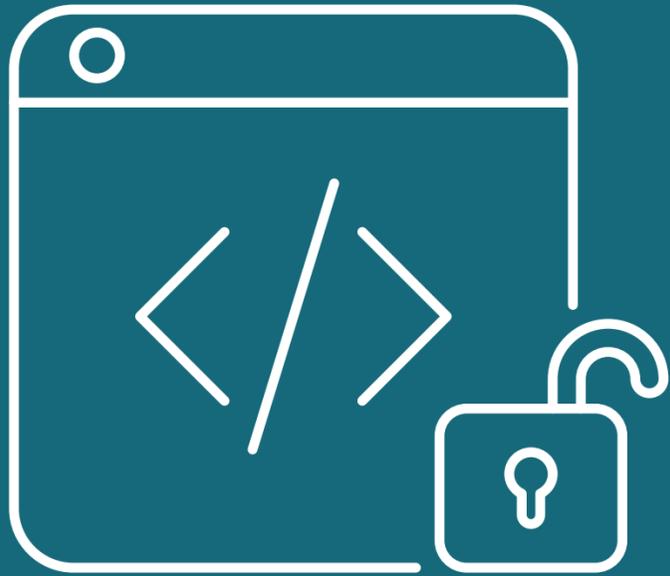Phone : 717-873-9461

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SPARK updates

Katie Greenleaf Martin & PaILS staff
February 3rd, 2023

AGENDA

KEY POINTS

Introduction

Who we are

Resource Sharing

ILL Integrations

Annual Report Resources

SPARK Users Group

Q&A

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ABOUT US

PaILS – The PA Integrated Library System
- 3 full-time staff, all public librarians
- funded by member fees & LSTA
- 501(c)3 organization with a Board of Directors

SPARK – our consortium
- 160+ libraries
- 99.87% uptime in 2022
- 5.9 million circulations in 2022

Evergreen- our ILS
- used by thousands of libraries worldwide
- hosted by Equinox Open Library Initiative

JOIN OUR CONSORTIUM AND BE PART OF *SOMETHING SPECIAL*

AN ILS CREATED FOR LIBRARIES BY LIBRARIANS:

- Open-source software: highly customizable and adaptable for each library's unique needs, services and branding
- Community contributes directly to product development through the SPARK User's Group and the wider Evergreen open source community

RESULTS-FOCUSED CUSTOMER SUPPORT:

- Access to our support specialists during working hours through our helpdesk, extensive documentation in video and written formats
- 98% of our customers are "very" or "extremely" satisfied with our customer support experience

DEDICATED TO PA LIBRARIES & LIBRARY SYSTEMS:

- Our work supports Office of Commonwealth Libraries initiatives such as statewide resource-sharing
- We partner with HSLC to improve interlibrary loan borrowing in AccessPA

RESOURCE SHARING

Create a 'pipeline' for libraries who want to share materials
- work with affiliated and unaffiliated libraries to negotiate an agreement that reflects what they want to share
- the success of previous agreements helps libraries get buy-in for new programs with stakeholders

Utilize the ILS to support how libraries want to share items
- OPAC "scoping groups" allow patrons to search the various libraries they can borrow from
- create hold policies based on the negotiated agreement
- make batch changes to items if necessary

RESOURCE SHARING CASE STUDY

Federated Library System of **Bedford** County & **Somerset** County Library

- Bedford also has district–wide resource sharing; Somerset has system–wide
- Somerset joined with one location with the potential to add other system members
- weekly van deliveries to move items
- Bedford libraries received almost 2,400 items in 2022 through SPARK

Library:

Federated Library Sys▾ | **Search**

Select search library

Library Groups
Bedford - Somerset
Blair-Bedford-Huntingdon

Libraries
Federated Library System of Bedford County
Bedford County Library
Everett Free Library
Federated Library System of Bedford County Outreach
Hyndman-Londonderry Public Library
Saxton Community Library

FEDERATED LIBRARY SYSTEM of BEDFORD COUNTY

Pop up Library

www.bedfordcountyfls.org

814-623-5010

VOTER REGISTRATION

Current pilot –prompting staff to ask about voter registration when new cards are created & when existing ones are updated

Surveys

Voter Registration Survey

If you aren't registered to vote, would you like to register to vote here today?

I am already registered to vote

I want to register to vote

r to vote

r to vote, but will take a registration form home

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Registration successful!

Please see library staff to complete your registration.

Are you registered to vote or have you moved since the last time you voted and need to update your polling location? Use this moment to visit https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov to register online; find your polling place; change your address or party; or request an absentee ballot. Thank you!

Future plans – allow new card registrants to click through to voter registration as part of the library card registration process

INTERLIBRARY LOAN INTEGRATIONS

Live Availability via z39.50

- handled automatically for all AccessPA libraries – no need to update holdings – requests only go through for items that are currently available
- available by request for OCLC WorldShare customers

Currently testing: NCIP

- this would allow ShareIt to talk directly to Evergreen
- significant reduction in staff time per request handled

Paddling Pennsylvania : canoeing and...

📖 Book
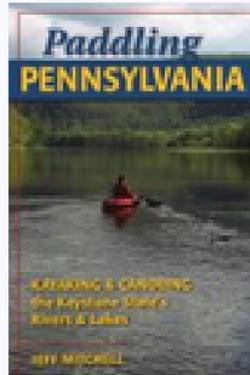
Found In

SPARK

Location

Allentown Public Library

Western Pocono Community Library

Smithfields Branch

Pocono Mountain Public Library

Bethlehem Coolidge Branch

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library

Orwigsburg Public Library

Juniata Public Library

Green Free Library

Glatfelter Memorial Library

ANNUAL REPORT RESOURCES

Using OCL's documentation, we created report templates for each ILS-related question in the Public Library Survey.

Step-by-step instructions for running the reports & filtering the data are available on our helpdesk site.

We will host a live demo and weekly office hours to provide libraries with as much assistance as they need.

SPARK USERS GROUP

Save the date! Our annual meeting will be on **5/16/23**, with committee events the first two weeks of May.

In previous years, we have looked at many topics, including ILL workflows, going fine-free, and showcasing our development projects.

This year we are planning to have Literacy Nation (an ALA affiliate organization) present on how metadata affects the awareness and distribution of books that promote inclusion and positive representation of People of Color.

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SPARK

OUR LIBRARIES
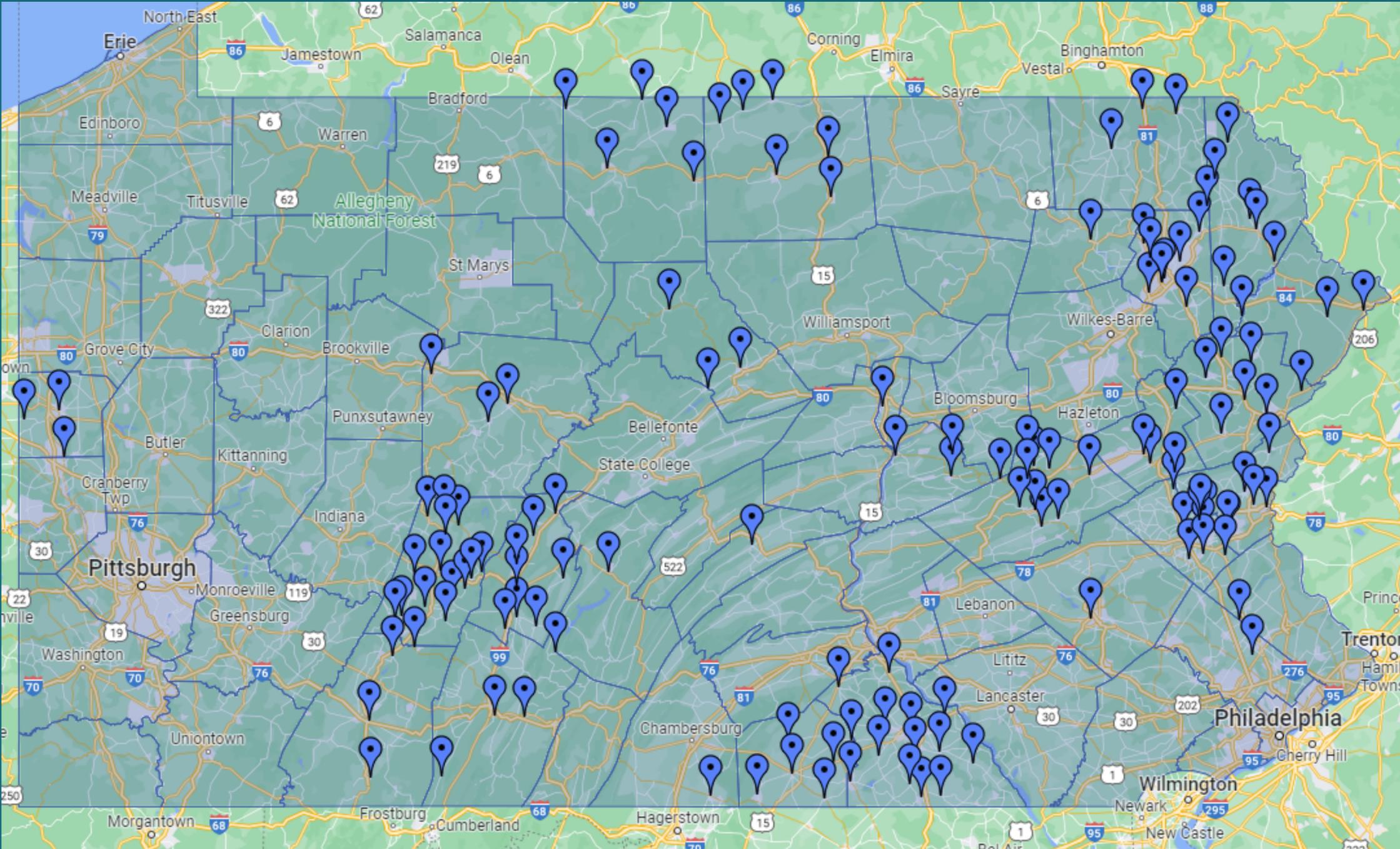
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FEDERAL FUNDING/PROGRAMS

LSTA

- Federal fiscal year 21/22 wrap-up and reconciliation continues. Financial and narrative reports to be submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) are being finalized.
- FY22/23 project highlights include:

School Age Services

- o **Video Game Clubs of America (VGCUSA) for Pennsylvania School Libraries**- Nineteen school librarians, media specialists, and teachers applied and were invited to be part of the third year of Video Game Clubs of America (VGCUSA) for Pennsylvania School Libraries. The cohort members will receive a gaming kit, a technology kit, and a Padcaster Studio kit to provide opportunities for social and emotional learning embedded in STEM activities. VGCUSA founder and CEO Josh Bound, along with Director of Tabletop Gaming Max Jamelli and VGCUSA Student Ambassadors, will share promising practices on launching gaming clubs and supporting young learners and leaders.

- o **Pennsylvania Summer Library Program 2023 Showcase-** The Pennsylvania Summer Library Program 2023 Showcase will be available on the Pennsylvania Staff Academy in the very near future. The purpose of this showcase is to highlight Pennsylvania library staff who made an impact on their communities with exemplary and innovative programming. Librarians and library staff will have access to information on a number of Summer library programs developed by Pennsylvania library staff from across the Commonwealth. Guest speakers share their expertise with you on their programming experiences from Summer 2022, what they achieved and, most importantly, the "why" behind their work. The Youth Services Advisory Team also has prepared a special presentation of the 2022 Summer Impact Report and information of outcomes, and equity, belonging, and inclusion. This showcase may be used for continuing education (CE) credits.

- o **Promising Practices for Youth Services in Pennsylvania's Public Libraries-** The Promising Practices for Youth Services in Pennsylvania's Public Libraries guide will be available on the State Library of Pennsylvania's LibGuides in the very near future. The guide provides an overview of the skills and knowledge necessary for youth services professionals to provide excellent library service to youth from birth through age 18. The guide is intended to be a tool for both the staff providing services to youth and teens and the administrators leading the direction of library service. Through two phases of work performed by a dedicated committee, each promising practice was carefully reviewed through an equity, belonging, and inclusion lens to ensure that libraries are providing the most excellent and equitable library services to everyone in their communities. An additional section of information for youth services professional onboarding was also added for library administrators to cover with new youth services professionals. Questions can be sent to Corri Hines (chines@pa.gov), School Age Services Advisor, and Heather Warren Smith (sheather@pa.gov), Early Childhood Services Advisor.

Early Childhood Services

- o Recipients of two Early Childhood Services projects have been selected. Twenty libraries will be joining the 2023 Play and Grow cohort, which provides training and resources so library staff can create meaningful and impactful programs for children ages 0-5. Six libraries will receive training and funding to become part of the national Family Place Libraries network.

This project is designed to transform libraries into community centers for early literacy & learning, parent education and engagement, family support and community connectivity helping to ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn.

- o The application period recently closed for the StoryWalk project. This competitive award will provide funding to selected libraries as they develop literacy enriched activities and ideas that build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity and family engagement. Selected libraries will be notified in February.

- o The PA One Book Committee has chosen Mel Fell by author Corey R. Tabor as the 2023 PA One Book Early Literacy selection. The Pennsylvania One Book program is entering its eighteenth year promoting the value and benefits of reading early and often to preschoolers. More information will be available soon at https://paonebook.powerlibrary.org.

Adult and Special Populations

- o Four virtual sessions of Including You will be offered in 2023. Each session is an interactive six-week workshop series designed especially for library staff that focuses on communication strategies to establish inclusive work and community environments. These opportunities are open to library staff at all levels and in public, academic and school libraries. New this year, public library trustees are invited to participate in some sessions. Eligible for Pennsylvania Public Library Continuing Education credit. Read more and register for Including You here.

STATE FUNDING/PROGRAMS

State Aid

- State aid payments are expected to post on February 1, 2023. A few payments are delayed due to outstanding audits.
- The Annual Report - PA Public Library Survey opened for data entry on January 27, 2023. All state-aided public libraries are required to complete this report. The data collected will be shared with the IMLS to be included in the national Public Library Survey and will be used to determine compliance with standards related state aid. Libraries are encouraged to use the information to assist with telling their library story to their communities and funding agencies.
- Regulations, guidelines, and policy:
    - o Internal work group continues review and recommendations for new regulations.
    - o Committee work continues on service area guidelines.
- Public Library Directory – Public libraries were sent a survey to ensure records are accurate. After those updates are made and a few remaining design changes, the directory will be ready to go live.

Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities

- 21 projects totaling $4,127,467 have been selected for award and are routing through the PDE approval process. Applicants are expected to be notified in February 2023.

OPERATIONS/PERSONNEL

Rebuilding of the BLD team continues. Recently filled positions include:

- Library Development Advisor – Professional Development
- Management Technician

Posted positions include:

- Library Development Advisor - Statewide Services & Library Access

Other positions expected to be posted in the near future include:

- Education Admin Supervisor - Administration & Data
- Library Development Advisor - Special Projects

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Rare Collections Library (RCL) Report to GAC- October 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

Ongoing construction in the Forum building has continued to impact the Rare Collections Library. Since the last report, steam (necessary for dehumidification) has been restored to RCL and planning continues for the replacement of the defunct water-mist fire suppression system and upgrades to other fire detection and suppression systems in rare collections areas. Due to a planned shutdown of the main chiller plant this February, there will be a solution implemented to keep the Rare Collections chiller operating during this time and during future annual shutdowns.

Rare Collections activities have included, cataloging new items, answering research requests, planning for returning to the Forum Building, and presenting the online talk *The Magazine: Purveyor of Literature, Taste, and Current Events* in November.

Gifts

- *Albion News* (newspaper) mostly complete run 1920-2010
- *Reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1870s-1940s*
- *Collier's Photographic History of the European War.* New York: P.F. Collier 1915
- *Goodrich, Charles. History of the United States of America.* New York: A.K. White, 1829
- Set of *Laws of Pennsylvania 1905-1950s*
- *Charlton Comic books*
  - *Visit ghost manor if you dare, April 1982*
  - *Beyond the grave, January 1983*
  - *Haunted, November 1971*

Purchases

Based on Rare Collections collection development policy focusing on Pennsylvania connections, strategic purchases were made to both enhance strengths and address weaknesses in rare collection holdings. Purchases include:

- Reference and other books supporting the comics and graphic novels collection
  - *Gettysburg sketches by Frederic Ray*
  - *The battle of Gettysburg in 3-D by Frederic Ray*
  - *Old Fort Niagara: An illustrated history by Frederic Ray*
  - *The story of the Alamo: An illustrated history of the siege and fall of the Alamo by Frederic Ray*
  - *Science fiction series no. 7: The thought stealer by Frank Bourne and The mechanical man by Amelia Reynolds Long*

- o *Visual storytelling: The art and technique by Tony C. Caputo; with special essay by Jim Steranko*
- o *Limited edition collection of Timothy Truman's Wilderness: The true story of Simon Girty, renegade, 1991*
- o *Tales from the crypt: The revolutionary art of MAD and EC Comics*
- o *Frank Frazetta: Art and remembrance by Frank Frazetta, Jr.*

- Books by or about African Americans
  - o *Soul shots: Political cartoons by Ollie Harrington.* New York/East Berlin: Long View Publishing Co., Inc, 1972
  - o Advertising flyer/poster for Norman Studios film *Black gold : thrilling epic of the oil fields (1928)*
  - o Facsimile of *Pennsylvania Negro Business directory, 1910: Industrial and material growth of the Negroes of Pennsylvania, 1977*

PUBLIC SERVICES

In 2023, the State Library celebrates its 165th year as a Federal Depository Library. Due to construction, a celebration will be planned in 2024. The staff of the State Library participated in the program sponsored by the PA House Democratic Caucus to teach Caucus Fellows about the State Library and the services it offers. Kathy Hale and Katy Vance attended the presentation ceremony at the capital. The State Library has received many interesting questions such as looking for words to be included in the Oxford English Dictionary, looking for a bootlegger who lived in the Williamsport area, helping a patron looking for a post office in Lycoming County that only existed from 1901-1905, voter registration statistics from Montgomery County for 1940, and information about a cemetery in Butler County that was flooded out in 1985. Genealogy Librarian, Amy Woytovich, participated in the PALA poster session. New collection additions include over 300 new books with an emphasis on authors and subjects of people of color and mental health issues and subscriptions to Newspapers.com and American Chemical Society online database.

State Library staff and the director met with the Bosler Library director and staff to discuss the Cumberland County Municipal Law Library which is part of Bosler Law Library.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The State Library provided 33 programs between October 2022 and January 2023 and had a total of 627 participants. Programs included:

- Governor's Commission for Women, STEM Night for Girls
- Halloween and Noon-Years events at the State Museum
- Hosted Harrisburg Catholic and other schools for programs

- StemLab Virtual Science Series

For a list of upcoming programs, please visit the State Library Events page on the website found here https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/About/Pages/Events.aspx .

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

The Digital Collections staff have been working with PDE procurement on an RFP for a digital asset management system, a digital preservation system, and a web archiving system. These systems are a critical component of providing and preserving the State Library's digital collections and will hopefully be in place by Summer of 2023.

Staff are acquiring more digital state publications directly from state agencies in preparation for posting to our public access content management system.

The State Library of Pennsylvania is participating in the Community Web program through Archive-It. This program collects the web presence of local community groups and organizations and preserves these websites for the future.

Pennsylvania includes a wealth of diversity, and the State Library of Pennsylvania would like to capture as much of that diversity as we can. To that end, we are asking for your help.

The public libraries across the Commonwealth know their users and communities well. Help us find the local history organizations, minority communities, religious organizations, ethnic subcultures, LGBTQ+ information, environmental groups, hobby clubs, and others in your area.

Please nominate a site for inclusion here.

If you would like to more know about the State Library's Community Web archiving program, please contact Alison Oskam at aloskam@pa.gov for more information.

Submitted by Sarah Greene, Director, Bureau of State Library
1/27/2023

[11:15 AM] Ann Shincovich Pocono Mt PL (Guest)
In public it's very challenging to explain our funding to stakeholders

[11:15 AM] Meyersdale Director We're required to do CE, but when we try to implement the Best Practices we've learned, often the regulations get in the way.

[11:15 AM] Jess Royer, Reading Public Library (Guest) funding streams and explaining how individual libraries worth within larger library systems and library districts, and sometimes directly with other libraries [11:16 AM] Jess Royer, Reading Public Library (Guest) work within*

[11:16 AM] Kathee Rhode   Probably funding

[11:16 AM] Karla Trout Issues around non-profit libraries as limited public forums and what that means for certain rights and obligations.

[11:16 AM] Jessica Miller (Guest)
Requirements of quasi-governmental organizations

[11:16 AM] Denise Sticha, Centre County Library (Guest)
Service areas and how they are determined

[11:16 AM] Sue Werner (Guest) How does a Trustee explain State funding to the lay person and how can we advocate for more funding.

[11:16 AM] Ann Shincovich Pocono Mt PL (Guest)
Local muni officers often do not recognize we are governed by the state code/regs/etc.

[11:16 AM] Blatchley, Carolyn Difference in implementation of systems and districts across the state.

[11:16 AM] Aimee Emerson I think most people clump libraries together and do not differentiate between school libraries, public libraries, academic libraries, etc.

[11:17 AM] Meyersdale Director We're encouraged to do outreach, and then the question about director's hours is only "on premises" during library hours now.

[11:17 AM] Melinda , Washington Dist. (Guest) 85% of PL's are nonprofit, but Code/Regs seem geared towards municipal libraries/board structures.

[11:17 AM] Joseph Sherwood (Guest) all the different organizational models (division of government, 501c3, etc) means that explaining things to the public, funders is impossible... but honestly, that isn't important to the public as long as they get the services they want.

[11:17 AM] Aimee Emerson I would like to know more about PAILS and why NW PA seems to be a desert when looking at that map. I think the program would benefit this part of PA and its rural communities.

[11:17 AM] Meyersdale Director How the sunshine laws apply to 501c3 libraries.

[11:18 AM] Vittek, Robyn Standardized board member training (I know different types of boards, but some standards of service should be universal for board members)

[11:18 AM] McConnell, Jill   Digitizing materials and making them searchable and accessible to the public

[11:19 AM] Amy Resh (Guest) What state library services are available to the public/patrons?

[11:20 AM]   Katie Greenleaf Martin Aimee Emerson2/2/2023, 11:17 AMI would like to know more about PAILS and why NW PA seems to be a desert when looking at that map. I think the program would benefit this part of PA and its rural communities.Aimee I'd love to chat, send me your email address? 😳

[11:20 AM] Blatchley, Carolyn Jessica Miller may be speaking of the Cumberland County Library System - an agency of County government (not a department of County government.) We have a dedicated library tax, which was done by referendum but also increased by Commissioners. Member libraries benefit from this funding at approximately 73%, and of course by the County Library System services.

[11:20 AM] McConnell, JillWith regard to the first question: Clarification around the limit to the number of board members permitted for public libraries.

[11:20 AM] Ann Shincovich Pocono Mt PL (Guest)
Our lib is an independent 501c3 and get local muni taxes and state aid and follow state rules/regs, so we are a hybrid.

[11:20 AM] Jessica Miller (Guest)
Quasi-governmental orgs have weird issues when it comes to sunshine laws and other issues.

[11:20 AM] Meyersdale Director If part of the cost of digitizing & creating metadata for inclusion of items in PA Photos and Documents could be allowed to be counted as collection expense.
[11:20 AM] Christine Rushton (Guest)
yes Digitizing materials

[11:20 AM] Andrew Henley New Castle Public Library is a quasigovernment (authority/committee of government) -- may need information on what format is best for our community and experts who may know more.

[11:21 AM] Joseph Sherwood (Guest) re limits of trustee #'s... what other non-profit actually has a limit of 7 or 9... this can be VERY limiting in terms of advocating and fundraising... should be increased

[11:24 AM] Meyersdale Director Thank you for seeking input from us in our varied settings and listening to our concerns.

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association
February 2023

Report for Governor's Advisory Council

Submitted by Aimee Emerson, PSLA President

PSLA Work with the LSTA Grant

PSLA is hosting a "One Book, One Association" event. The book featured is Our Story Begins, which features authors and illustrators who share their initial journey as artists. Our Conference Keynote Author, Alex Gino, is a featured author. Our hope is to reconnect with the joys and excitement of how we all joined this profession as school librarians. Ultimately, we wish to synergize our members in an effort to build community. Our kick-off event will be February 21, 2023, and there are 100 registered members.

On March 2, 2023, PSLA will partner with Library Journal / School Library Journal Professional Development to deliver a 2-hour webinar, Resisting Book Bans: A Crash Course to Defend Intellectual Freedom. The focus will be tangible ways to handle censorship, tips for finding allies and building coalitions, tactics for school board meetings, and strategies to ensure your library policies are up to date, and how to appropriately defend intellectual freedom.

On Thursday, March 30, 2023, our pre-conference workshop will feature our Intellectual Freedom Coordinator, Beth Shenefiel, and Joyce McIntosh from ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. They will co-host our 3-hour workshop, Beyond Banned Books: Intellectual Freedom in School Libraries.

PSLA Annual Conference

The PSLA Annual Conference is scheduled for March 30-April 1, 2023, in Harrisburg, PA, with the theme of "Breaking Boundaries, Creating Communities." We are looking forward to seeing the GAC members at our PSLA Advisory Council Luncheon Meeting that will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm in the Governor Room. Plus, we are excited to host the Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development Open Forum which will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Invitations will be sent soon.

The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association is dedicated to transforming teaching and learning through quality school library programs.

PSLA Advocacy Efforts

Our Advocacy committee and Intellectual Freedom Task group have been extremely busy supporting our school librarians, school library programs, and our students. PSLA's Intellectual Freedom Task Group (IFTG) has created a website to raise awareness and help PA school librarians navigate these challenges. The website includes information about what to do when faced with a challenge, proactive steps to take before a challenge happens (including information about pending legislation that would impact PA school libraries), and resources about intellectual freedom issues. The IFTG has also established the Rapid Response Team to support PA school librarians who are facing challenges to intellectual freedom. When requested, Rapid Response team members will contact that school librarian to provide advice, help them prepare for the challenge, and support them throughout the entire process. These services are for all PA school librarians, regardless of membership in PSLA.

PSLA's advocacy used to focus on job security. Now it is fighting organized efforts that are attacking our students' rights to read diverse books, their intellectual freedom, as well as our professional practices.

PSLA would like to thank the Governor's Advisory Council and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries for the continued support.

POWERLibrary.org

POWER Library is seeking members of the public to participate on an evaluation team for a new online platform to make POWER Library electronic content available to the public. This new system will provide the web access for viewing the e-resources (databases and e-books) in POWER Library.

What will be asked of you?

Evaluators are asked to view a live online vendor demonstration of the platform, and then to complete a brief survey. (The demonstrations will be recorded for evaluators not able to view the live demonstration.) There would be two demonstrations, and the time request is 60-75 minutes for each; 45 minutes vendor demonstration, 15 minutes Q&A with vendor, and completing a brief survey. In total, it would be an estimated 3-hour time commitment.

What's the process?

Both demonstrations are expected to occur no later than Friday, February 17. Should you be unable to view the live demonstration, recordings will be made available for viewing. We request that all surveys be completed by February 24 in order to finalize the vendor decision by the end of February.

Interested?

Please provide your contact information at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/e-content-public-participant

Thank you for your time and consideration. We deeply appreciate your willingness to contribute to the improvement of POWER Library for all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you,
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