

Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development
Thursday, December 5, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

GAC Members Present: Marsha Everton, Mary Garm, Dale Hamby, Robert Lambert, Allison Mackley, Beth Mellor, Lisa Rives Collens, Barbara Zaborowski

GAC Members Absent: Rebecca Long

Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL): Susan Banks, Deputy Secretary; Demetrice Barbour, Admin Assistant; Carrie Cleary, Executive Assistant; Sara Deegan, Library Dev. Supervisor; Amy Geisinger, Library Development Advisor; Sarah Greene, Bureau Director State Library; Abbey Lukiewski, Library Development Advisor; Julie Moore, Library Development Advisor; Mike Reilly, Library Development Advisor; Heather Sharpe, Director, Bureau of Library Development; Heather Warren Smith, Early Childhood Services Advisor;

Attendees: Holly Ambrose, Amy Anderson, Kathleen Arthur, Richard Ashby, Jr., Brenda Beikert, Carolyn Blatchley, Rachel Brehm, Dustin Brinton-Wilson, Christi Buker, Brady Clemens, Maria Cuccaro, Kat Dannehl, Robbin Degeratu, Brandt Ensor, Sue Erdman, Matthew Foley, Cathi Fuhrman, Dylan Fye, Adam Gilbert-Cole, Katie Greenleaf Martin, Marissa Guidara, Elizabeth Henry, June Houghtaling, Kimberley Hrivnak, Alison Jacobine, Erin Joyce, Katherine Kauffman Roth, Laura Keller, Kelli Knapp, Leslie LaBarte, Michele Legate, Jeanie Lehman, Jennifer Long, Sandy Longo, Shelly Lugene, Nicole Lynch, Chris Manna, Kathy McClure, Jill McConnell, Edwin Miller, Glenn Miller, Jessica Miller, Cheryl Napsha, Amber Osborne, Darla Patterson, Maryam Phillips, Jennifer Powell, Julia Proctor, Nina Riggle, Lauren Sands, Margaret Schachte, Ian Sheddan, Lugene Shelly, Joseph Sherwood, Denise Sticha, Andrea Strobel, Lauren Stuparitz, Jeffrey Swope, Brahina Tabb, Melinda Tanner, Karla Trout, Becky Wanamaker, Chelsea Williams, Stephanie Williams, Allison Young

1. Welcome & Introductions

Call to Order & Introductions – Mary Garm, Chair. Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of October 6, 2024, Meeting – Mary Garm asked for review. No corrections. Minutes approved as distributed.

3. Chair's Report – Mary Garm shared highlights from written report as attached

- Mary nominated Dale Hamby for Vice Chair. Motion to accept Dale Hamby as Vice Chair made by M. Everton, seconded R. Lambert. Motion passed.
- Mary nominated Allison Mackley for Executive Committee. Motion to accept made by B. Mellor, seconded by M. Everton. Motion passed.
- Committee roster listing chairs and assignments for 2025 was discussed as attached.

4. Deputy Secretary's Report – Susan Banks shared highlights from written report as attached.

5. Bureau Reports from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries

- a. **Bureau of Library Development** – Heather Sharpe, Director shared report attached.
 - i. Audience member Erin Joyce, District Consultant, asked via chat “Have the fully executed contract for the LSTA grants been released yet?
Sharpe replied that some contracts are still routing for signature and that not all are fully executed.
- b. **Bureau of State Library** – Sarah Greene, Director shared report attached

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - No comments

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Bylaws:** Allison Mackley, Chair. No report.
- b. **Library Relations: Marsha Everton and Beth Mellor, Chairs reiterated the success of the** visit to the governor’s office to share the report.
- c. **Guidelines and Policies:** Rebecca Long, Chair was absent, but Garm shared that work has been proceeding on guidelines related to hours.
- a. **Planning:** Barbara Zaborowski, Ph. D., Chair shared that the planning committee met to discuss and are working on a forthcoming plan. It will go to GAC for approval and likely come forward at February meeting for full approval.
- b. **Ad Hoc Committee / Statute and Regulations Working Group:** Mary Garm, Chair: No report.

8. Council Members’ Comments and Announcements

- a. None

9. Public Comment

- a. Garm referred to the submitted report from PSLA President, Sarah DeMaria.
- b. Maryam Phillips, HSLC’s Executive Director shared details from the attached report.
- c. Chrisi Buker, Pennsylvania Library Association Executive Director thanked the group for successful conference event this year and shared recent stories of financial literacy promotions at libraries and plans for continued advocacy for increased funding at state and local levels. Buker shared about upcoming training opportunities.
- d. Katie Greenleaf-Martin, PaLS Executive Director shared an update about resource sharing and staff group successes.

10. Adjourn: Garm highlighted the 2025 Meeting schedule shown below. Motion to adjourn made by M. Everton; seconded by D. Hamby. Meeting adjourned at 11:11am

2025 Meetings

Thursday, February 13 (Virtual)

Friday, April 4 – PSLA, Erie

Thursday, June 26 (Virtual)

Sunday, October 19 – PaLA, Erie

Thursday, December 4 (Virtual)

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted,

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

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Update on Report to Governor Shapiro

On November 13, members of the GAC met with Moriah Hathaway, Deputy Director of External Affairs in the Office of Governor Shapiro. We presented her with the Report to the Governor. She will present it to the Governor and the First Lady. We discussed the state of Pennsylvania's libraries, focusing on service, challenges, and funding. Also in attendance were Cathy Hall, Special Advisor to Secretary of Education Khalid Mumin and Aaron Danks, Coordinator for Executive Nominations in the Governor's Office. GAC members present were: Mary Garm, Chair; Dale Hamby, Vice Chair; Marsha Everton, Dr. Barbara Zaborowski, and Beth Mellor.

Reflections on 2024

GAC members worked the strategic plan this year, focusing on communication, collaboration, and clarification. Significant achievements included:

- First annual report to the Governor
- Active participation in the review and revision of proposed regulations
- Two-way communication with the field through Community Conversations at each meeting
- Growing connections with librarians and library-affiliated individuals via virtual meetings
- Learning from statewide organizations and graduate schools of library and information science
- Effective working relationship with the Office of Commonwealth Libraries

We look forward to working together with the library field, state government, and our library partners in the new year.

Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development 2025 Committee Assignments

Executive Committee

Mary Garm, Chair

Dale Hamby, Vice Chair

Allison Mackley

Susan Banks, State Librarian

Bylaws

Allison Mackley, Chair

Barbara Zaborowski

Lisa Rives Collens

Library Relations

Beth Mellor, Chair

Marsha Everton

Barbara Zaborowski

Rebecca Long

Dale Hamby

Lisa Rives Collens

Robert Lambert

Guidelines and Policies

Rebecca Long, Chair

Allison Mackley

Dale Hamby

Robert Lambert

Planning

Barbara Zaborowski, Chair

Rebecca Long

Beth Mellor

Allison Mackley

Dale Hamby

Lisa Rives Collens

Statute and Regulations (Ad Hoc)

Allison Mackley

Dale Hamby

Barbara Zaborowski

Beth Mellor

Chair is ex-officio on all committees.

GAC Business Meeting

Via Teams

December 7, 2024

Deputy Secretary's Report

Susan Banks

- **PDE** – Secretary Mumin's last day with the Department is today, December 5. He is leaving to take on a new opportunity which I hope we'll hear more about in the future. He will be missed – as will his genuine enthusiasm for libraries and our library story in PA. We will continue to do our best to influence decisions about the Governor's budget for libraries (and the State Library) – PDE's budget requests are currently being negotiated with Governor's Budget Office. The Governor will present his 2025-26 Budget on Tuesday, February 4 and the Dept of Education appears before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, February 26.
- **State Library of Pennsylvania** – See Sarah Greene's report. One additional note – on November 21, the Rare Collections Library staff Mike Lear and Jesse Noonan hosted the staff and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee for a tour. In addition, Mike and Jesse (with less than a day's notice) produced a bound copy of the Commonwealth's Constitution for a swearing-in ceremony for the Governor's Office. These are great examples of advocacy through service!
- Work continues on the process to produce **new Regulations in Pa Code Title 22, Part IX**. We refined the draft language for the regulations based on all the feedback from the field and prepared the RAF and Preamble. After the package of those pieces is reviewed by Policy, Legal, Legislative Affairs and the executive level of PDE, we will work on changes suggested by our colleagues and be ready to submit the package to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, the Governor's office and House and Senate Education Committees after the new committees are seated (probably Jan-Feb 2025).
- **Visits with Libraries** – on a snowy Friday before Thanksgiving, the State Librarian made a trip to the [Tyrone-Snyder Public Library](#) for the ribbon-cutting for their new Sensory Space. The Library received diverse grants and assistance with planning and execution to create this welcoming and interactive space for everyone who needs it. [Pictures of the event here](#). Susan Banks will also be sharing some updates and insights on OCL's 5-Year Plan at PaLA's Southeast Chapter (SEPLA) meeting in Upper Dublin on Friday, December 6.
- **Futures Community of Practice** meetings will continue for the time being on the second Monday of the month. The group is expanding and project work in a variety of areas of interest continues with the December meeting on Monday 12/9 with the topic of the future of Library education. If you're interested let Sue Banks know and she'll include you in the meeting invitation.
- **PA Assessment of Collective Impact of Libraries** – Since our last report-out and the brief update on the handout from the last GAC meeting, the Steering Committee for the Impact study has met and provided some robust feedback and insight on the work with our consultants. We continue to be encouraged and excited by the responses and the perspective they are giving us for future priorities. The project is scheduled to be completed and a final report shared in September of 2025 and we hope to present with our consultants at the 2025 PaLA Conference.
- **Broadband and Technology Updates (Carrie Cleary):**
 - E-rate: Please see updates at e-ratepa.org for expanded details
 - The U.S. Supreme Court will take up a case about the constitutionality of the mechanism for funding the Universal Service Fund, which distributes funding for the

E-rate program for libraries and schools. The E-rate program will continue to operate normally until the case is decided. As we learn more, we will share more.

- E-rate category 2 funding year beginning July 1, 2025 now allows for discounts to be applied on purchase of loanable hot spot devices (up to \$90 each) and service plans for hotspots (up to \$15/month/each) for educational purpose with square footage of facility determining maximum number that can be discounted. The future of this program is uncertain; it would benefit libraries to ensure vendor contracts include non-E-rate funding out clauses in case a future FCC rescinds this program.
- From the Pennsylvanian Broadband Development Authority:
 - The PBDA is updating the Broadband Ready Communities Program. Libraries are encouraged to contact municipal entities to encourage participation and ensure that your community is able to take advantage of upcoming broadband opportunities.
 - Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program guidelines are posted online: [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Guidelines \(pa.gov\)](#) and the first round of applications is accepted through January 21, 2025. Learn more at: [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program - PA Department of Community & Economic Development](#)
 - See the updated [Pennsylvania Broadband Map](#) to include Broadband Serviceable Areas (BSAs) and Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) eligible under the PBDA BEAD Program. Libraries should check the map and the list of [Eligible Community Anchor Institutions](#) to see how your location is listed and what your community can work towards.
 - PBDA released grant approvals of applications submitted for the [Capital Projects Fund](#) grants including the [Multi-purpose Community Facilities Program](#). Libraries who received grant approval included: Community Library Association (Allegheny), Northland Public Library Authority (Allegheny), Carnegie Library of Homestead (Allegheny), B.F. Jones Memorial Library (Beaver), Bucks County Free Library in Bensalem and Quakertown (Bucks), Cambria Library Association (Cambria), Darby Library Co (Delaware), Erie Regional library Foundation (Erie), Ralpho Township Public Library (Northumberland), Somerset County Library (Somerset), Charleroi Area Public Library (Washington), Murraysville Community Library (Westmoreland), Sewickley Township Public Library (Westmoreland), Tyrone-Snyder Public Library (Blair), Note that other projects included library improvements, but applicant funding was awarded to municipality.)
 - PBDA released grant approvals for the Digital Connectivity Technology Program (laptop grant) funded by the Capital Projects Fund. See more at [COVID-19 ARPA Pennsylvania Digital Connectivity Technology Program](#). Library approvals included Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library (Franklin), Bucks County Free Library (Bucks), Butler Area Public Library (Butler), Cumberland County Library System Foundation (Cumberland), Dimmick Memorial Library (Carbon), Erie County Public Library (Erie), Frank Sarris Public Library (Washington), Franklin County Library System (Franklin), Fulton County Library (Fulton), Hamburg Public Library (Berks), Montgomery District Library Center (Montgomery), Parkland Community Library

(Lehigh), Pottsville Free Public Library (Schuylkill), Reading Public Library (Berks), and Union County Library System (Union). Other grants to counties or entities may have library partners or plans for library distribution. A second round of applications for laptops is anticipated.

- Reminder: If you haven't yet, please read Pennsylvania's [Digital Equity Act Plan](#) so you are prepared for future opportunities. Be sure to check out the [Digital Equity Atlas](#) to get data on covered populations that you can impact in your service area.

Bureau of Library Development (BLD) Report

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FEDERAL FUNDING/PROGRAMS

LSTA

- **Statewide Library Service Grants**

- Awards have been made for FY 2024-25 new and renewal Statewide Library Service Grants. One new contract is routing for signatures and 1 is fully executed. All renewal contracts have been executed. Total awarded = \$1,149,590.89 (plus \$1,277,215.00 toward AccessPA/POWER Library contract)

- **Local Library Grants**

- 42 awards have been made for FY 2024-25 Local Library Grants for professional development, excellent and equitable youth services collections, and sustaining success for Family Place and Play & Grow libraries. Several contracts are still in process for corrections or routing for signatures. Total awarded = \$149,056.28.

- **Youth Services**

- [Register for upcoming Pennsylvania Summer Library Program 2025 Roundtable Sessions](#)
 - Thursday, January 9, 1:30 – 3:00 PM: Color Our World
 - Thursday, February 13, 1:30 – 3:00 PM: Excellent and Equitable Programming
 - Thursday, March 13, 1:30 – 3:00 PM: Connecting with Community VoicesFor full session descriptions, please visit: <https://compendium.ocl-pa.org/2025-roundtables>
- The [Collaborative Summer Library Program Summer Symposium 2024](#) will be held virtually on December 5, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Recordings of the Symposium will be available after the live session.
- [An application](#) is open for the next Play & Grow cohort. (More information can be found on the [Compendium](#).) The goal of the Play & Grow project is to assist libraries without a full-time children's librarian in creating high quality preschool programming and creating early childhood areas that have high appeal to families with young children birth to entering Kindergarten. The application deadline is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

- **Adult Services**

- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Folk and Traditional Arts programs have concluded for 2024. Programs ranged from apprenticeship opportunities, digital literacy training for folk artists, oral history traditions, and use of medium. Over 130 programs were provided across 46 libraries and schools in PA.
- Attended the State Corrections Institution (SCI) Annual Legal Library Training in October and presented information about resources in an open discussion forum to SCI library staff.

- **Operations and Relationships**

- Work continues on the design of sample policies and procedures for libraries to use as they develop their own. As these models are finalized, they will be made available on a BLD LibGuide. Submit model policy or procedure requests by completing this form <https://forms.office.com/g/CPJBet6bpw>.
- A Steering Team is currently in place to develop a revised Board Trustee Manual as an update to the *Getting on Board* Manual, and work is beginning in creating a resource to help trustees understand their important role in governance. When completed, this manual will be available on a BLD LibGuide.

- **Professional Development**

- The New Directors Community of Practice began meeting monthly in October. Any new directors that would benefit from attending should email Julie Moore at julmoore@pa.gov and submit the personnel change to the [Library and Organization Update Form](#).
- See the [Compendium Calendar](#) for upcoming professional development opportunities:
 - [Who's On First: Cleaning Up Communication - December 11 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM](#)
 - [Mental Illness Short Course: High Risk and Low Risk Situations - December 12 from 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM](#)
 - [How to Be More Mindful in 2025 - December 18 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM](#)

STATE FUNDING/PROGRAMS

Regulations, Policy, and Guidelines

The BLD work group received feedback from PDE on the Regulatory Analysis Form (RAF) and have started updating the information in response to the suggestions. We still expect to submit the regulatory package to IRRC early 2025 after the new general assembly has been convened and new committees are established to avoid interruptions in the process.

State Aid

- Annual Report (Public Libraries Survey) data input has been removed from LibPAS while the report is updated for the 2024 reporting year.
- Reviews of the Plans for State Aid are complete, and State Aid payments are scheduled to post in early January.
- The District Library Center Waiver Application is set to open in mid-January.

Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities

- The 2025 round of Keystone Grants received 12 applications requesting a total of \$5.3 million in grant funds. Applications are currently in the review process. Applicants can expect funding decisions by late February.

OPERATIONS/PERSONNEL

- Administration & Data Unit
 - Administrative Assistant – Interviews are underway.

The Compendium (compendium.ocl-pa.org) is BLD's primary communication channel. Please subscribe to ensure you receive the most up-to-date information.

To contact us, please refer to the [BLD LibGuide](#).

GAC, Bureau of State Library Report

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Community Engagement

State Library staff spent 40 hours in special programs for 1200 people since September. Highlights included opening the library after hours for a special Pennsylvania Library Association conference attendees. Staff held several tours for a group of school superintendents from Berks County, the Pennsylvania Office of Historic Preservation, and two representatives and their staff and visiting constituents, including a group of journalism students from IUP. Staff also conducted several lunch and learn topics: a local author Kraig Kiehl's espionage novel "Saving Krakow," an introductory program on Bee Keeping, as well as our greatest attended program of all time: Bill Fee's "Cryptid" lunch and learn, where over 200 state employees participated, spontaneously created their own meme, and requested follow up programs.

STEMlab

The STEMlab signed a partnership agreement with GirlsWhoCode to act as a parent organization to libraries around the state of PA. All libraries in PA now have access to the following benefits through the partnership:

- A dedicated Girls Who Code Representative
- A single Club Success Specialist to support facilitators at each of your Clubs
- Access to up to \$5,000 in grants through our community Partnership Fund
- Access to a Partnership Dashboard to see regular updates on affiliated Clubs
- Priority consideration for eligible students who apply to our Summer Immersion Program, where
- available
- Priority access to regional events and field trips organized by Girls Who Code, where available

Rare Collections

Rare Collections continues to host tours of the Rare Collections Library for interested parties. This includes providing some history on the 2004-2006 renovated space, along with a look at rare books and their role in history and context within the history of the book and print culture. During this period, we hosted approximately 158 visitors including state employees, outside non-profit groups, and members of the Pennsylvania Library Association during their October conference in Harrisburg.

We continue to be challenged with funding issues, particularly the maintenance of the complicated and aging HVAC system designed for preserving rare books and printed materials. Repairs have remained unfunded in annual budgets and have depending on a finite pool of funds left over from

the project and designated for repairs and purchases of rare materials. As previously noted, these funds are nearly exhausted as two pieces of HVAC equipment are currently being replaced, one almost twenty years old and the other barely two years old. In addition, there are already issues with our two-year old chiller that is now out of warranty and assigned to us by the Department of General Services as our responsibility despite it being part of the 2021-2023 Forum Building renovation project.

In addition to these HVAC issues, we attempted to have lighting in rare collections storage areas upgraded as the aging LEDs have lost intensity as they have aged. In addition, the lighting is severely inadequate for seeing and working in collection spaces as the original designer of the Rare Collections Library placed 100% emphasis on preservation without any consideration for working and using spaces.

In preparation for the America 250th anniversary, Rare Collections and Library staff continues to platform rare primary resources on the 1765-1800 era on the library's digital repository. It is hoped to launch this site, which will also contain suggestions for student use/interaction, early next year in time for the 250th of the start of the American Revolution.

Digital Collections

Digital Collections staff have finished inventorying the Three Mile Island archive in the closed stacks and are preparing a select few documents for a digital exhibit on Quartex.

Submitted 11/27/2024

Sarah Greene, Director State Library



Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

Quarter 1 Report

Governor's Advisory Council

Submitted by Sarah DeMaria, PSLA President

PSLA Work with the LSTA Grant

CSI: Connections, Solutions, Initiatives

Join us for an exciting new opportunity. Based on member feedback, we heard that you want to get together more to share ideas and learn from each other. CSI is for you! We are offering several in-person sessions across the state. You can choose to attend as many of the events as you'd like. Keep a lookout, more dates will be added with virtual options around the corner. First meetings are open to all PA school librarians.

Online PD Course- Empowering Students with Constructivist Media Decoding

An online professional development course designed to introduce librarians to the vibrant practice of constructivist media decoding. This 12-week online training is provided through the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association in collaboration with Project Look Sharp of Ithaca College. Those who complete the course will earn 14 hours of Act 48 credit, a badge from Project Look Sharp, and a letter to your administrator describing your training.

PSLA Newsletter – The News for PA School Librarians Sent out monthly to all school librarians in the state.

PSLA Special Recognition

PSLA and the Intellectual Freedom Task Group have been awarded an ALA grant to develop a statewide Regional Rapid Response team to support intellectual freedom. PSLA is currently seeking volunteers in the nine PA regions. All volunteers will receive specialized training and work with multiple partners within and outside of the school library community to support our work.

In the November print edition of *Phi Delta Kappan*.

Lance, K.C., Kachel, D. E., & Gerrity, C. (2024, October 28).

[Employing school librarians: What decision makers tell us.](#)

PSLA Advocacy Efforts

HB 2605: The School Library Restoration Pilot Program bill has been introduced and referred to the House Education Committee! This bill proposes to select twelve [low-achieving schools](#), create a functioning library with a certified school librarian for a 5-year time period, and study student achievement rates and other success factors. **Visit the [Take Action Now](#) tab on [PSLA.org](#) to contact your legislator with just a few clicks.** Advocacy Committee member Deb Kachel has also started a LibGuide to support this effort at <https://paschoollibraryproject.org/palegislation/HB2605>. Check it out for even more resources!

One Certified Librarian per Public School

PSLA Supports HB 640 and SB 610: “One Certified Librarian per Public School.” You can add your support via an automated email here

<https://www.saveschoollibrarians.org/emailforschoollibrarians>

PSLA Committee Work

Awards:

- Extended the award deadline to October 30, 2024
- Reviewed 2025 award nominations and will seek board approval

Conference:

- April 3-5 2025 Conference: Bayfront, Erie (PA)
 - Keynote Speaker: Sara Shepard, author of the *Pretty Little Liars* series
 - Keynote Author: Julie Stivers, School Librarian of the Year

Communications:

- First Fridays- a monthly email, highlighting for members of events happening at PSLA and within PA school libraries
- Monthly PA Spotlight Librarian—IG and FB Takeover

Operations:

- Seeking a slate of candidates for the 2025 PSLA Election
 - **Board of Director Positions** - 2 year term - 2 open positions
 - **Secretary** - 2 year term
 - **Vice President** - This position is a 4-year commitment which includes Vice President, President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President
 - [The Deadline to apply is December 20, 2024 Self-nominations are accepted.](#)

Teaching & Learning:

- PSLA Lit Review- Committee reads and reviews hundreds of books each year and posts to their blog
- December 2, 2024- **Cozy Up with a Good Book Talk...and Games**

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

POWER LIBRARY REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 5, 2024

Submitted by Maryam Phillips, Executive Director

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HSLC Mission: Hosting Solutions & Library Consulting (HSLC) believes strong libraries make strong communities. We are driven by our mission to contribute to the success of libraries by delivering sound technical solutions and expansive consulting services. Our core values include being Inclusive, Dedicated, Trustworthy and always Listening.

Other Things Pennsylvania Libraries Should Know About HSLC:

- HSLC has served as a library support organization since 1988 (36 years)
- HSLC has served as a non-profit partner to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries in various capacities since 2000, primarily managing the ACCESS PENNSYLVANIA and POWER Library services and programs.

Fall Training Recap

POWER Library fall training was held at ten locations across the Commonwealth throughout the month of October. Locations included Coal Center, Monaca, Edinboro, Enola, Williamsport, DuBois, Altoona, Schnecksville, Lancaster, and King of Prussia. For the first time, a Zoom live stream day was held on the Williamsport training day. Training facilities used included eight local intermediate units (IU), one hotel meeting space, and one university meeting space. 311 librarians attended in person, and 410 joined the live stream. Attendance was roughly split 50/50 between public and school librarians. Using majority IU locations allowed us to bring the venue and staff travel costs for all of fall training to less than \$19,000.

Ten sessions were held throughout each training day, presented by Erin Halovanic, Tracy Carey, and Ed Wolf. Two introductory sessions were offered to start the day: POWER Library 101 for new participants; What's New for experienced participants, and other topics followed:

- Pop culture topics through the medium of POWER Library resources
- Answering reference questions from young researchers in grades PreK-5th grade
- Changes to the Access PA framework
- E-Resources for middle school librarians
- Teaching and Learning through the Past with new Primary Sources
- Exploring real reference questions asked through the Chat with a Librarian service and matching them up with POWER Library E-Resources
- POWER Library resources that you can use in your library's outreach efforts to the community

- E-Resource Round-Up – exploring different audience-levels and major content-types for each of the resources presented at fall training

E-Resources Procurement

The following EBSCO E-Resources terms expire on December 31st, so HSLC released a Request For Proposals to obtain subscriptions to databases that feature Academic level research; STEM; and a photo archive.

- Academic Search Main Edition
- AP Newsroom
- Science Reference Source

Negotiations with vendors are wrapping up now, and the final list of selected databases will be published by December 31st.

Future Focus

- Using feedback to develop the new POWER Library portal
- Enhancing the E-Book Catalog authentication process
- Issuing an RFP for the PAPD system

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