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Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 @ 9:30a.

VIA A ZOOM MEETING: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please send email request to Kathy Graybeal at kgraybeal@sussexcountye.gov for login.

Call to Order: [Diana Young at 9:33a.](#)

Adoption of the Wednesday, August 19, 2020 Agenda. [Motion - Diana Young; 2nd - John Monahan](#)
Approve Wednesday, June 17, 2020 and July 15, 2020 Minutes. [Motion - John Monahan; 2nd – Steve Schwartz](#)

Announcement: Following the success of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) pilot effort in FY 2020, the Secretary of State committed support for an additional five (5) school districts in FY 2021. The Seaford and Indian River districts are included in the new plan. When it was determined that the addition covered nearly 80% of the eligible participants, the Secretary approved implementation of the program in every district statewide. There will be an official kick-off with the Governor and First Lady later in August, date to be determined. Per DPIL staff, Dolly Parton may join in virtually. [Announcement made after agenda posting. See Item 1 attached.](#)

Sussex County Libraries

- Report: library service throughout the pandemic. [Received a survey from Counting Opinions. Offered \\$500 grant to participants; Rachel Lynch + Jill DiPaolo infographics re: Item 2 attached.](#)
- Report: technology access equity across Sussex County. [Mary Schwanky and team contacted elected officials about the crisis. As a stop gap measure, install an additional exterior wifi unit for broader use of outdoor space at the libraries. Parental support once remote learning begins. Item 3 attached.](#)
- Report: beginning discussions around FY 2022 with Independent libraries. [Around new definitions and how they affect the formula for FY 2022.](#)
- Report: E-Measures Survey for Counting Opinions [We hope definitions will emerge from this information.](#)
- Update: library reopening. [Several libraries are using/have ordered Steribook machines; Seaford's ESL classes are underway again. Two new printers ordered to help; Frankford open 2 hrs./day; Bridgeville's cleaning protocols are succeeding. Apple Scrapple is canceled – the library's biggest annual fundraiser; Children's Book Festival is postponed for a year; Selbyville + Seaford continue providing meals to children; Many will open for computer appointments in September. Not beach libraries. COUNTY library update: per County Administrator, temp checks for public and firm plan on managing behavior if a patron refuses to comply with mask](#)

requirement. REALM Report from IMLS re: COVID-19 virus retention on library materials. Item 4 attached.

- Update: staff training. LIBRARYAWARE <https://www.libraryaware.com/> eg; next reads newsletter. DDL has been proactive in providing access to immediate-need training, particularly around social justice + safe reopening of spaces.
- BIGGEST ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS REMOTE LEARNING. INTENSE WORK FOR THE SYSTEM...NOW...PER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. LEWES PROPOSAL TO CAPE.

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- Report: DE Division of Libraries COVID-19 Guide. The Guide was approved by the Council on Libraries at the August 6, 2020 meeting. Item 7 attached.
- Update: Library Construction in FY 2022. A light library construction year. Perhaps ask for monies for FFE to support remote learning + outdoor spaces?
- Report: Council on Libraries. August Agenda + July Notes – Items 5 + 6 attached.
- NOTE: the Public Library Steering Committee approved the distribution of digital cards to all students in a school district.

Next meeting date: September 16, 2020 at 9:30am via the Zoom platform.

Adjourn. Motion – Steve Schwartz; 2nd – John Monahan

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on August 7, 2020 at 1:00pm and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

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