

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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**Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting
Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026
10a -11:30a**

West Complex Meeting Room Virtual participation is available.

Email Rachel Lynch at Rachel.Lynch@sussexcountyde.gov for login information.

Attendees: Candace Vessella (CV), Carol Fitzgerald (CF), Dianna Boehm (DB), Melissa Johnson, Rachel Lynch, Alison Miller

Catharine Kramer, Mary Brittingham, Kelly Kline, Katie McDonough, Lisa Petrecca, Rachel Lawson, Jessica Webb, Jill DiPaolo

Call to Order & Adoption of the Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Agenda. 10:04

Motion: CF Seconded: DB

Approval of Wednesday, November 19, 2025 minutes

Motion: CF Seconded: CV

Announcements:

- Welcome Dianna Boehem, new LAB representing District 4. Appointed by Doug Hudson at 02/03/2026 Council Meeting
- Congratulations to Laurel Library – received \$17,000 donation from 100 Women Who Care organization in Southern Delaware
- Another LAB member is set to appointed at 02/24/2026 meeting.
 - Once full board appointed, look at creating bylaws – none currently for LAB.
 - RL will research and provide examples
- United for Libraries 03/21/2026 12:00-15:00 Virtual retreat for Boards and Friends
 - Found through ALA website

Sussex County Libraries

- System Updates
 - Beebe Outreach came to present partnership program opportunities
 - Round Robin of Library going-ons
 - Independent Funding Meeting after
- Library Advisory Board (LAB) updates
 - LAB report
 - DB introduction – from Hanover, PA. Served on PA cosmetology board. Love for libraries and willing to serve.
 - CV – testified at JFC for COL for FY2027 funding.
 - CF – Weather permitting, will visit LA and SF



DDL/Steering/DE Libraries/COL

- Council on Libraries report
 - Testimony and JFC and will do for Bond Bill
 - Concerns with the North Market (NoMar) surprise announcement for new library
- Consortium Director's Meeting report (in place of Public Library Steering Committee Meeting)
 - No report

Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 10:00am West Complex 1st Floor meeting room. Virtual participation is available.

Adjourn at 10:17 am

Motion: DB Seconded: CF

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