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

**Wednesday, March 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:

In Person: Candance Vessella (CV), Dianna Boehem (DB), Rachel Lynch, Alison Miller

Virtual: Vivian Erickson (VE), Melissa Johnson, Catharine Kramer, Mary Brittingham, Gail Bruce, Kelly Kline, Sue Keefe, Lisa Petrecca, Pamela Batten, Philip Hartmeyer, Katie McDonough, Lea Rosell

Absent: Carol Fitzgerald (CF), Mary Holloway (MH)

Call to Order & Adoption of the Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Agenda. 10:03am

Motion: DB Seconded: VE

Approval of Wednesday, February 18, 2026 minutes

Motion: DB Seconded: CV

Announcements:

- Vivian Erickson, new

Sussex County Libraries

- System Updates
 - Nothing to report - no meeting
- Library Advisory Board (LAB) updates
 - LAB report
 - DB – Friends of South Coastal sponsored and hosted 1st grade classes from Lord Baltimore school at South Coastal for tour and games.
 - VE – no report
 - CV – Rehoboth construction continues. Lewes having Browseabout partnership event for David Baldacci

DDL/Steering/DE Libraries/COL

- Council on Libraries report
 - No March meeting, unofficial meeting to discuss state standards distribution. RL will not be at April meeting (attending PLA conference).
- Consortium Director's Meeting report (in place of Public Library Steering Committee Meeting)
 - Promoting Library Programs and Services new committee
 - Holiday and program tagging in LibCal for statistics
 - 125th anniversary update
 - Discussion of Chromebook and Hotspot lending



- Tax Forms update
- NOMA Library explanation, and concern of funding because it was built without COL approval or DDL knowledge
 - Sen Brown and former Rep Bullock headed project
 - DDL had very limited interaction with planning, as allowed.
 - Received AARPA funding
- Nonprofit libraries are prohibited in providing Passports
- Upcoming professional development training
- Library updates
- Legislative Day (03/12/2026) review
 - Much library support
 - Thanks to Catharine Wemberly for organizing event
 - Library State funding is based in State Law. Reviewing and looking to revise Law and formula.
- Vivian Ericson introduction
 - Former Milford Library employee, director.
 - Served on Friends of Delaware Libraries, co-president

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10:00am West Complex 1st Floor meeting room. Virtual participation is available.

Adjourn at 10:29am

Motion: DB Seconded: VE

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