

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 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: Carol Fitzgerald (CF), Vivian Erickson (VE), Candance Vessella (CV), Dianna Boehm (DB), Rachel Lynch, Alison Miller

Virtual: Melissa Johnson, Catherine Kramer, Lea Rosell, Katie McDonough, Kelly Kline, Mary Brittingham, Jill DiPaolo, Philip Hartmeyer

Absent: Mary Holloway (MH)

Call to Order & Adoption of the Wednesday, April 15, 2026 Agenda. 10:00am

Motion: CF Seconded: VE

Approval of Wednesday, March 18, 2026 minutes

Motion: DB Seconded: VE

Announcements:

- New Bookmobile arrived and ready to roll
 - 04/21/2026 County Council meeting will have introduction and tour (once officially scheduled)
 - Open house at Children's Book Festival 05/02/2026
 - Plan to start routes in June
- Next month's meeting will have working group for creating ByLaws.
 - Plan to complete in September
- State of Delaware Friends group is having meeting at Georgetown library on 04/27/2026.
- Philip Hartmeyer new Frankford director

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- System Updates
 - Beanstak - Had majority to participate. Dates 06/01/26-08/08/26.
 - Salary Survey - Will be sent out late this week/early next week. Fill out for all employees. End date 05/01/2026.
 - Book disposal - Kelly knows a guy who will pick up. (A new Jesse) All will share book disposal contacts and methods on the Sussex directors list.
 - Internet Outages - Selbyville and Frankford were the only that reported repeated incidents. Will create a shared spreadsheet to document outages and will review after one month.
 - Browse collection - Items can only be Browse if there is at least one circulating copy.



- Seaford had question about teens using their computer lab.
- Georgetown question about using 125 logo on library program promos. General consensus was it was encouraged, but optional.
- Lewes had a quick update on the banned computer user. Case with the District Attorney, but not much will come of it as Envisionware wipes all browsing history.
- Lisa reminded about reimbursement for the Children's Book Festival on May 2nd.
- Library Advisory Board (LAB) updates
 - LAB report
 - DB – Plan to visit Selbyville and Frankford
 - VE – New member, will meet with RL for orientation. Asked for Milford library construction update. In bidding process to start going into fall.
 - CV – Rehoboth continues construction. Lewes held successful Teen Job Fair. New Teen Librarian hired. Baldacci event not sold out yet.
 - CF – Rescheduling to visit Laurel and Seaford

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- Council on Libraries report
 - Some discussion on state aide. Creating a committee to better handle state standards funding.
 - Library Town Meeting June 4, 2026 at Duck Creek
- Consortium Director's Meeting report (in place of Public Library Steering Committee Meeting)
 - Two new directors at Frankford and Wilmington
 - Discussion on barring patrons
 - Update on Policy Task Force meetings
 - Online account privilege period extended from 3 months to 3 years to conform to other card profiles
 - Promoting Library Programs and Services
 - Discussion of Library Standards, approaches to a new formula
- Bond Bill Hearing 04/28/2026 for libraries requesting construction funds. CV will give testimony on behalf of Libraries.
- Public Library Association meeting – RL attended in Minneapolis, MN
 - Attended very poignant informative session
 - Mix of very large and smaller libraries.
 - Bryan Stevenson opening speaker

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10:00am West Complex 1st Floor meeting room. Virtual participation is available.

Adjourn at 10:35am

Motion: DB Seconded: CV

This Agenda is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the Meeting. Agenda items listed may be considered out of sequence.