



**Kent County Library Advisory Committee
Meeting Notice and Agenda
497 South Red Haven Lane
Dover, DE 19901
Library Meeting Room
Monday, June 22, 2026**

5:30 PM, LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Join the Meeting:

The public is welcome to attend in person, via WebEx, or by phone.

To join via WebEx go to: <https://kentcountyde.webex.com/kentcountyde/j.php?MTID=m7b8708d8146e09cc9a26cc5a4bab4b0c>

or by phone: 1-408-418-9388; Meeting number (access code): 2330 677 0586 Password: #

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE *(Please sign attendance sheet.)*

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of May 11, 2026 Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

Library Standards Formula

Library Service Districts

NEW BUSINESS

2027 Meeting Calendar

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(Limited to 5 minutes maximum/Chairperson's discretion.)*

ADJOURNMENT

Posting Info:

Posted: 6/12/2026

Revised:

Posted by: H. Welliver

Time: 3PM

Take down: Upon Replacement or on 6/22/2026

29 Del.C. §10004(e)(2). The Agenda items as listed may not be considered in sequence. This Agenda is subject to change to include additional items including Executive Sessions or the deletion of items including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.



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LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: June 22, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Hilary Welliver, Library

ITEM TYPE: Minutes

AGENDA SECTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

SUBJECT: Approval of May 11, 2026 Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:
[PDF MINUTES May 11 2026 LAC.pdf](#)



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

MINUTES: KENT COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026: 5:50 – 7:25 P.M.

AT KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 497 S. RED HAVEN LANE, DOVER, DE

Call to Order/Welcome

Attendance: Regina Brown, Debbie Magnin, Rhonda Mitchell (Chair), Linda Tjaden, Betty Wyatt, Marleena Scott, Lea Rosell (virtual), Hilary Welliver, Mark Kennedy

It was determined that a quorum was in attendance.

The minutes of the January 21, 2026, Kent County Library Advisory Committee were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Kennedy provided an overview to the Kent County Website's Agenda Management System. Committee members are to email Hilary if they are interested in having an account.

Hilary provided a summary of Library Legislative Day events.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgetary Concerns:

1. The Committee requests that Kent County Finance provide a timeline and a step-by-step description of how libraries throughout Kent County can process changes to the millage for the Library Tax Districts.
2. In addition to State Standards Grant funds, \$50K is given annually to "anchor libraries" by the Delaware Division of Libraries. In New Castle and Sussex Counties, the DDL gives the \$50K to the Division of Libraries, but in Kent County, the funds are given to Dover Public Library. This practice was discussed and it was suggested that the \$50K for Kent County be directed to the Kent County Division of Libraries.
3. The Delaware Division of Libraries is exploring alternatives to the distribution formula currently in place for Library Standards Grant funds. The committee requests that the State Library provide these formulas, along with projected funding, for the members to review and discuss. Rhonda will set up meetings with President Joanne Masten and also with Dr. Annie Norman; Marleena has meetings with DDL staff and will report any findings back to the committee/Kent County directors.
4. Because the state formula for distribution of Library Standards Funds is being reviewed, so are Library Service Districts. There was discussion of what constitutes a library service district, as it varies from municipality/governing board/county/state. If the state decides to redistrict, the Committee would like to review the proposal(s) and discuss the impact prior to adopting anything new.



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5. The state library has formed a Libraries Budget Formula Committee, which has yet to meet.

6. A tentative interim meeting of the Kent County Library Advisory Committee, in the event that discussion/decisions regarding budgetary concerns need to be addressed was set for Monday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m., at Kent County Public Library.

7. Motion moved (Betty White) and seconded (Linda Tjaden) and carried unanimously: Motion to request figures for proposed re-districting of service areas and also financial impact of suggested alternatives to current state standards formula to be made to the Delaware Division of Libraries.

Election of Officers:

A paper ballot was taken and the 2026-2027 officers for the Kent County Library Advisory Committee are:

Chair: Rhonda Mitchell

Vice-Chair: Betty Wyatt

Governor's Council on Libraries: Dr. Peg Prouse and Dr. Hilary Welliver

Congratulations!

There will be a Statewide Library Town Meeting at Duck Creek Regional Library on June 4, 2026. As more information about this advocacy event is made available, it will be forwarded to committee members. Save the date!

Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian, has announced that she plans to retire from her post effective August 1, 2026. Rhonda will write a letter on behalf of the Committee to thank Dr. Norman for her service, advocacy, and support over the years.

Reports

-- Directors Report

-- Council on Libraries

Adjourn

Note: A Zoom link was made available for virtual participation in the meeting, but it was only a 40 minute link. Lea Rosell, who had made use of the link, then phoned in and participated in that manner through the end of the meeting. This situation should not recur, as arrangements have since been made to use the County's Web-x contract/online meeting software in the future.

Next meeting: Dinner meeting (venue to be determined) on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.



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