

Library Advocates, Legislators to Meet Tuesday April 12 to Discuss the Future of Delaware's Libraries

☒ Dover–Delaware library officials, friends, advocates, patrons, and other lovers of libraries will have an opportunity to meet with legislators at the annual Delaware Library Legislative Action Day on Tuesday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is presented by the Delaware Library Association.

A full day of activities is planned, including an information session at the Dover Public Library, and lunch with legislators followed by discussions with legislators at Legislative Hall. Library advocates will meet with Governor Markell in the afternoon to personally thank him and his administration for years of support for Delaware libraries.

Since the first event in 1992, library supporters have influenced legislation and funding to benefit libraries throughout Delaware. During that time, state funding for libraries has increased by more than 150 percent, and more than \$25 million of state funds have gone into library construction projects during the Markell administration. Statewide library technology infrastructure, broadband, and wireless access has been achieved and more than half a million Delawareans and/or their families have library cards. The Delaware Library Catalog eBook lending program enters into its fourth year with Delawareans downloading eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines over 30,000 times each month.

Library Legislative Action Day gives librarians and library advocates an opportunity to thank Delaware legislators for their support of libraries as well as to influence future legislation and funding.

About the Delaware Library Association

The Delaware Library Association (<http://dla.lib.de.us>) is a chapter of the American Library Association, and its mission is to promote the profession of librarianship, to advocate for library services, and to provide information and services for Delawareans. DLA is the only statewide association that represents all types of libraries including academic, public, school, and special libraries.