

North Central Library District Board Bulletin

Crafted specifically for *you*, this quarterly newsletter delivers information pertinent to your role as a library trustee.

Stay connected to important library news from across our district and the Commonwealth. The NCLD staff are committed to ensuring you are informed, inspired, and empowered to fulfill your governance duties.

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Meet Tracy Carey, NCLD District Consultant



I am thrilled to join the North Central Library District as your new District Consultant! Having spent the past 20 years working within Pennsylvania's public library system in a variety of administrative roles, including the past 8 years helping to guide and shape the statewide POWER Library program, I am honored to bring my experience to the NCLD team in support of your efforts.

I look forward to visiting each library in our district to experience firsthand the unique spirit and community that defines each location.

Please don't hesitate to reach out—I'm looking forward to working with you all!
[Contact Tracy](#)

Public Library Subsidy Sees \$5 Million Increase

The state budget impasse ended on November 12, 2025 and included an increase of \$5 million for public library subsidy. This increase represents a 7.1% increase to public libraries in state aid from the previous year. Many thanks to everyone throughout our district who reached out to lawmakers and expressed the importance of funding public library services.

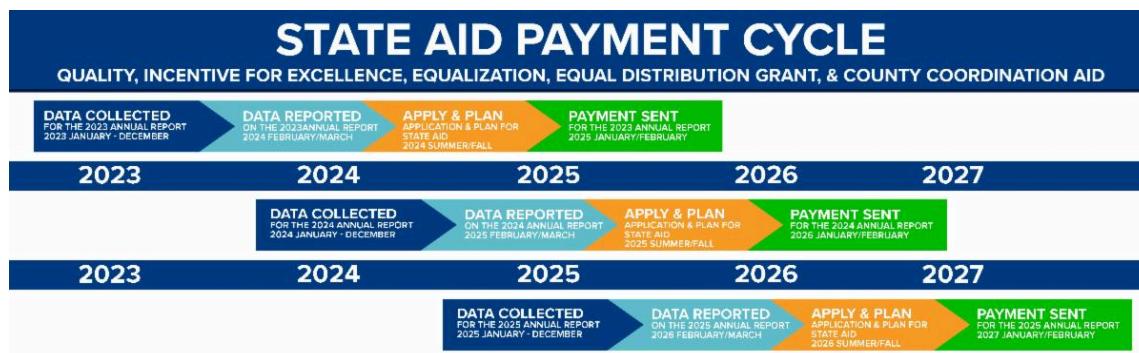
As a library trustee, you hold a pivotal position in advocating and championing the library's mission. You can find more information on a library board's advocacy role at the [Office of Commonwealth Libraries LibGuide](#), as well as a full advocacy learning curriculum through [Turning the Page](#), a project of the Public Library Association. And finally, NCLD staff are always on hand to discuss and assist in the creation an advocacy plan for your library.



2025 Annual Report Now Open

The Annual Report, or PA Public Library Data Collection, for 2025 reporting period will open on January 22, 2026 . All libraries within the District should submit their report to the District Consultant by March 2, 2026.

This information is used to determine eligibility for state aid in the next cycle, as referenced below. This data is also submitted to the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services national data collection program of public libraries.



Library Friends and Trustee Institute

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Presented entirely online, this event will offer a valuable opportunity for Library Friends Groups and Board Trustees to learn and engage with one another. Content will be tailored for those involved in library governance and operations, library fundraising and/or advocacy.

Attendees will have the ability to attend three (3) live sessions on the day of the event with post-event access to recordings of all nine (9) sessions for an additional 90 days. Both individual and group viewing options provide affordable & convenient access to this important content. Consider enrolling today!

Registration, session schedule and details



The Friends and Trustees Institute is co-sponsored by Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL) and the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA)

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