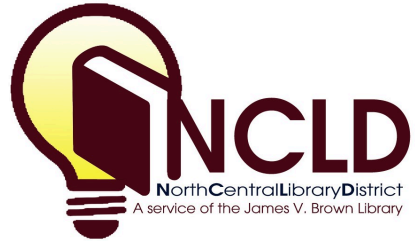


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North Central Library District Board Bulletin

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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YOU'RE INVITED!

Master the Art of Library Fundraising: A Workshop with Chad Barger



NCLD is thrilled to sponsor master trainer, Chad Barger for an in-person workshop on **June 10, 2026 from 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM at the James V. Brown Library.**

Fundraising shouldn't feel like a chore. During this 90 minute session, Chad will share practical tips you can use to become effective and engaged fundraisers for the library. You will leave this session with a complete toolkit to activate your entire Board, library staff, and Friends of the Library volunteers.

[Register on the District website by May 29, 2026](#)

Pennsylvania State Budget and Legislative Update

The 2026-2027 Pennsylvania State Budget has been drafted by Governor Shapiro and proposes level funding to the 4 lines related to libraries, which are currently as follows:

- \$2.749 million for the State Library
- \$75.47 million for the Public Library Subsidy
- \$3.00 million for Library Services for the Visually Impaired and Disabled (LAMP)
- \$3.071 million for Library Access

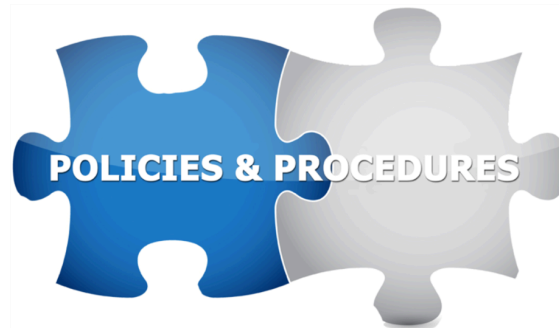


The Pennsylvania Library Association needs your help in its ask for an **increase of \$7.3 million to the Public Library Subsidy**.

Please consider contacting your local State Legislators and voicing your support of public libraries. [Find Your Legislator Here.](#)

[View a guided handout](#) to assist you with talking points when reaching out to your State Legislators.

The Importance of Library Policies



Public library policies are essential for establishing operational stability, ensuring equitable service, and upholding intellectual freedom. They provide a legal framework for governance, guide a library director on creating consistent procedures, and define patron rights, fostering community trust while reducing ambiguity.

As a public library Trustee, it is important to know the difference between a policy and procedure and to understand which area a library's board of trustees or governing body is responsible for.

A **policy** is a plan or approach that guides decisions and actions. It helps library staff know how the library operates, and helps the community understand how to use the library. **Policies should be understood and approved by the library's board of trustees or governing body and reflect the library's mission.**

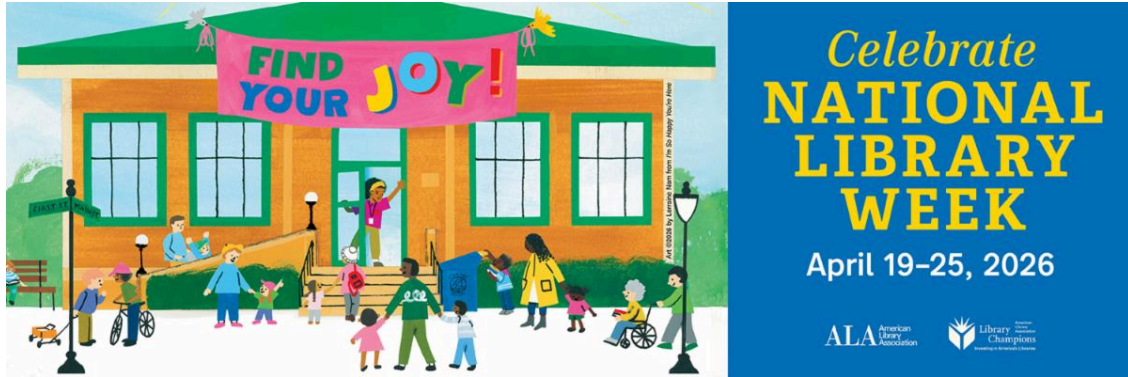
On the other hand, a **procedure** is a set of specific steps that are followed in a particular order to provide clear, step-by-step instructions to ensure a policy is followed correctly. **Procedures are developed and approved by the Library Director.**

Find information and tools to help guide the development of policies from the [The American Library Association](#) and find [sample policies for review from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.](#)

Remember, any policies your library creates should be tailored to the library's specific circumstances and approved by the library's board of trustees or governing body. If you have legal questions or need guidance on implementing a policy, be sure to consult with your library's attorney.

National Library Week April 19-25, 2026

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme is "*Find Your Joy!*"



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