



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022
ZOOM: 983 3133 2641 | Passcode: 821018
12:00 pm

Allen
Rosenthal
Pearson

Murphy
Tempestini
Knuth

Boam
Conway
Aoh

AGENDA

1. ***Call to Order***
2. ***Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2022***
3. ***Library Reports***
 - a. Library Staff reports
 - b. Report of Director
 - c. Review of Financial Report
 - d. Statistical and Other Reports
 - e. Report of District Consultant
4. ***Board and Committee Reports***
 - a. Report of County Council Liaison
 - b. Report of Friends and ERLF
5. ***Unfinished Business***
6. ***New Business***
7. ***Adjournment***
8. ***Appendix***
 - a. Announcements
 - b. News Articles

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2022
3. Library Reports
 - a. Library Staff reports
 - b. Report of Director
 - c. Review of Financial Report

See attachment

- d. Statistical and Other Reports

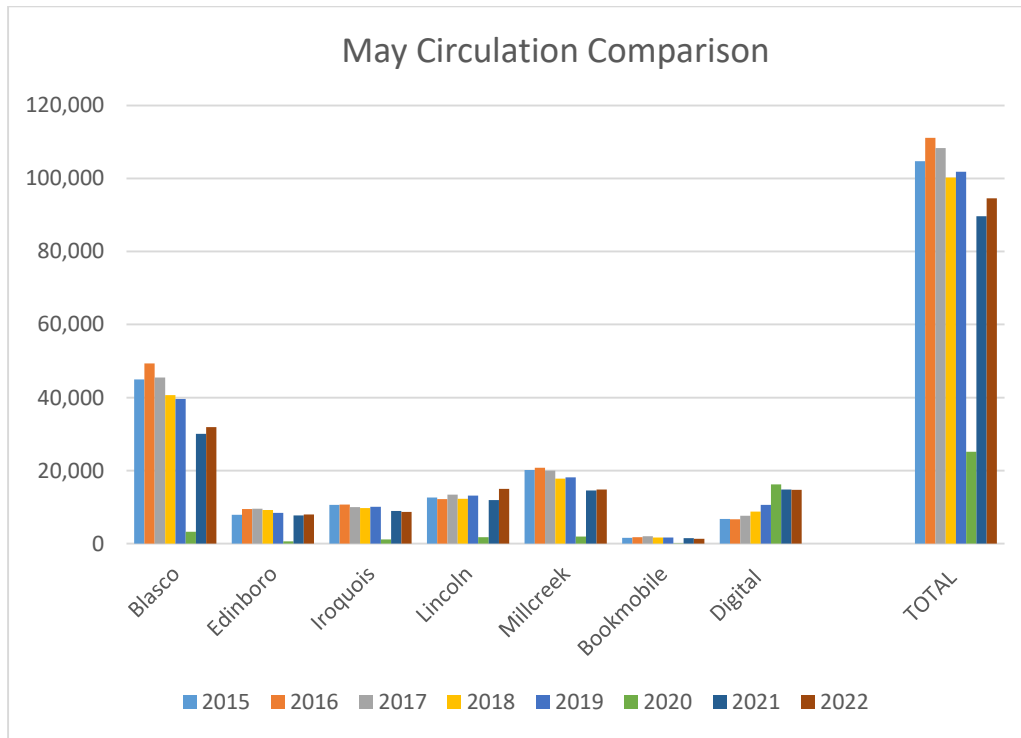


May 2022 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **375** new cards issued, including **37** e-cards
- **3,790** Wi-Fi logins, increase of **150** from May 2021
- **2,964** computer sessions, **1,940** hours used

Circulation



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Blasco	44,946	49,354	45,476	40,664	39,594	3,292	30,045	31,951
Edinboro	7,910	9,516	9,588	9,197	8,456	649	7,711	7,976

Iroquois	10,591	10,749	10,052	9,779	10,130	1,159	9,003	8,705
Lincoln	12,663	12,225	13,448	12,280	13,154	1,813	11,979	14,964
Millcreek	20,176	20,812	20,031	17,840	18,169	1,962	14,604	14,868
Bookmobile	1,608	1,754	2,058	1,709	1,722	87	1,475	1,298
Digital	6,805	6,671	7,644	8,824	10,620	16,216	14,797	14,755
TOTAL	104,699	111,081	108,297	100,293	101,845	25,178	89,614	94,517

e. Report of District Consultant

District Consultant Report as of 6/8/22

June 30 is the end of the District’s fiscal year, so we’re working to wrap up the expenses. The District is required to expend all of its funds in the fiscal year as the budget is entirely funded by state aid. Some of the expenses will include

- Purchasing institutional memberships for each member library to experience the benefits of Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA), Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO), and The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL). Each library will then be able to carry on memberships for at least 1-2 of them with the 2022-2023 budget.
- Marketing district e-resources and general library awareness in Erie & Crawford Counties

At this time, the Purchasing Department has informed the District that it will not be seeing it’s new interlibrary loan delivery truck before June 30. Last year, the district applied and was granted an extension on \$25,000 to carry over into the 2021-2022 budget for the purpose of offsetting the costs of a new delivery truck. The purchase order was placed at the beginning of November following an RFP process. The District will resubmit a request to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries for extending the necessary funds into the 2022-2023 for the hopeful arrival of the vehicle.

The District will continue the process of lining up per diem drivers for interlibrary loan delivery. Applications will be due on June 9.

In Case You Missed It: Recordings are now available for a variety of trainings including

- Advocacy, Your Library, and Your Community – Presented by PANO
- Fundraising for Trustees & Volunteers – Presented by Chad Barger of Productive Fundraising
- Overcoming the Barriers to Fundraising Successes – Presented by Chad Barger of Productive Fundraising

Find the links to view them and other sessions [HERE](#).

The District offers e-resources through the Libby App or at <https://libbyapp.com/library/erielibrary>.

- **New! Kovels:** Kovels is the go-to source for expert information, pricing, and trends on antiques and collectibles.
- **Universal Class:** UniversalClass is the place to continue your education online and fulfill your lifelong learning goals.
- **LawDepot:** LawDepot offers legal forms in minutes with high-quality, easy-to-use, and completely customizable legal documents and templates.
- **Craftsy:** Craftsy is an online resource for all creative makers from basic instruction to advanced techniques for fabric and yarn crafts, baking, drawing, and much more.

As of June 1, John Brice retired from the position of System Administrator. At the end of 2021, he retired from being the full-time director of Meadville Public Library and worked as System Administrator part-time. The board approved contracting with Jessica Hilburn (director of Benson Memorial Library in Titusville) and Dan Slozat (director of Meadville Public Library) to share the duties as co-CEOs of the federated system of independent libraries.

4. Board and Committee Reports

- a. Report of County Council Liaison
- b. Report of Friends and ERLF

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

- a. Announcements

Reminder: Board members invited to participate in Outreach Advisory Committee. Committee will meet at conclusion of regular board meeting.

- b. News Articles

Entertainment and more not to miss around Erie week of May 26 to June 2

May 26, 2022 | Erie Times-News (PA)

Author/Byline: Erie Times-News; USA TODAY NETWORK | Page: S2 | Section: Features

573 Words | Readability: Lexile: 1190, grade level(s): 10 11-12

[Read News Document](#)^{Focus}

Appearing at Kellar's: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., Kellar's: A Modern Magic & Comedy Club, 1402 State St. Dan Naturman, known for self-deprecating, grouchy humor, has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson," as well as his own Comedy Central Presents special. He was voted into the semi-finals of "America's Got Talent" on season 9. Tickets are \$35. 814-461-0911, kellarsmagic.com.

PACA Live Concert Series: Sunday, 8 p.m. Join PACA in person at 1505 State St., or watch from home on Facebook every Sunday for live music performances broadcast from the PACA music stage. This Sunday features Trace the Pattern. Free admission; donations accepted. BYOB. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/paca1505/live> and <https://www.paca1505.org/live>.

Shops on The Hill Artisan Fleas: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2600 Peach St. Shops on Federal Hill are hosting the first of their summer "fleas," which include art, music, local vendors and food. Others will take place June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25. For more

information, visit bit.ly/hilldistrictfleas.

Poetry Live!: Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., Peninsula Room, Blasco Library, 160 E. Front St. Listen to poetry from local poets. Free. 814-451-6927, erielibrary.org

Wee Build Block Party: Tuesday and June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10 a.m.-noon, Children's Room, Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. Unstructured building time with friends; families welcome. Free. 814-451-7082, erielibrary.org

"Narcissus" Art Experience: Erie Art Museum, 20 E. Fifth St. "Narcissus" is an immersive art installation from Erie Art Co. and Noodlefish. The exhibit will be on view in the Beacon Gallery through Sept. 18. The gallery connects the museum entrance to the Hagen Gallery in the Customs House. The exhibit is a narrative installation inspired by the ancient Greek myth found in Ovid's "Metamorphoses." Visitors experience the exhibit as if they are Narcissus themselves. The pieces reflect distorted views and sound activations trigger questions that Echo, the water nymph in love with Narcissus, tried to convey to show her affection. At the end of the exhibition, visitors become captured in their own reflection until they drown in the mirror pool and are transformed into the flower, just like Narcissus. The exhibit requires admission to the museum. Admission is free for members, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. 814-459-5477, erieartmuseum.org/narcissus

Downtown Erie Sculpture Walk: Year-round outdoor exhibition of art implemented by Erie Arts & Culture and the Erie Downtown Development Corp. This privately funded initiative was curated by a panel of local leaders, art enthusiasts and downtown stakeholders. The Downtown Erie Sculpture Walk features 15 sculptures in downtown Erie and along the bayfront, representing the work of 13 different artists from throughout the United States. The inaugural set of sculptures are on display through August 2023. Find a list of the sculptures and their locations at bit.ly/eriesculpturewalk. 814-452-3427.

The Highmark Art After Dark music series: June 2 and all first Thursdays of the month, 5-8 p.m., Erie Art Museum, 20 E. Fifth St. Take a tour of the galleries and enjoy drinks at 5 p.m. Stay for the live music playing from 6 to 8 p.m. Art After Dark requires admission to the museum. Admission is free for members, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Continues through April 2023. 814-459-5477, erieartmuseum.org/art-after-dark

Caption:

The sculpture "Flat Curves II," left, by artist Jennifer Rubin-Garey is shown on July 14, 2021, near the Erie Art Museum in Erie. The piece is part of the Erie Arts & Culture Sculpture Walk.

GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

Summer 2022 in Erie: Your guide to unforgettable fun, tastes and sights

June 2, 2022 | Erie Times-News: Web Edition Articles (PA)

Author/Byline: Staff report, Erie Times-News | Section: Entertainment

956 Words | Readability: Lexile: 1380, grade level(s): >12

[https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A62B1DAEF919C8&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov IW 1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/02/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/01/2022%2012%3A37pm%20-%2006/02/2022%2012%3A41pm&f=basic#:~:text=Summer%202022%20in,level\(s\)%3A%20%3E12](https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A62B1DAEF919C8&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov IW 1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/02/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/01/2022%2012%3A37pm%20-%2006/02/2022%2012%3A41pm&f=basic#:~:text=Summer%202022%20in,level(s)%3A%20%3E12)

Great American Book Sale

Bibliophiles, rejoice! The Great American Book Sale is coming back in full force for the first time since 2019. It's July 10-15 at a new location, the Flo Fabrizio Ice Center, 527 W. 38th St. Find tens of thousands of titles and support the Friends of the Erie County Public **Library** with your purchases.

On D-Day anniversary, fewer World War II veterans remain alive in Erie to tell their stories

[https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A72890A814B248&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov IW 1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/07/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/06/2022%2012%3A46pm%20-%2006/07/2022%2012%3A25pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%205%2C%202022%20%7C,grade%20level\(s\)%3A%20%3E12](https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A72890A814B248&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov IW 1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/07/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/06/2022%2012%3A46pm%20-%2006/07/2022%2012%3A25pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%205%2C%202022%20%7C,grade%20level(s)%3A%20%3E12)

Learn more

U.S. Army veteran Richard Arthur of Union Township will discuss "Pennsylvania's Role in D-Day" on Monday at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center **Library**, 1255 Manchester Road. His free talk is a Jefferson Educational Society program. Arthur said he will share stories about people and places from western Pennsylvania related to the June 6, 1944, invasion at Normandy. That will include manufacturing businesses in and around Erie that did work in support of D-Day, such as Willy's, which manufactured Jeeps, and General Electric, which built turbine engines for ships. Registration is required. To learn

more, call 814-459-8000 or visit jeserie.org.

Contact Dana Massing at dmassing@timesnews.com. Follow her on Twitter @ETNmassing.

Delphina Nathal Robaskiewicz

(Patrice Berchtold's mother)

[https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A712DED3C6ED60&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov_IW_1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/05/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/04/2022%2012%3A19pm%20-%2006/05/2022%2012%3A33pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%204%2C%202022%20%7C,grade%20level\(s\)%3A%20%3E12](https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A712DED3C6ED60&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov_IW_1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/05/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/04/2022%2012%3A19pm%20-%2006/05/2022%2012%3A33pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%204%2C%202022%20%7C,grade%20level(s)%3A%20%3E12)

Delphina Nathal Robaskiewicz, age 90, of Erie, PA., passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2022. She was born in Erie, PA., on June 10, 1931, daughter of the late Joseph and Adelina Jiuliantie Nathal.

Delphina was a 1948 graduate of Strong Vincent High School. She worked for many years at the Erie Sports Store as a clerk and buyer. She was a long time parishioner of St. Lukes Catholic Church, and was involved with the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Italian American Women's Association. She volunteered many years at the Second Harvest Food Bank, and she enjoyed going to all of her grandchildren's sporting events. She became an avid reader and loved the Erie County Public **Library** Bookmobile staff who delivered her books.

f for their loving care.

Friends are invited to the Kloecker Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. 2502 Sassafras Street, on Monday, June 6, from 4 – 7 pm, and are invited to attend the prayer service at the funeral home on Tuesday, June 7, at 9:15 am as well as the Funeral Mass at 10 am at St. Luke's Church, followed by the burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.kloeckerfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Erie Regional **Library** Foundation 160 E. Front St. Erie, PA 16507.

Michele A. (Gustafson) Heubel

[https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A86B7683F31BC0&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov_l_W_1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/09/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/08/2022%2012%3A38pm%20-%2006/09/2022%2012%3A41pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%209%2C%202022%20%7C,level\(s\)%3A%2011%2D12](https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=news/18A86B7683F31BC0&saved_alert_id=dcooper%40eriecountypa.gov_l_W_1652463722619&t=favorite%3A14721FCC%21Erie%20Times-News%20Historical%20and%20Current%20Collection&sort=YMD_date%3AD&maxresults=20&val-base-0=library&fld-base-0=alltext&fld-nav-0=YMD_date&val-nav-0=after%2005/09/2022&fld-nav-1=dti&val-nav-1=06/08/2022%2012%3A38pm%20-%2006/09/2022%2012%3A41pm&f=basic#:~:text=June%209%2C%202022%20%7C,level(s)%3A%2011%2D12)

Michele A. (Gustafson) Heubel, 63, of Erie, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital, after a long courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

She was born on August 16, 1958, in Erie, PA, daughter of Josephine (Sicari) Gustafson and the late Roy Gustafson.

She was employed at Blasco **Library** for over 30 years and was the Union Stewart and Representative for the Erie County Court House and the Blasco **Library**. She was a Triathlon Athlete for many years and received many awards. She enjoyed working out, swimming and race walking. She cared more about family and friends than she did for herself.