The first step in what will likely be a long state budget process took place on March 3 as new governor Tom Wolf unveiled his first budget draft, a plan for Fiscal Year 2015–16 that begins on July 1.

For libraries, library line item funding remains pretty much status quo. The total amount proposed for all library programs in Gov. Wolf’s first budget is $60.8 million, down slightly from this year’s total amount of $61.1 million. Specifically, here’s what the governor proposes for library programs for next year:

- $53,507,000 Public Library Subsidy (level-funded)
- $2,821,000 Library Access (down $250,000 / –8.1%)
- $2,567,000 Library Services for the Visually Impaired and Disabled (level-funded)
- $1,965,000 State Library (up $8,000 / +0.4%)

The governor’s plan raises spending overall by 2.7 percent while raising some taxes (personal income tax proposed to go up from 3.03 percent to 3.7 percent; sales tax proposed to go up from 6 percent to 6.6 percent) and lowering other taxes (property taxes and business taxes).

Every state budget contains lots of moving parts. Each new governor starts out ambitiously with a large dose of optimism. We applaud the governor for mentioning specifically the need for greater student access to school libraries, and we will work with the administration and legislature to address Pennsylvania’s library deficit across the board, now and for however many years it may take.

PaLA seeks increased funding this year under a plan developed by the PaLA Legislative Committee and subsequently discussed and approved by the board of directors.

This budget process will take a while to sort out and given the reality of a legislature controlled by the party opposite from Gov. Wolf, they are sure to do lots of “sorting out” before we reach a final budget. In the meantime, several things to bear in mind:

1. We’re in this for the long haul. Advocacy takes time. The governor has been in office for 43 days as I write this so we will have many opportunities in the weeks and months ahead to highlight for the governor — and our legislators — how libraries can be key assets in solving many of Pennsylvania’s challenges.

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My Kingdom for Half a Horse (or the Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

BY DAVID SCHAPPERT

Now is the winter of our discontent, but who wants to read about that? I could make a Son of York reference, but let’s save Shakespeare for a later column. Spring is right around the corner, and before you know it, it will be time for robins and cherry blossoms and the Kentucky Derby.

Maybe it was seeing Pier Lee’s Facebook photo, or tributes to Seabiscuit as Craig Ferguson’s Late, Late Show wrapped up, but I’ve been seeing a few pantomime horses recently. For a brief moment, I considered the possibility of suggesting a panto horse for PaLA advocacy (“Libraries Need Stable Funding” or “We’ll Fight for Libraries Until We’re Horse” or “Librarians Are Bucking for More Support” or even “Pony Up More Dollars for Libraries”) before reason prevailed. Take a moment to think of some of your own: I’ve left “jockeying” unused and “racing” and “round up” and at least a few other good ones — there are plenty more.

But let’s imagine we did want to use a panto horse and we asked for volunteers. I can imagine walking into PaLA headquarters and seeing dozens of librarians jammed together: energized, ready to fight the good fight, helping in any way they can, game for anything. I would see public librarians, and academic librarians, and school librarians, and support staff, and trustees and some Citizens for Better Libraries, and maybe some PA Forward partners, among others, and each and every one of them carrying a horse’s head, probably purchased through the generosity of the Ex Libris Society. A room full of horses’ heads is nice, but a few horses would help right about then — and here the analogy breaks down. (I hope.)

Except, as we push our unified message, we do need a broad diversity of constituents. The work of the association has one goal, but a multitude of manifestations. Whatever your particular talents, be assured that we need your help to do things that you are already good at, and we will teach new skills. For instance, when you have a legislative breakfast, where in the place setting does the grapefruit spoon go? Or what might you want to say to your legislator, given the chance? Or how can you get the chance to talk to your legislator? Or what are some of the experiences, good and bad — make that wonderful and awful — that your colleagues have had with legislators in the past? Need a mentor? We’ll find you a mentor.

PaLA is full of mentors and friends. If you come to our annual business meeting in any year (and you probably don’t; we always have a quorum but rarely a crowd), you would note the sincerity with which whoever is the president thanks the people who have worked with him or her, and, in particular, the headquarters staff (Glenn, Kim, Ellen, and Kathy, that’s you!). And he or she also thanks the immediate past leaders, like the immediate past-president (thanks, Janis!) and the outgoing immediate past-president (thanks, Paula!) and the conference chair (thanks, Chris, and thanks in advance to Amy!) and everybody else (thanks, everybody else!). Someone dropping in the room from another planet or another state library association would know we genuinely enjoy working together.

If you are already involved in PaLA, then you know the virtues of being associated with this group and we need you to help us find new members so they can share the work and the pleasure of supporting libraries by supporting the association.

But, just as your libraries have been forced to do more with less, the association has been forced to do more with fewer (members). I am preaching to the choir now, since, although the PaLA Bulletin is available to the public, I don’t think many non-members read it. If each member brought in one new member, think of all of the things we could do. Melissa Rowse is spearheading our membership initiatives, but raising membership isn’t just her problem; it’s a problem that we all need to work on.

Please join us for another active, gratifying, and productive year.

David Schappert is the director of the Marywood University Library in Scranton, and the president of PaLA.
2. This is just the first step in a long process. What was proposed by the governor will be re-shaped — perhaps dramatically — by the legislature. Not only will PaLA be seeking increased state support but we’ll also need to be mindful of other changes — such as reduced property taxes — that could impact local library resources.

3. PaLA members’ advocacy at the local level, and their relationships with state senators and state representatives will be vitally important as this process goes forward. These constituent voices will be critical to ensure that level funding, at a minimum, not be at risk in any negotiations to make budget ends meet.

PaLA will share the specifics of a plan and strategy via email, our website, and social media. Better funded, stronger library service is the single best way to move PA Forward. Please visit the PaLA website, www.palibraries.org, for the latest information on PaLA’s strategy and ways that you and your local advocates can help to make this push for greater funding a success.

Our collaborative advocacy this year will be vital and I thank you for your commitment and your support.

Glenn R. Miller is the executive director of PaLA. He is reading In search of memory by Eric R. Kandel.

Good news! Registration for the 41st annual National Library Legislative Day is now open!

This two-day advocacy event brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C., to meet with their members of Congress to rally support for libraries issues and policies.

Registration information and hotel booking information are available on the ALA Washington Office website. This year, National Library Legislative Day will be held May 4–5. Participants will receive advocacy tips and training, along with important issues briefings prior to their meetings.

First-time participants are eligible for a unique scholarship opportunity. The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) and the ALA Washington Office are calling for nominations for the 2015 WHCLIST Award.

For more information about the WHCLIST award or National Library Legislative Day, visit www.ala.org/nlld. Questions or comments can be directed to grassroots coordinator Lisa Lindle at Llindle@alawash.org.

Three MLS Scholarships Available

Thanks to the continued support of both individuals and corporate sponsors, scholarship opportunities are available again in 2015 to PaLA personal members, who are Pennsylvania residents.

Three MLS Scholarships are available to those seeking a master’s degree in the Library Science field that will earn them professional status.

These $1,500 awards now allow part-time M.L.S. students, who will complete at least 3 credits at an ALA-accredited school during the scholarship year to apply for PaLA scholarship support.

Verification of enrollment in an ALA-accredited program is required as well as three letters of recommendation.
Welcome from CRD’s New Chair

BY LARISSA GORDON

Hello, CRD Members!

I am excited to be the incoming chair for the College & Research Division of PaLA. I’ve served on the CRD board for the past several years, first as the It’s Academic! column editor and then as a member at large.

Prior to my work with the CRD, I served as an interest group co-chair for Tri-State College Library Cooperative, and as the Legislative Liaison for ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter. Currently, I work at Arcadia University’s Landman Library as the Information Literacy Coordinator.

As you may know if you subscribe to our blog (http://crdpala.org/), or follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/palacrdd) or on Twitter (@crdpala), we make every effort to keep you updated, not only about CRD initiatives, but also with current news and commentary about issues relevant to academic libraries.

However, we think we can do better! To that end, CRD is asking for volunteers who would be willing to become part of a team of bloggers who will help us to develop even more interesting and useful content for our members. If you like to keep yourself up to date with what is happening in academic libraries, if you like to write, or if you have strong opinions that you want to share, this opportunity might be for you. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering to be a part of our team, please contact Katie Stewart, reference librarian at Millersville University. Her email is katie.stwrt@gmail.com.

The CRD board is committed to serving the ongoing professional development needs of Pennsylvania academic librarians and welcomes ideas for webinars and workshops. If you are not already a member of the College & Research Division, please consider joining and participating in the many activities available.

Larissa Gordon is the Information Literacy Coordinator at Arcadia University and the CRD chair. She is currently reading Use of weapons by Iain M. Banks.
The 2015 Conference Committee is hard at work planning another top-notch conference, this time at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College.

This venue is located in close proximity to downtown State College and features state-of-the-art meeting space that will afford lots of opportunity for meaningful interaction among attendees.

We hope you plan to join us, and if you would like to volunteer to assist in a particular committee’s work, or have a question, please feel free to contact any of the committee members listed below.

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Call for Session Proposals

The 2015 PaLA Conference Program Committee is now accepting conference session proposals for the 2015 PaLA Conference, **Pa Libraries: Engage, Educate, Enrich**. The conference will take place October 4 – 7, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College. If you are, or know someone that is, an expert on a topic that you feel will be of interest to librarians, we invite you to submit a session proposal. The Program Committee is particularly interested in receiving proposals on topics suggested by previous PaLA conference attendees: http://cymcdn.com/sites/pala.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/2015_Conference/2014FutureProgramSuggestions.pdf. All proposals should be submitted via the [online program proposal link](http://cymcdn.com/sites/pala.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/2015_Conference/2014FutureProgramSuggestions.pdf). For a working copy of the form, or to view the questions in advance of submission, a PDF of the form is available for download. The link to both the online form and PDF are available on the 2015 Conference Information Page of the PaLA website (access by clicking on the “Annual Conference” button in the right-hand menu of the PaLA homepage). The deadline for submission of proposals is **Friday, April 17, 2015**. The program committee will notify all submitters regarding the acceptance of their proposal(s) in early May. Poster session proposals will be solicited in mid-April through mid-May. Thank you in advance to all that submit proposals, we appreciate your dedication to PaLA and to Pennsylvania’s libraries!

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**PaLA Website Offers One-Stop Resources for Compliance With New Child Protection Laws**

**BY GLENN R. MILLER**

In the wake of the Sandusky scandal, the Pennsylvania legislature enacted a series of bills (23, in fact) to overhaul and reform the state’s child protection laws. These new laws impact Pennsylvania libraries and people who work and volunteer there.

Librarians and library workers — paid and unpaid — have served multitudes of children over many generations. We take a back seat to no one when it comes to providing children with books, resources, and programs in a safe environment. The library community will comply with both the letter and the spirit of all laws aimed at protecting children.

As can be expected whenever legislative changes of this magnitude are enacted, implementation becomes a challenge and unintended consequences arise. Since we know there is great uncertainty in the library community, PaLA has pulled together a one-stop spot on our home page, [www.palibraries.org](http://www.palibraries.org), where you can connect to resources, in-depth background, and links to training. We hope that having these resources all in one place will save you some time and stress.

Ultimately, advice from your local attorney will be the most crucial aspect of moving into compliance with the new laws. If you have not already consulted with your attorney, we urge you to do so. PaLA will update and expand these website resources as the process moves forward.

Glenn R. Miller is the executive director of PaLA.
Longtime library trustee, Friend, and advocate Sara Jane Cate was honored by her home county commissioners in December upon her retirement from the Dauphin County Library System board.

Commission chairman Jeff Haste and his colleagues, Mike Pries and George Hartwick, each spoke glowingly about Sara Jane’s dedication to libraries and also about her longstanding service to her community at large. The commissioners declared December 17, 2014, to be “Sara Jane Cate Day” across Dauphin County.

In addition to her many years with the Dauphin County Library System board, Sara Jane also served as a member of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Library Development in Harrisburg and was one of Pennsylvania’s delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST). The WHCLIST gathering resulted in greater focus on issues related to national information policy, access to information, and the role of libraries in education and literacy.

Sara Jane continues to serve on the board of directors of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries.

Congratulations, Sara Jane, on this well-deserved recognition and honor. You earned it!

Glenn R. Miller is the executive director of PaLA.

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- Authors include: Annie Barrows, David Baldacci, Gregory Maguire, Jan Brett, Jon Klassen, Kate DiCamillo, Rick Riordan, Cassandra Clare, Holly Black, Jack Wang, Maggie Stiefvater, and R.L. Stine.

View the full Autographing Area schedule. Stay tuned for the in-booth signings schedule in the next couple of weeks. Join us at BEA—a librarian’s heaven—May 29 – 31 at the Javits Center in New York City. Register by May 15 to take advantage of the PaLA Member Discount: http://www.bookexpoamerica.com/PALA.
ANNE LANGLEY

Anne Langley has been appointed the new associate dean for Research, Collections and Scholarly Communications for the University Libraries at Penn State. She will provide leadership, strategic direction and support for the Engineering, Earth and Mineral Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Education and Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences, Special Collections, and Business libraries and the Research Hub among other areas.

“Langley will be a key part of the Libraries’ administrative collective leadership team and will provide direction for research consultation and scholarly communications services,” said Barbara I. Dewey, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications.

She will join the Libraries at Penn State on or before August 1, 2015.

Langley comes to Penn State from Princeton University where she is the director of Scholarly Communications and head librarian for the Science and Technology Libraries. Langley earned a Master of Science and Library Science from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Arts in English and creative writing from Georgia State University. She did additional undergraduate work in chemical engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology and work in chemistry and general engineering at Santa Monica College.

JENNIE LEVINE KNIES

Jennie Levine Knies has been appointed head librarian of the Nesbitt Library for the University Libraries at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Knies began her appointment on January 26.

Since 2012, Knies has served as the manager of Digital Programs and Initiatives (DPI) in the Digital Systems and Stewardship Division at the University of Maryland Libraries. DPI is the conduit through which UMD Libraries’ staff communicates ideas regarding projects that have a digital focus.

“Knies will oversee the operations of the Nesbitt Library’s new academic facility that encompasses 7,600 square feet of space on the second level of the Academic Commons, and she will be a valuable leader for the Libraries’ collections and services, serving students, faculty and others at Penn State Wilkes-Barre,” said Barbara I. Dewey.

Knies has an MLS and a B.A. in Russian area studies from the University of Maryland. She spent a year as the Western Fellow at the Open Society Archives in Budapest, Hungary, and several years in private industry before starting at the University of Maryland in 2000.

JOSEPH A. SALEM, JR.

Joseph A. Salem, Jr. has been appointed the new associate dean for Learning, Undergraduate Services and Commonwealth Campus Libraries for the University Libraries at Penn State. He started his appointment on March 1.

“I am looking forward to working with library and university faculty to create, expand, and promote partnerships for learning and scholarship focusing on course-integrated information literacy, eLearning, and new models of information delivery, use, and creation at the undergraduate level in general and within the general education curriculum in particular,” said Salem.

Since 2011, Salem has been the head of Research and Learning Services at the University of Akron Libraries, where he led the revival of the instruction program and the integration of information literacy into the general education curriculum. Previously he was head of...
Reference Services at Kent State University Libraries and held an adjunct professor appointment at Kent State’s School of Library in Information Science.

Salem holds a degree in English from Cleveland State University, a masters in literature and writing and an MLS from Kent State. He recently defended his dissertation, “The Development and Validation of All Four TRAILS (Tools for Real-Time Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) Tests for K-12 Students”, and was awarded a Ph.D. in evaluation and measurement in December 2014 from Kent State.

CHARLES E. JONES

Charles E. Jones, the Tombros Librarian for Classics and Humanities in the University Libraries at Penn State, has received the 2015 Outstanding Work in Digital Archaeology Award from the Archaeological Institute of America. He was honored at an award ceremony during the organization’s annual meeting in early January in New Orleans.

Since its inception in 2009, The Ancient World Online (AWOL) (http://ancientworldonline.blogspot.com/), a project by Jones, has offered open access material related to the ancient world, serving archaeological information to more than 1.1 million visitors.

The primary focus of the project is notice and comment on open access material relating to the ancient world, but it also includes other kinds of networked information as it is available. It regularly lists emerging and existing digital projects, and it publicizes repositories of digitized scholarship relating to antiquity with a cumulative content of thousands of volumes.

“The ancient world is conceived here as it is at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (www.nyu.edu/isaw/) at New York University, my academic home at the time AWOL was launched,” said Jones. “That is, from the Pillars of Hercules to the Pacific, from the beginnings of human habitation to the late antique/early Islamic period.”

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PaLA Awards Committee Seeks Nominations

**DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2015**

**Distinguished Service Award:**
The highest award given by the association. It is presented annually to one person in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to libraries of the commonwealth.

**Certificates of Merit:** Awarded to individuals making outstanding contributions to libraries in Pennsylvania during the last five years.

**Elected Official Award:** Given annually to an elected official (or officials) for exemplary support of library service in Pennsylvania.

**New Librarian Honors Award:**
Acknowledges a librarian who has worked in the profession fewer than six years. It recognizes the originality and inventive ability of a new librarian who devises new and improved methods of library service on a statewide or local level.

**Trustee of the Year Award:**
Presented to a public library trustee in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to library development at the local, system, district, and/or state level.

**Library Support Staff Recognition Award:**
This award is presented to a Pennsylvania library that has consistently encouraged and supported its support staff to participate in career development activities (particularly those offered by PaLA). Nominations should be in the form of a statement of the library’s activities. Does your library provide opportunities for support staff to develop their library skills through continuing education? Does your library encourage support staff members to attend PaLA conferences and chapter meetings? Does your library provide opportunities for support staff to take classes on library-related activities, or in other skills which can be used on the job? Tell us how your library’s support helps you in your work, and give some recognition to your library!

I nominate ________________________________________________________ for the _______________________________________________ Award, to be presented by the Pennsylvania Library Association in 2015.

I am making this nomination because of the following (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Please send your nominations to:

Cindy DeLuca
Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
6500 Route 191
Cresco, PA 18326
Pennsylvania Library Leaders Announce New Initiative to Increase Access to Commonwealth’s Digital Collections

Efforts to make digital collections held by Pennsylvania libraries, museums, and related cultural heritage organizations widely and freely available via the web are underway.


Through this project, PA-DPLA will become one of the partner hubs in DPLA, supporting a state-wide technology infrastructure to make the Pennsylvania digital resources available through the DPLA portal.

The PA-DPLA Planning Group has just completed a survey of cultural heritage organizations to determine which have digital collections and which are able and ready to participate in the early phases of this effort. With 207 institutions responding thus far, half of the institutions report they have digitization collections and related activities in place where the others do not. More information on the findings from this survey is available online.

A proposed organizational model has been developed to address governance and management, technology, metadata, standards, and content. Active involvement from information and collections professionals from across the commonwealth will be needed to make this project a success. The PA Digital Listserv has been established as an open forum for discussing Pennsylvania digital collections and the PA-DPLA project, specifically.

Stacey Aldrich, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries, acknowledged the importance of this effort.

"Pennsylvania is a state rich in history and culture. Our libraries and other cultural institutions have been collecting, preserving, and connecting people to the resources that tell the story of our state and country for over 200 years, Aldrich said. "This important project will make our stories more accessible and available to the world."

Through this project, PA-DPLA will become one of the partner hubs in DPLA, supporting a state-wide technology infrastructure to make the Pennsylvania digital resources available through the DPLA portal. Partner hubs in DPLA include a wide variety of institutions including the National Archives; UCLA; state-wide groups in North Carolina, Minnesota, and Georgia; and the New York Public Library. DPLA’s goal is to bring together the riches of America’s libraries, archives, museums, and cultural heritage sites, and make them freely available to students, teachers, researchers, and the general public.

“This is an enormously exciting and long-awaited moment for Pennsylvania’s libraries and cultural heritage organizations,” noted Joe Lucia, dean of Libraries at Temple University. “It opens a path for
the global sharing of the uniquely rich materials in our collections and supports the development of educational and research applications that will serve many audiences across our state and the world, from children in Pennsylvania’s K-12 classrooms to scholars of colonial American history working in offices a continent away. Our DPLA service hub project demonstrates the direct value of collaborative action by libraries and cultural institutions to serve the public good."

While this project is in the early stages, we invite libraries and all cultural institutions to get involved now and stay informed.

How to Get Involved

Fill out the survey
Complete the PA Digital Collections survey at https://bciu.formstack.com/forms/padigitalcollectionssurvey

Real-time survey results are available at https://www.formstack.com/admin/submission/report/2563871?share=TPj440iccx&view=charts

Subscribe to the PA Digital Listserv
• Send a message to listserv@listserv.albright.org.
• Type SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.
• Type only SUBSCRIBE PADIGITAL Firstname Lastname in the body of the message and send.

Direct questions about the listserv to Scott Thomas at scott@albright.org.

Contact the Pennsylvania DPLA Planning Group for more information
Email us at dplainpa@gmail.com

ALA Council Update

BY ANN SNOWMAN

ALA Council participated in a strategic planning session at our midwinter meeting in Chicago. We devoted half of the meeting time during Council I to this agenda item.

Our three priority issues were identified as Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional & Leadership Development.

The deliberations took place in small groups who reported back to Council as a whole. We asked three questions:

• What will success look like?
• How do you think we might get there?
• How might you/your community (in this case Council and councilors as individuals) help us get there?

“The results of all of the work will be used to shape our vision, goals, objectives, strategies and tactics in the three strategic direction areas, and will help inform our overall strategic plan, which will build on the foundation provided by the ALA programmatic priorities approved by Council on an annual basis,” said ALA president Courtney Young.

A draft of the new strategic plan will be ready for Council’s approval at ALA Annual in San Francisco this summer.

As you reflect on the questions above, let me know your thoughts so that I can incorporate them into the work in Chicago and through the Council listserv.

Ann Snowman (ams32@psu.edu) is the head of access services and user training program at Penn State. She is reading Room: a novel by Emma Donoghue.

Long-Range Planning Notice (sort of)

No, this is not about the work of PaLA’s Futures Committee.

Rather, this is a sincere request to PaLA members to give some serious thought to including PaLA on your list for charitable giving in 2015. Contributions to PaLA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Also, as you conduct your own personal long-range planning, we hope that you will consider including PaLA as a beneficiary in your will. For an organization of our size and resources, even modest bequests can help to provide long-term stability and improved services for the library community.

Just some food for thought for your long-range planning. If you have questions or need any additional information, please call me at (717) 766-7663.

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