

Delaware Township Library

Library Advocacy Policy

Public library advocacy is defined by the American Library Association as: *The actions individuals or organizations undertake to influence decision-making at the local, regional, state, national, and international level that help create a desired funding or policy change in support of public libraries.*

Library advocacy is a lifelong commitment to their library by both the board and employees, and can be defined for the purpose of our library as centered on a core of five actions.

Advocacy Actions:

- 1) Leaving the comfort of the library's walls and getting out into the community.
- 2) Establishing relationships with the decision makers and citizens of your local community.
- 3) Pointing out to fellow citizens how much that the library impacts the local community and the benefits it offers.
- 4) Writing letters to your city/county/township representatives; writing to your state legislative leaders advocating for the library or library policy
- 5) Attending hearings or sessions that are of crucial importance to libraries.
- 6) Publicizing libraries programs, events for the benefit of the library public.

This policy aims to help guide both employees and the board on what advocacy and actions they can undertake for the benefit of the library.

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