

KDLA Annual Directors' Meeting August 27-28

[Registration](#) is now open for the 2026 Annual Directors' Meeting at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Attendees will earn continuing education credit while networking with other administrators at this free training event.

The Directors' meeting will be all day on Thursday, August 27, and a half-day on Friday, August 28. A library may send an assistant director or another senior administrator if the director is unable to attend. New Director's Orientation will be held as a preconference session this year from 12:30-4:30 ET on Wednesday, August 26.

A block of rooms is available at the Courtyard by Marriott for \$141/night using the group name "Annual Public Library Directors Meeting." Attendees may request a stipend from KDLA to cover hotel costs and mileage for one person from the library to attend the meeting.

New KPLA Public Library Standards Released

The KPLA Standards Committee is happy to announce that [Kentucky Public Library Standards: Direction and Service for the 21st Century, 7th ed.](#) is now available on the KPLA website. This version supersedes the 6th edition and reflects many of the post-pandemic changes in libraries. The purpose of the KPLA standards has always been to help libraries set goals for their growth and improvement, and the committee worked to address some of the barriers to participation that libraries have reported over the years. For example, when feasible, percentages rather than numbers or specific dollar amounts are used as benchmarks to make the metric more helpful to libraries of all sizes and budgets.

Because the standards have always been intended as a local tool to create an aspirational roadmap for the library, the KPLA Standards Committee will not collect assessments for the 7th edition.

EveryLibrary Institute Friends of the Library Training Videos

The [EveryLibrary Institute](#) has provided KDLA with several recorded trainings for Friends of the Library groups. These recordings are available on the Library Development Branch's YouTube channel:

- [Building More Effective Friends Organizations](#)
- [Volunteer to Leadership Pipeline](#)
- [From Friends Member to Brand Ambassador](#)
- [Understanding the Membership Matrix](#)
- [Financial Best Practices for Friends Organizations](#)
- [Beyond Book Sales](#)

Did You Know?

[SB40](#) does not go into effect until July 2026; current law and procedures should be followed until then. KDLA is currently updating all guidance regarding trustee appointments. We will provide more information for library directors soon.



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