

## News & Notes, April 2025

### A Message From Our Executive Director

Wonderful things are happening in April at Delco Literacy!

We're taking every opportunity to positively reaffirm our dedication to transforming lives through literacy. Our free programs create pathways to higher education, better employment opportunities, and positive community engagement.

For 50 years, Delco Literacy's [volunteers](#) and staff have helped with more than 21,000 adults achieve their goals. With your continued support, we can look forward to another 50 years providing a welcoming space and high-quality programs for all of our neighbors in Delaware County.

Keep reading to see what's coming up and how YOU can help!

With gratitude,  
Colleen Duran

## A New Chapter Begins: Delco Literacy

After 50 years of service to our community, the Delaware County Literacy Council will mark its golden anniversary with a fresh identity: Delco Literacy. This rebranding marks not just a change in name, but a renewed commitment to our mission of providing free, comprehensive literacy services to our community and will usher in the next 50 years of service as a cornerstone of educational empowerment in Delaware County.

"Our new name reflects our deep roots in Delaware County while providing a fresh, accessible identity as we move forward," explains Colleen Duran, Executive Director. "We're inviting the community to celebrate this achievement with us and help ensure our vital services continue for decades to come."

Under the theme "Fifty Colorful Years: Where Every Story Adds to Our Mosaic," Delco Literacy will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a festive birthday celebration on Thursday, April 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Harrah's Casino in Chester.

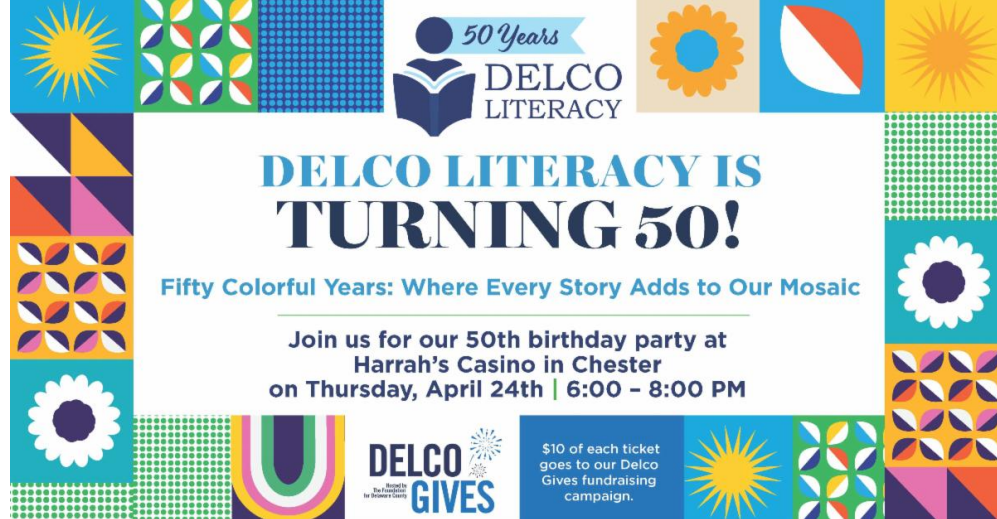
The evening promises to be memorable with international food buffets, interactive games, music, raffles, and a special tribute to our volunteers as April is National Volunteer Month.

And did we mention there will be cake?

### Join the Celebration!

We can't wait to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with you! A variety of ticket and sponsorship options are available for you to choose from at [HERE](#). As an added bonus, \$10 of every ticket also supports the Delco Gives campaign in May.

Together, [let's celebrate](#) Delco Literacy's past achievements while looking forward to a future where everyone in Delco has the literacy skills they need to thrive in the workplace and community.



### Exciting News!

Through a successful competitive grant process, we are the grateful recipient of 60 new laptops from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority's Digital Connectivity Program. These laptops will help support our learners as they strive to achieve their goals. This enhanced digital access opens even more doors to educational opportunities, job prospects, and essential services.

A huge thank you to PBDA and Governor Shapiro for helping Delco Literacy bridge the digital divide in Delaware County. Together, we're making sure everyone has the tools they need to thrive in today's digital world.

### Save the Date!

The 2025 Delco Literacy Student Success Celebration Ceremony is scheduled for **June 11th** at the Delaware County Community College at 901 Media Line Road in Media. Many thanks to DCCC for their support through the donation of space for our celebration. New this year – a limited number of seats will be available for students, tutors, and community members who want to help us celebrate our student success stories. Stay tuned for more information!



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