

Columbia County Library Systems Board
January 21, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Nancy Long
Linda Ross
Eric Shimpach
Debra Torrison

Board Members Absent:

Betty Reiter (with notice)
Beth Ann Scott (with notice)
Troy Ryan (without notice)

Library Directors in Attendance

Debbie Bird, Portage/County Resource Librarian
Jodi Bailey, Poynette
Cathy Borck, Wisconsin Dells
Lindsay Ganz, Columbus -virtually
Amanda Wakeman, Cambria – virtually
Roxanne Staveness, Rio –virtually
Laura Gaastra, Randolph-virtually

South Central Library Services

Tracie Miller - virtually

Board President, Nancy Long, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Nancy noted the meeting had been properly posted.

No public input.

Approval of Agenda:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda. Deb Torrison seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2021 meeting with the corrections Debra Torrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SCLS Report:

Personnel

- Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Service Coordinator, has retired.
- Tracie Miller, is now the public library administration consultant. She can be reached at traciemiller@scls.info.
- Jean Anderson is now the SCLS Continuing Education Consultant and SCLS Consulting Service Coordinator. She is also serving on the SCLS management team. She can be reached at jean@scls.info.
- Jody Hoesly, SCLS Data Services Consultant is retiring, her last day will be 2/11/2022.

- Tim Drexler will be the new SCLS Data Services Consultant. Tim brings to this position twenty two years of experience at SCLS Delivery, a Masters of Science in Data Science, and a Bachelor's of Science in Information Science and Technology. He is currently working in this position part-time and at Delivery part time. He will move to full time Data Services Consultant on February 14.

Grants

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Statewide competitive grants that award federal funding

- The Library Services Team at DPI awarded SCLS \$155,104 in the category of Hybrid Library Service Model. The grant will be used to purchase external storage lockers for 8 libraries.
- Funding for the categories that were not awarded through ARPA may be pursued through other grant opportunities. These categories include:
 - RFID
 - Equipment to deliver public programs and to help community members connect with one another and the wider world
 - Materials and equipment to support the educational, workforce development, and digital needs of community member

Projects

Annual Reports

- A webinar (recorded January 14, 2022) is available. Anyone who works on the report is encouraged to watch it.
- DPI has set a target date of January 24th to open the reports.
- DPI is currently working on the instructions and worksheet.
- Signed and locked reports have to be sent to Tracie Miller by **February 25th**.
- Contact Tracie with any questions about the report.

Intellectual Freedom and Right To Read Issues

Shawn Brommer and Tracie Miller are looking into intellectual freedom services to help member libraries face potential challenges to materials. They are looking at library collection development and reconsideration policies, creating informational packets, developing a system survey, and will be gathering national reports about challenges to materials in school and other libraries. Contact Shawn if your library is faced with a challenge or if you have anything to contribute on this topic.

IDEA Project - Libraries Talk about Race

Jean Anderson and Mark Jochem are working with other consultant staff Sherry Machones (Northern Waters Library Service), Leah Lanby (IFLS), Shauna Koszegi (Southwest Wisconsin Library System), Cole Zrostlik (Winding Rivers Library System) and The People Company (a DEI consulting firm) to provide LSTA-funded statewide training opportunities. This project will include webinars, large group discussions, and independent study opportunities. Expect a rollout of the Libraries Talk about Race series in the first-half of 2022.

Social Work Internship Cohort

Shawn Brommer and Mark Jochem are working in partnership with undergraduate programs of social work from UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison and a 14-member library cohort to host social work

student interns in libraries. This is a continuation of an increased focus on social services in library settings. The interns could potentially provide social work services directly to patrons, assist with library projects, and provide continuing education to the cohort and the whole system. It is likely the student interns will be placed in the participating libraries Fall 2022.

Local History Digitization Projects

Twenty-three SCLS member libraries have collections in Recollection Wisconsin and the Digital Public Library of America. The libraries' online collections include 6,885 items of historical or cultural significance and new items are being continually added. The items have been viewed 942,408 times through the end of 2021.

New Building

Plans are proceeding for SCLS to purchase 4.12 acres of land on Fen Oak Drive in Madison to build its new headquarters. The new building will combine both administration and delivery services.

- The intent is to save money by building.
 - SCLS will own one combined building versus leasing two buildings.
 - While leasing, the rent is increasing every year.
 - SCLS pays taxes through the rent. When SCLS owns the building, it will not pay taxes.
 - Owning the building will provide a fiscal asset.

- The design will be flexible for all work experiences.
 - The building will be designed to meet the specific needs of Delivery.
 - It will house a data center, have office spaces for staff, and provide meeting rooms for staff and member meetings.

- New building timeline:
 - Purchase land by February 1, 2022
 - Break ground in June 2022
 - Move in June 2023

Columbia County Libraries

- Wycocena is back looking for a new director
- Any Columbia County Directors that can offer mentorship through the Annual Report to the Wycocena Library Board President would be appreciated.

CCLSB Appointments

The election of officers will take place at the May meeting after appointments to the board from the County Supervisors are made.

Review of schedule and meeting locations for 2022

The November meeting of the CCLSB will be held in Randolph. The March meeting will be a special meeting to held on March 4 at Lodi at 9 a.m.

Information Sharing

Eric Shimpach visited the Poynette library with his family. Even the baby enjoyed the bright colors in the children's section.

Each of the directors shared what was going on in their libraries.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plans should include measurable goals and movable objectives. At the May meeting we will dig into Strategic Plans.

Advocate of the Year 2022

This annual award will go to the Friends of the Cambria Library. Eric Shimpach made the motion, Debra Torrison seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be March 4, 2022 at Lodi Women's Club Public Library at 9 a.m.

Eric Shimpach made a motion we adjourn, Debra Torrison seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross
01/27/2022