

Columbia County Library Systems Board
March 4, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Nancy Long
Linda Ross
Debra Torrison
Beth Ann Scott(virtually)
Troy Ryan (virtually)
Eric Shimpach (virtually)

Board Members Absent:

Betty Reiter (without notice)

Library Directors in Attendance

Debbie Bird, Portage/County Resource Librarian
Jodi Bailey, Poynette
Alex LeClair - Lodi
Cathy Borck, Wisconsin Dells (virtually)
Amanda Wakeman, Cambria (virtually)
Laura Gaastra, Randolph (virtually)

South Central Library Services

Tracie Miller

Reporter

Jonathan Stefanek (virtually)

Board President, Nancy Long, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Nancy noted the meeting had been properly posted.

No public input.

Approval of Agenda:

Debra Torrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Linda Ross seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting Debra Torrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SCLS Report:

Personnel

- Jody Hoesly, Data Services Consultant, has retired as of 2/11/2022
- Tim Drexler, has officially taken on the role of Data Services Consultant as of 2/14/2022

Projects

Adjacent County Reimbursement –

Forms will be going out to libraries in the next two weeks.

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.

- Shawn and Tracie will develop and present an intellectual freedom resource at the All-Director's meeting in March

IDEA Project - Libraries Talk about Race

- Jean Anderson and Mark Jochem are working with other consultant staff Sherry Machones (Northern Waters Library Service), Leah Langby (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.
- Libraries Talk about Race dates:
 - Webinar Dates:
 - February 15 (10-11 AM), Let's Talk About Race at Work: <https://www.wislibidea.com/schedule/>
 - March 9 (10-11 AM), Engaging Sensitive Conversations and Handling Pushback ([Registration](#))
 - April 14 (1-2 PM), Understanding Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matter in Majority White Space ([Registration](#))
 - Large Group Discussion dates: Will begin in March and run through May with 6-7 opportunities per topic. Registration will be available on SCLS Calendar
 - Independent Study Opportunities open dates: Will open shortly after the scheduled webinars to participants. Registration to participate is: <https://www.wislibidea.com/>

Social Work Intern 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. The cohort is currently aiming to be able to offer placements to the students by the end of March.

- Member libraries completed "Field Placement Questionnaires" for the social work programs to describe potential internship placements to students

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 included 73,944 items and 6,887 records of historical or cultural significance and new items are being continually added. The items have been viewed 983,142

times through the end of 2021. Check out the [Recollection Wisconsin – Collection Usage by South Central Library System \(SCLS\)](#). The data visualization can be narrowed down to the participating member library level.

New Building Update

Feb 24 SCLS Board Trustee approved and signed the Purchase Sale Agreement. Now it moves on to Madison.

Lodi's use of \$1,000 County Support

Early Learning Support – furniture, play house, play materials, stuffed animals and puzzles for the younger patrons and their parents.

Information Sharing

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

Amanda Wakeman – Cambria They received the \$10,000 ALA Humanities Grant, which they are using part of for board game programming.

Jodi Bailey – Poynette They also received the ALS Humanities Grant, which they are using for programming and Launchpads. This grant must be used from March 1, 2022 through August 1, 2022. Only four libraries in Wisconsin received this grant of which two are in Columbia County. Poynette also received a Commendation from the Office of the Governor for it's Service to our State.

Cathy Borck – Wisconsin Dells They are busy with plans for this summer.

Debbie Bird – Portage The Portage Youth Services Librarian, Ann Vickman will be starting on March 7, 2022. Portage is purchasing two Awe Learning Stations through donations, as well as some new toys. The presenter for free Manga drawing for the teens will be creating Manga artwork for the walls in the teen area. Maintenance for the library is painting the Bidwell Room and the kitchen. Chair Yoga Class is doing well. Meditation following has been added, as well as Zumba classes and crochet classes. Breaking down walls between age groups has been very successful in improving the number of participants and the variety of programming.

Laura Gaastra – Randolph They have a new staff member and are planning for summer programs

2021 Annual Report to the Columbia County Board

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the report as presented. Debra Torrison seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Debbie Bird commented that the objectives should be looked at before next report is submitted. Things change in five years .

2021 Chairs Comments

Thanks to Alex LeClair for hosting the meeting and thanks to all the Library Directors for their support.

Next meeting will be May 20, 2022 at Columbus at 9 a.m.

Beth Ann Scott made a motion we adjourn, Debra Torrison seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross
03/04/2022