

## County of Wood / LIBRARY BOARD

The Wood County Library Board meet on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the McMillan Memorial Library, 490 E. Grand Ave., Wi. Rapids

County Library Board Members:

Susan Feith  
Brad Hamilton  
Andrea Halbersma  
Betsy Mancl  
Linda Schmidt  
Bill Voight  
Jean Anderson, SCLS

County Libraries:

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library  
McMillan Memorial Library, Wis. Rapids  
Charles & JoAnn Lester Library, Nekoosa  
Pittsville Community Library  
Lester Public Library of Vesper  
Lester Public Library of Arpin

Not present, excused: Joe Zurfluh

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** : Brad H. called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
2. **Approve minutes of the previous meeting** Bill V. made a motion to approve the minutes and motion was seconded by Susan F.

### 3. Old Business

Susan Feith / SCLS Board: There isn't much to say, just wanted to mention a learning opportunity with really good webinars/workshops for Trustee Training week that Jean put together.

### 4. New Business

Library and SCLS reports:

Stacy / Arpin: recataloged/relocated and reorganized children's materials and it has been good and well received. A tonnex box was purchased with monies received in memory of community member and patrons have been enjoying it. Summer Library Program is going good, about the same registration as previously. Different age levels of programming and activities

Darla / Nekoosa, copy of report sent: Jodi Joslin officially retired on Wednesday, May 22nd. We have hired two new employees; our first hire is Kira Koshollek.

Kira is a recent graduate of UW-Platteville, is an engineer by profession, and a genius. I am wildly happy to have her on staff. She has already proven multiple times over what a tremendous skill set she brings to the library. Our second hire is Scedra Stoffel, and she also brings tremendous positive energy and enthusiasm to the library. She loves working with the youth and teens, and everyone in the community loves seeing her at the library. We are anxiously awaiting her return. Our Summer Reading program has been doing fantastic. We have had consistently great turnouts to our programs, typically 35-45 kids per event. The Magic of Isaiah was attended by over 104 people. We offered our teens a Paint Day with Becky from IHeartArt studios, which was well received. Our teens have been very active in our expanded summer program. We have also had the very good fortune to welcome a wonderful group of adults from ODC to our programs. I know a number of their clients, so I was very happy to see them come to every big program. They were thrilled that Megan and I knew most of their names. I was so proud of our library users, who welcomed them with open arms. One of the adult chaperones took us aside to thank us for being so welcoming to their clients. Apparently, our "Heck ya! We would love to see you!" isn't the usual response they get. We have had over 50 kids complete the reading part of our summer program. Our teens are still reading strong. We will continue to offer weekly family programs throughout July and August. The staff and I all strongly feel that our mission is to make the library and reading fun. It's supposed to be something you enjoy. School is for reading what you have too; summer is for reading Garfield books and being praised for doing so. We added an outdoor wifi access point last December, thanks to funding from the Georgine Buehler Bapat donation. I was hoping that we would see a boost. I also knew that we had patrons that would park in one of two spots late at night to access wifi. I worked with Craig and Emily from SCLS, and we were able to add a second outdoor access point, which covers our entire parking lot. My goal and hope was to see cars there using the wifi after hours, as I felt there was a very real and unrealized need in our community. Wi-Fi usage: In 2022, our total year end usage was 11,334. In 2023, our total year end usage was 12,644. Total 1st half of 2024: 26,212 (107% increase over year of 2023; 131% increase from 2022.) We hosted the Laura Ingalls Wilder display from the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum in Mansfield, MO for the month of June. We will be closed Monday, July 22 so that we can rearrange shelving and transition our DVD collection to open shelving. We received a really unique Bird Display from the family of former Police Chief William Wintlyn. It is pre World War 1, very fascinating story. On a more sad note, we have lost a number of close library friends; Mr. Charles Lester, whose services I attended. Thank you to the other Lester Librarians for coordinating our memorial. I spoke with Amy, Mrs. Lester's secretary for quite some time, and she

expressed her (Mrs. Lester's) thanks for the beautiful windchimes. Maxine Hanneman also passed away about 3 months ago. She and her husband Larry have been longtime library supporters. She asked that memorials be directed to the Charles & JoAnn Lester Library. Helen Thorstenson passed away about 6 weeks ago. Marge Joslin, mother-in-law of my employee, Jodi Joslin, passed away about 2 weeks ago. Former Library Board member and McMillan Reference librarian, Bonnie Young passed away on July 4th. The library experienced a 1st Amendment audit.

Wendy / Vesper: SLP going well, numbers are a little down, attendance is down a little. Altrusa garnet - purchased wipeable furniture. Pursuing a grant o possibility add on to the library. Adopted a honey bee for the library, and named it buzz from a contest. Looking for a person to do a card making or craft class.

Katherine / WI Rapids, copy report sent: It is the director's 2nd year anniversary at the library.

MCM stats from June 22-June 24:

- 115% program increased
- 133% program attendance increase
- 38% patron visits
- 29% increase in circulation

Facility updates:

- solar array update
- new telephone and security systems (in tandem with the City)
- Birch St closure/Lincoln St closure

Services:

- care cabinet
- Mead field trips

We're busing patrons out to the Mead for activities ranging from archery to fishing to animal tracking. Registration is required due to space restrictions for the bus.

Tammy / Pittsville: The Summer Library Program is in it's 6th week, numbers are high, they are seeing about 150-160 each week. Foot traffic is a little down at the library with programming being off site. The library has been doing little activities in library too. Used the outside reading mural again this year, and it's beautiful. Hosted a couple of tasting contests and they were a hit. Teen advisory board is active and creative, hte teens are helping with programs. A pickleball basics program is planned, the park was updated with pickleball courts in town. Off site

storytime at local places in town and at Mead Wildlife Area are planned. 4th of July parade means the Road Apple fundraiser, with a record number of horses in the parade this year and the biggest year of selling road apple tickets. A Bluey Bonanza is being planned.

Jill / Marshfield: The Civic Band will be playing inside the library July 17th at 6pm. 670 people are registered for Summer Reading Challenge. Story times this summer are being held at the Wildwood Zoo and have seen 100-190 in attendance. Budget season is underway, and there will be less money in 2025. Our teen area is being refreshed, so far we have moved shelving, added computer stations and more seating, and added signage stating that the area is specifically made and set aside for teens. Adult programming usually sees a drop in attendance during the summer and we have not seen that this year. Our programming calendar is full almost every week night except Mondays.

Jean / SCLS. copy of report sent:

#### Grants

- The 2024-25 LSTA Grant Cycle has started for the Professional Learning (Continuing Education grants). Scholarships will be available for the fall WLA Conference.

#### Projects

Intellectual Freedom and Right To Read Issues (Shawn Brommer and Tracie Miller)

- Created & delivered an Intellectual Freedom presentation to SCLS board
- Updating Intellectual Freedom presentations for fall staff inservice days at member libraries

Drupal 10 Migration (Rose Ziech)

- SCLS website migrations in progress: SCLS.info.

Social Work Internship Cohort (Mark Jochem and Shawn Brommer)

- Mark Jochem and Shawn Brommer met to discuss an information sheet to help inform prospective social work interns what libraries do
- The Cohort met at the end of May for a check-in meeting
- Will be working to open up the cohort to more SCLS members

Local History Digitization Projects (Tamara Ramski)

- Uploaded new materials from Angie W. Cox Public Library (Pardeeville) and Reedsburg Public Library to upload to CONTENTdm. The materials will be included in the June harvest to Recollection Wisconsin and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

- With Tim Drexler, updated the Recollection Wisconsin (RW) data dashboard. Items from SCLS member libraries' collections have had 1,816,836 views.

#### Workforce Development (Mark Jochem)

- Co-facilitated an all-day workforce development workshop at the Brown County Library in Green Bay.
- Planning a webinar on reentry from incarceration resources with the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin and Bridges Library System for August

#### Continuing Education Events

- August 13th - Ready for Reentry webinar (Registration)
- August 19th - 23rd - Trustee Training Week (Link to Calendar)

#### Adult and Youth Services

- July 16th at 10 - Adult Services and Inclusive Services Check-in Meeting

#### Meetings and Events

- ILS Committee Meeting Agenda/Minutes - June 5, 2024
- Tech Committee Meeting Agenda/Minutes - June 5, 2024
- AC Meeting Agenda/Minutes - June 20, 2024
- LIS Meeting Agenda/Minutes - June 11, 2024

#### 2024 All Directors Meeting Dates:

- July 18-Fitchburg Public Library (Agenda/Documents)
- November 21-SCLS Headquarters

#### Reminders

- Watch for Top 5 emails and Online Updates for information on services, events, CE opportunities, upcoming meetings.
- Committee and meeting agendas and minutes are available on the SCLS website.

Wood County Library Funding Request: Katherine and Jill will work together to develop the 2025 spreadsheet with the updated / current information.

Budget recommendation for Wood County: recommend 100%

#### 5. **Public comments on agenda items and requests for future agenda items**

Brad H. has a new cell number

#### 6. **Date, time and place of next meeting**

Thursday, October 17th at 6pm at the McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

7. **Adjourn:** Brad H. adjourned meeting at 7:05pm