



**WOODLANDS LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Thursday, February 18, 2021

**MINUTES**

**Order**

The Advisory Council meeting, held virtually, was called to order at 10:02 am by Mary Hill, Advisory Council Chair.

**Guest Speaker**

Jodi Krahnke, Head of Youth Services, and Slava Pallas-Brink, both of Ypsilanti District Library, gave a presentation on a pilot project they're creating called TALK: Text & Learn for Kindergarten. They are looking for libraries to help them test the program this summer, before the official roll-out this fall.

**Agenda Approval**

It was moved to approve the agenda as presented. (Moved: Stanczak, Second: Curtis. Motion: Carried.)

**Minutes**

It was moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2020 Advisory Council meeting. (Moved: Curtis, Second: Stanczak. Motion: Carried.)

**Financial Report**

Woodlands income for this fiscal year is currently low, but will increase as soon as the Library of Michigan processes state aid payments to the cooperative and to members. Monthly financial report details can be found on Woodlands website.

**Committee Reports**

**Children & Teen Services and Continuing Education**

There has been no activity for these two committees due to covid, and the extra demands placed on staff while trying to run their own libraries.

**Personnel**

There was no Personnel committee report.

**Planning and Evaluation**

There was no Planning & Evaluation committee report.

**eResources**

The eResources committee has been busy maintaining the OverDrive collection. Curated lists can be created in Woodlands Downloadable Library, so if anyone has an idea for a specific custom list let Kate know.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business for this Advisory Council meeting.

**New Business**

There was no New Business for this meeting.

**Discussion Topic**

The council talked about the most efficient way Kate can share information with the members. Many members expressed they liked the newsletter format.

## Director's Report

- Kate asked if members were interested in Zingerman's customer service training.
- Kate said that MCLS was providing digital literacy training for librarians to help patrons with technical issues. She also reminded members they have a \$1,000 Continuing Education grant through Woodlands membership.
- The Friends of Michigan Library (FOML) will be holding a Connect with Friends event on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- If any member is having an issue connecting to tutor.com please contact Kate. She also will send out a link to the training sessions that are available for members.
- April 20, 2021 will be the virtual MLA Legislative Day.
- Vox Books group purchase orders are due tomorrow to receive a discount.
- The Michigan Cooperative Director's Association is looking into a state-wide discount on Amazon Prime for public libraries.
- Dawn Iocca, Spring Arbor Branch Manager of the Jackson District Library, asked Kate to share that popular author Adriana Trigiani does live author interviews on FaceBook on Tuesdays. Every week she also features a library or independent bookstore to support business in these troubling times. She is building a network of libraries so they can stay connected during the pandemic. If anyone is interested in her connecting with your library, contact Dawn at [ioccad@myjdl.com](mailto:ioccad@myjdl.com) to be added to the list.
- Kate said the MLA Penal Fines committee will meet next week.
- Kate reminded libraries to update their covid opening status on the Woodlands web page.

## What's Happening in Your Library?

### Hillsdale Community Library

Mary Hill – Mary said the heat in the staff area has been fixed. Tax assistance, held by the Vita program, is taking place in the meeting rooms which are still without heat.

### Sunfield District Library

Lisa Bell – Lisa said she is participating in Zoom meetings with the Small and Rural Librarians Association. She would like to develop an early literacy program. They are still open on a limited basis.

### Hudson Carnegie District Library

Joann Simmons – Joann said they now have their ceiling all repaired, and she purchased a new desk. Interest in children's programming has slowed down. They have an ongoing book sale by putting books on carts for patrons to purchase.

### Eaton Rapids Area District Library

Anna Curtis – Anna reported they are excited to get their new awning next week in front of their library. Their take and make bags are going well. They are pushing their electronic resources, and are partnering with the schools so students know what's available at the library.

### Jonesville District Library

Laura Orłowski – Laura said they had an outdoor star program, which has been well attended. They are also hosting bingo. They sent cards home with patrons and are posting one number a day on their Facebook page. They will use grant funds to purchase Wonderbooks. Their toilet stopped working. Home Depot donated a toilet, and a patron installed it.

### Albion District Library

Cindy Stanczak – Cindy announced their building is now all fixed and they are open by appointment only and curbside. Cindy would like to thank Trixie at the Homer Public Library, Angela at the Marshall District Library, and Sara at the Jackson District Library for all their help during the closure. They have purchased canvas bags for curbside service, and are installing a washer and dryer for library related washing. They have purchased additional hot spots that are on perpetual loan with other organizations that can provide Internet access to the public. They are updating their mental health and home schooling collections. They are thinking about switching to Ploud for their website.

**Grand Ledge Area District Library**

Lise Mitchell – Lise said they are getting excited about programming for March is Reading Month. Programs include Library Land (like the game Candy Land) and Library Jeopardy, both with prize giveaways. They are still giving away take home kits, and purchasing more databases.

**Branch District Library**

John Rucker – John reported they have been reopened to the public for a month. Their take home kits are a big hit, but their virtual programming interest is going down. They will be doing renovations on their 100-year-old Carnegie building. With the CARES Act grant they purchased hot spots and will be circulating them. Branch has developed an Internet filtering workaround for content filtering on hot spots, and if you're interested in this for your library contact John. In January they sent out 400 student cards, which do not require parental permission, and the library loves being able to provide tutor.com to patrons. They started using LocalHop, an online calendaring system, which looks good and works smoothly. They have been promoting MCLS Dial-a-Story for patrons without Internet. They have seed libraries at two branches that are getting geared up for spring, and are increasing their Arabic collection for their large Arabic-speaking population.

**Stair District Library**

Colleen Leddy – Colleen said they received a grant from the American Library Association for a community Zoom meeting called *Extra, Extra, Read All About It!...But Where?*, to discuss how the loss of their local newspaper will impact the community and what they can do about it. They are also having a Yoga program where her husband is leading the poses. They have several Zoom meeting programs planned, including Baby/Toddler Time, a kids and cooking program, and watching the Mars landing.

**Bath Township Public Library**

Kristie Reynolds – Kristie said they were now open, and you can take a virtual tour of their new library on the library's YouTube Channel. They are excited with access to tutor.com and Kanopy.

**Potterville-Benton Township District Library**

Lu Ann Stachnik – Lu Ann said she is happy to have a staff member return to work at the library. She said their winter reading program had good turn out and has two more weeks until it's completed. They will work with the schools during March is Reading month. They have had patrons looking for tax forms and making copies, and older patrons seeking assistance to make appointments online for the covid vaccine.

**Marshall District Library**

Angela Semifero – Angela said their winter reading program Happy Camp was a success. Happy Camp programming has included Mindful Mondays with yoga, and Happy Time Tuesdays. In January they launched their Library of Things with a lot of items for patrons to borrow. They have created Binge Bundles, a set of related DVD videos. They had 200 children sign up in January for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. They have placed hot spots in local town halls for Internet access for patrons.

**Constantine Township library**

Jane Moe – Jane typed that they are distributing craft bags, they are having story time, and have had up to 22 people in the library on different days.

**Public Participation**

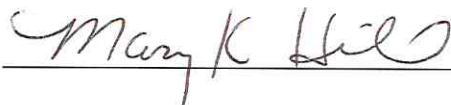
There was no public participation for this Advisory Council meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2021.

**Adjourn**

Kate called the meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.



Mary Hill, Woodlands Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Chair