



WOODLANDS LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 16, 2022

MINUTES

Order

The Advisory Council meeting, held virtually, was called to order at 10:04 am by Angela Semifero, Council Chair.

Introductions

Cindy Stanczak – Albion District Library
Kristina Reynolds – Bath Township Public Library
Mary Kennedy – Burr Oak Township Library
Tamara Denby – Clinton Township Public Library
Bryonna Barton – Eaton Rapids Area District Library
Lise Mitchell – Grand Ledge Area District Library
Karen Hill – Hillsdale Community Library
Jacqueline Barber – Jackson District Library
Laura Orłowski – Jonesville District Library
Angela Semifero – Marshall District Library
Nancy Bellaire – Monroe County Library System
Cory Grimminck – Portland District Library
Lu Ann Stachnik – Pottersville-Benton Township District Library
Brittany Olson – Putnam District Library
Lisa Bell – Sunfield District Library
Susan Bach – Tecumseh District Library
Carla Rumsey – Vermontville Township Library
Perri Saunders – White Pigeon Township Library
Kate Pohjola Andrade – Woodlands Library Cooperative
Laura Claucherty – Woodlands Library Cooperative

Agenda Approval

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

Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 Advisory Council meeting. (Moved: Reynolds, Second: Bell. Motion: Carried.)

Financial Report

The monthly financial reports for April and May were posted on the Woodlands website, and a link to those reports was provided on the agenda.

Committee Reports

Children & Teen Services and Continuing Education - Inactive Personnel and Planning and Evaluation

We will need to have additional volunteers for these two committees.

eResources

The eResources committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the Woodlands Downloadable Library selection policy. Woodlands received funds from the ARPA grant, and the committee was busy selecting

over \$70,000 in materials for OverDrive. Angela Semifero thanked the committee for all the work they put into selecting these materials to enhance the scope of the OverDrive collection.

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 discussed intellectual freedom and the increase in materials challenges in libraries nationwide, and how they should handle one if presented to their library. Some of the highlights of the discussion were to make sure your policies and selection procedures are up to date and followed, including having a Children's Collection policy. Also have an informed staff and established guidelines on the weeding process and how to handle a challenge. It was also recommended to make sure your board Bylaws are up to date. For additional information see the Library of Michigan website, and the MI Right to Read website located at <https://www.mirighttoread.com/>.

Break

The Advisory Council did not take a break.

Director's Report

- Kate reported she has only received 14 responses to the strategic planning survey sent out to members. She plans on holding regional in-person small group meetings to get the strategic planning process started. If your library is interested in hosting a meeting let Kate know.
- Kate is serving on the MLA Intellectual Task Force and attended their orientation meeting.
- Kate provided board training for the St. Ignace Public Library. The Superiorland Library Cooperative director attended to learn how to provide the training to other members in their cooperative.
- The Putnam District Library is in transition and will be hiring a new director.
- Kate also mentioned that this year's benefit guide and the Innovative Grant application are on the Woodlands website.

What's Happening in Your Library?

Tecumseh District Library

Susan Bach – Susan said she is pleased by patron enthusiasm for summer reading. They have been taking care of tasks to wrap up their fiscal year. Their 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program has brought in new patrons, 90% of which have not previously used the library. Everyone is excited about their seed library, and most have wanted flower seeds.

Jonesville District Library

Laura Orlowski – Laura said they have been following the materials challenge that has been taking place at the Hillsdale Community Library. They participated in the local theater's production of *The Secret Garden* by supplying seeds to play goers. They also had the cast available in the library to meet play attendees after the show. They had 60 people participate in a Lego Art program. They started summer reading, and have had an increase in participation since covid. They are trying to organize a county wide One Book program.

Potterville-Benton Township District Library

Lu Ann Stachnik – Lu Ann reported their local Gizzard Fest was a huge success. She is wrapping up fiscal year end tasks. They have a new board member, and want to set up a Zoom training with Kate. She also said the Friends are doing well, and will have their first Yoga Club meeting tonight. They are participating the Eaton County Photo Contest until July, and had a program where they painted bricks to resemble books.

White Pigeon Township Library

Perri Saunders – Perri said they are in the midst of summer reading, and had a Potawatomi Zoo program last night. They have five music events planned for the summer which have been funded with donations.

Portland District Library

Cory Grimminck – Cory said they just adopted a new strategic plan. One of their goals is to train and try to retain staff. They had 170 people attend their summer reading kickoff.

Hillsdale Community Library

Karen Hill – Karen said they have an origami night and have an average of 4 people per night, and Lego Club has been slow. Summer reading starts next week.

Grand Ledge Area District Library

Lise Mitchell – Lise said summer reading has started, and will have a mermaid event, a ukulele program, and have partnered with someone local for a fishing event. They will have a millage vote in August and are trying to reach out to the community. They participated in the Memorial Day parade. They have 120 children registered for summer reading, and have several power readers. They have also had building plumbing issues.

Bath Township Public Library

Kristie Reynolds – Kristie said they received a grant from Dollar General for summer reading. They are also at the end of a strategic plan and Kate is helping them to create a new one. They purchased a new 3-D printer and a full sized laminator. They have over a 100 participants signed up for summer reading. They started a seed library and have been giving out plants. They have also planted a community garden with the help of local teens.

Eaton Rapids Area District Library

Bryonna Barton – Bryonna reported this is her fourth day as director. Summer reading kicked off on the 11th with a pool party. She is trying to figure out what is required of them for the auditor.

Albion District Library

Cindy Stanczak – Cindy said they are hiring more staff and have some good applicants with appropriate skills to work in the library. She said they were excited about a more normal summer reading, will have several events at the local park, and the Friends made a large donation to help cover summer reading expenses. The library is a cooling center for the community, and the high school swimming pool will be open to the community as well. The board is exploring their vision for library service, and will set some new goals by the end of the year.

Marshall District Library

Angela Semifero – Angela said for summer reading they will have a scavenger hunt where patrons go to local businesses to hunt for different sea animals. When they find them they get a sticker. When they get 15 stickers they can go to the local toy store for a prize. She loves the ocean theme and had their kickoff party last week. They are partnering with a lot of local businesses and have a lot of outdoor activities planned, including a mermaid program, a program at the Wilder Creek Conservation Club, and a kayak activity.

Putnam District Library

Brittany Olson – Brittany reported that she has been acting as Interim Director since their librarian moved on to a new job, and they have a new board member. Their summer reading kickoff is tonight and they are looking forward to their first “normal” big event in about two years!

Burr Oak Township Library

Mary Ann Kennedy – Mary reported that summer reading is starting next week. Patrons have been coming in and interacting with them has been fun.

Sunfield District Library

Lisa Bell – Lisa reported they are getting ready for summer reading, and they are participating in the Eaton County photo contest.

Public Participation

There was no public participation for this Advisory Council meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn

It was moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting at 11:36 am. (Moved: Grimminck, Second: Saunders. Motion: Carried.)



Angela Semifero, Woodlands Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Chair