

*NOTE: These minutes are to be regarded as the unofficial record of the meeting until the Library Advisory Committee has approved them. **The next LAC meeting will be held on April 9, 2015.***

MINUTES
WVLS Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, August 21, 2014
Wausau Room, Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

CALL TO ORDER: President Mary Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: The Roll was called by Kris Adams Wendt. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Jackie Rammer, Stacy Stevens, Ralph Illick, Tammie Blomberg, Erica Grunseth, Mary Dunn, Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes, Mary Taylor (by phone), Todd Mountjoy, Robin Gettelman, Sonja Ackerman, Cathy Retzer, and Gary Gisselman.

Members Absent: Robin Gettelman, Lorelee Petersen, Rhinelander representative.

WVLS Staff and Other Guests Present: Marla Sepnafski, Inese Christman, Kris Adams Wendt, Marilyn Sauer representing WVLS Board of Trustees.

AGENDA APPROVAL: ACKERMAN/STEVENS MOTION to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: MOUNTJOY/GISSELMAN MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE WVLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marilyn Sauer presented a report on behalf of the WVLS Board of Trustees. Following the last Library Advisory Committee meeting in April, the WVLS Board of Trustees met on May 17 and August 16 and has its next meeting scheduled for September 20. A copy of Sauer's report is appended to these minutes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Wendt reminded members about the WLA legislative committee's initiative to invite legislators and candidates to libraries during the fall election cycle so that more and enhanced relationships are built before the next budget cycle. WLA be surveying libraries for information about the release of patron information to third party collection and law enforcement agencies for purposes of retrieval of and payment for lost and damaged materials.

DRAFT 2015 WVLS SYSTEM PLAN: Sepnafski guided section-by-section review and discussion of the draft 2014 WVLS System Plan, noting changes. The system plan and the 2015 budget will be returned to the WVLS Board of Trustees table in September for final approval.

MOUNTJOY/BLOMBERG MOTION to approve the draft 2015 WVLS System Plan as presented. Motion carried.

DRAFT 2015 WVLS BUDGET: Sepnafski facilitated review and discussion of the draft 2015 WVLS Budget. There were no major changes. **SAFFIOTI-HUGHES/ACKERMAN MOTION to approve the draft 2015 WVLS Budget as presented. Motion carried.** (Ralph Illick left the meeting at 10:30 AM.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR 2015 WORKSHOP/TRAINING TOPICS: Topics suggested included diversity training, library assessment and prioritization of services, examination of the mission of the library in the 21st Century (regardless of library type), collection development and weeding, re-examination of the non-fiction collection, analyzing community data. Mountjoy mentioned he has given presentations about the culture of poverty associated with concepts from the Bridges out of Poverty community support program.

2014-15 GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE: Sepnafski and Wendt provided progress reports on LSTA technology grant and special needs projects. Considerable discussion time was devoted to potential collaborative digitization projects for 2015.

WVLS MULTI-TYPE COLLABORATION: Topics discussed included Nicolet College Tech Talks available for public library programs, Merrill and Crandon library staff involvement with WLA WIGLHR (Wisconsin Genealogy & Local History Roundtable) leadership and genealogy programs, school/public library collaboration, National History Day projects, Wisconsin Historical Society Office of School Services, resources from the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board, and Wisconsin Media Lab.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christman mentioned upcoming WPLC steering committee and board meetings, anticipated agenda items and future Overdrive training opportunities. Sepnafski announced that the August 7 vote among WVLS and NWLS member libraries did not support merger of the two systems' ILS consortia. Dunn thanked Blomberg, Saffioti-Hughes, Taylor, and Ackerman who were attending the last meeting of their two year term on LAC, noting also that she and Gettelman were also finishing their terms. Dunn was in turn thanked for her leadership.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next LAC meeting will be April 9, 2015 at a location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: STEVENS/ACKERMAN MOTION to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Adams Wendt, Meeting Recorder.

WVLS LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WVLS Office - Wausau
August 21, 2014

Report of the WVLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The WVLS Board of Trustees met on May 17 and August 16 and has its next meeting scheduled for September 20. Since the last Library Advisory Committee meeting on April 10, highlights of Board actions and news include:

- An update on the Project WIN merger of the WVLS V-Cat and NWLS Merlin ILS consortiums was shared on May 17 leading up to the "all systems" meeting in Ladysmith on May 20 and V-Cat vote on August 7. Although a majority of WVLS libraries favored merger, the motion failed 2 votes short of the 2/3 required on a 14 to 8 vote with one library not voting and another abstaining. Members of the Merlin consortium also declined to support the merger on an 8 to 17 vote. Discussion at the August 16 meeting centered on what was learned from the process to inform future improvements to V-Cat and inter-system collaboration.
- The V-Cat Steering Committee made up of representative board members and WVLS library directors has finished its work for 2014. A new committee will be appointed in November to continue work in 2015. V-Cat is open to any non-public libraries that wish to join the consortium. The revised V-Cat Participation Agreement was approved by the Board on August 16.
- Member library shares for the 2015 Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) Buying Pool were approved after a report on anticipated new features.
- The 2013 financial audit prepared by Krause, Howard & Co. was accepted as presented and shared with the Division for Libraries and Technology as required.
- The 2015 WVLS Technology Support Planning Guide and 2015 LSTA Technology Block Grant proposal were approved as presented.
- The 2015 WVLS System Plan was approved in draft form, pending any suggestions that may be offered by the Library Advisory Committee, and will receive final approval at the September meeting.
- The WVLS Collection Development Committee met for the last time on June 19 and recommended that it be disbanded, which was approved by the WVLS Board. All WVLS deposit collections have been redistributed to member libraries and the system is no longer purchasing newspapers for the resource library collection. V-Cat now includes all WVLS member libraries except one. The need for the CDC to coordinate purchases in particular subject areas by V-Cat member libraries as the consortium grew is past. The WVLS system plan, which addresses collection development throughout and now incorporates the Collection Development Plan, is reviewed annually by LAC and the WVLS Board.
- Elaine Younger has been appointed to the board as a representative of Marathon County to fill out the unexpired term of Kris Uhlig.