

PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PLAC) MINUTES

U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library
Grafton

July 21, 2015

Called to Order: 9:15 A.M.

Adjourn: 11:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library: Grafton, Cedar Grove, Oscar Grady Public Library: Saukville, Sheboygan Falls, W. J. Niederkorn Library :Port Washington, Elkhart Lake, Oostburg Public Library, Plymouth Public Library, Lakeview Community Library: Random Lake, Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Theinsville, Cedarburg Public Library, Mead Public Library: Sheboygan and system staff: Robert Nitsch, Amy Birtell, Alison Ross. In the absences of Paula Siefert, Amy asked Trixine Tahtinen, ESLS PLAC Representative to take the minutes.

1. **Call the meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Amy Birtell.
2. **Approval of the May 19, 2015 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the last PLAC meeting was made by Betty and seconded by John. Approved.
3. **Correspondence/communications:** It was noted there was no correspondence or communications.
4. **Reports:**
 - a. The PLAC representative to the ESLS board reported there has not been an ESLS meeting since our last PLAC meeting. She noted the ESLS budget committee is meeting this Thursday and the regular meeting of the ESLS Board will be on Monday, June 27th. It was noted that the ESLS Contracts Committee is meeting this afternoon. The will involve the agreement with MCLS, The resource library agreement and the Delivery Truck.
 - b. Amy reported that she will be on the Steering committee for the Wisconsin Standards of Libraries. This will be a complete revision.
 - c. Alison reported on the Digitalization and Oral History project. Scanning is starting at some of the libraries. Robert is is working on getting the connection to Recollection Wisconsin. They are moving forward to be part of Digital Public Library America. Wisconsin Valley is working with a similar grant project as ESLS. We are still a work in progress. Oral history equipment sets(2 of them) are available to borrow. David Nimmer has worked with it and said it is complicated to get the files working. Betty at Elkhart Lake is using it now.
 - d. It was reported that the LSTA Grants and guidelines are now available. The money is in there for the TEACH. The hearing loop project is one that several libraries are looking at. There are a lot of digitalization things in the Grant guidelines.
 - e. WiLS membership is subscribed to by ESLS as part of the State money, so we are all able to use the services. There was some discussion as to what do we get from our membership. It was suggested to get WiLS to come and speak with us about the services.
5. **Old Business:** Discussion was held on the upcoming dissolving of the Mid-Wisconsin Library System. Jefferson is going with Waukesha. It will have a new name. This will be by Jan. 1, 2016. The two remaining counties must decide if they will be a two county system or join with another system. A question about who decides this was asked. It would be a vote among the County Boards, the Municipal Boards, and the Library Boards. All have a vote. Currently their

headquarters is in Horicon (own their own building) and West Bend is their resource library. Beaver Dam is not part of the ILS system.

6. New Business:

a. WiscNet Filtering: E-rate is a Federal program for money for wireless, technology etc. Back in 2004 a condition was if you receive money, you must filter obscene images. We might want to revisit filtering-it has become very sophisticated. Wisconsin Rapids filters as does Beaver Dam. South Central System is investigating it as is ESLS. A discussion ensued on the filtering issue, with many librarians stating that is not our job to filter, who determines what is filtered and filtering may give patrons a false sense of security which could cause problems . If we would filter, it would also include the wireless. Many note patrons would have a problem with that since they are on their own devices. There will be an upcoming workshop on filtering. The filtering company being used by many is called I Boss.

b. WPLC is looking at the overdrive periodical module.They dropped the idea for the time but there is a proposal for a pilot program if enough libraries showed interest. Some discussion was held about the various periodical systems: Zinio and Flipster. Flipster's estimate cost for the top 50 periodicals was \$25,000 plus 5%. That would be about \$1200/ each library. Amy is having a meeting with Zinio. Most of the libraries in ESLS currently subscribe to Zinio. The overdrive proposal for the top 100 magazines would be around \$333 for the first two years with the platform not being a cost at the time as it would be a pilot program. Some of the directors have looked at the overdrive and don't like the interface and felt their staff's interaction with it was not positive. There was also some discussion about some of the titles in the overdrive's top 100 as to the desirability of the titles and many wondered if that top 100 was a "package deal" or could we select? Many expressed that for ease of patron use it would be nice if all our digital content was in one place (Overdrive). Many also noted that their Zinio circs are going down and also there have been articles out about the decrease in e-content use. It was decided that next month's meeting we will decide on going forward with periodicals or not.

7. What is going on at your library: Amy indicated that next month's meeting will be a combined SLAC/PLAC and will be a long one. It might be a good idea to block out the whole day in your schedule for the meeting.

Several libraries reported on what is going on at their libraries. Most reported on the success of the summer reading programs currently going on. Saukville received a donation of thousands of photographs of Saukville - some dating back to the 1800s. Cedar Grove reported their Friends Group is having a used book sale in conjunction with this weekend's Holland Fest. Grafton is meeting with an architect and looking at remodeling. Oostburg reported they have been working without ac these last few weeks but hopefully it will be fixed today. Elkhart Lake is looking to add a vestibule on their park side entrance. There is also erosion by the building and there is discussion if it is the city's responsibility or the library's. Mead reported on the Thursday night concert series by the library and the concurrent library activities. Random Lake reported on the Village's picnic days. The library is selling walking tacos. W. J. Niederkorn Director, David Nimmer, reported he is taking a training in Mental health issues concerning dealing with patrons with issues. Mequon reported they are doing offsite registrations. Plymouth continues their 100 year celebration activities. They are doing a community read. They also are selling all their art prints which they no longer circulate. Cedarburg is celebrating their 1 year anniversary in the new building.

8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Trixine Tahtinen PLAC Representative/acting recording agent