

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)

Tuesday, July 23 9:30 CST/10:30 EST

DRAFT MINUTES

Attending:

Megan Buck (Dickinson) Shawn Andary (SLC), Pam Malmsten (SLC), Jeremy Morelock (SLC), Eric Magness-Eubank (Alpena), Dillon Geshel (Portage) Cheryl Hoffman (Spies), Lisa Cromell (Munising), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County), Lynn Wiercinski (Ironwood), Carolyn Stacey (Escanaba)

- I. Introductions/Comments
- II. Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 14th
- III. SLC Committee Reports
 - a. ALB Policy – chair: Lisa Waskin – No Report
 - b. Database – chair: Amanda Griggs. Committee member Eric reported that there was a good and productive meeting with an Overdrive representative re: further collection development ideas. Jeremy reported on a new feature called “Lucky Day” for items that have no holds on them.
 - c. Grants – chair: Lisa Waskin. The group has not met. Shawn did report that there might be a grant opportunity for smaller libraries through the State Library re: digital hotpots for circulation.
 - d. Plan of Service – Eric Magness-Eubank – No meeting / no report
 - e. Prof. Dev./Continuing Ed. – co-chairs: Megan Buck and Carolyn Stacey. Training sessions featuring on-ground and Zoom options are coming up on August 5th, 6th, and 7th at Portage, Peter White and St. Ignace. In the a.m., there will be a presentation on Decolonizing libraries and creating diversity in collections and in the afternoon of each day, there will be a Zoom presentation featuring Patrick Sweeney from EveryLibrary (Schmoozing for Beginners and Party Hard/Celebrating Library Success) and Kelly Bennett and Jeff Milo from the Ferndale Library on Social Media. On October 4th at West Iron Oct 11th at Bayliss and Oct 23 in Escanaba, Kevin McDonough (NMU) will present a virtual reality petting zoo in the morning, lunch will be provided. Afternoon sessions will feature demos of the 3D printer (using metal and wood filament) and how to use the printer for programming with the public. There was a MeL database session in Iron Mountain on July 10th and a presentation with Amanda Winnicki on packing items for RIDES. Teresa will be in Alpena on August 12th for another free hands on MeL Databases session for library staff from 10am-1pm.
 - f. Programming – chair: Alycia McKowen. SLC is offering mini-grants to member libraries for summer programs. Eleven different programs were sponsored (for approximately \$3,700). There will be a budget on-going for future cycles.
 - g. RIDES – chair: Amanda Winnicki. Shawn reported that the new MCLS director was in the U.P. on a tour and there was a discussion re: RIDES. There are no changes to the current RIDES structure at this time. There will need to be on-going discussions relative to equity.
 - h. Technology – chair: Mary Hook. Shawn would like to merge programming and technology committees. SLC has BLOXELS kits available for circulation to member libraries. Interested libraries should contact Shawn.
 - i. Updates from SLC Director/SLC Staff. Shawn and Pam reviewed a draft budget for next year and highlighted some potential changes. The budget will be reviewed and approved by the Board at a later date. The sound booth is close to being ready. SLC is working on a policy for use by member libraries. Based on feedback and discussions, the NLMN Board will be recommending dissolution. This will save some funds.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Report from ABL Representation on SLC Finance Committee – No meeting / no report
 - b. Report from ABL Representation on Personnel Committee - No meeting / no report
- V. New Business
 - a. Upcoming July 25th SLC Meeting. The Board meets this Thursday. Shawn reported that all member libraries in Internet consortium will be fully funded.

- b. UPRLC Unexpected Partnerships program. Over 20 people have applied. All employees at member libraries are invited to apply and participate. There is no cost for this program and everyone is encouraged to apply.

VI. Communication and Collaboration

- a. Ride Sharing Opportunities – There is nothing on the calendar for the summer. It's not too early to start thinking about fall!
- b. Programs/Promotion – Amanda reported that the library has been out at their County fair to promote the library and there will be a book sale this weekend. Dillon reported on an arts program with kids on Rabbit Island. Lynne reported that they will have the Star Lab this week and a writer's group of students that will soon have a book to be published.
- c. Think Tank Time – Shawn reported that the fundraiser at Kaufmann Auditorium will be on August 19th at 7pm. Shawn requests that member libraries send picture of events and things that libraries are doing to include in her presentation. Attendees will have the option of designating a target for the fundraising, such as programming, Library for the Blind, etc... Tickets will be \$15.00.

VII. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30 CST/ 10:30 EST

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.