

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Call to Order: Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Sue Salter, Trina Reid, Nora Vieau, Merry Anderson, Jim Schieble, Dana Pike, Deb Haeffner
Absent: Shirley Berkley

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input: Visitor: Amber Honslet, Columbia County Library Board

Approval of the Agenda for March 18, 2025: Dana moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes April 18, 2025: Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the February 2025 Minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: CDAR2 renews 4/17/25 at 4.75%. SCLS Foundation account down \$11, 267.54. Dana moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve Financial Secretary report. Motion carried.

Bills: Bills of \$2,887.88 submitted. Nora moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Budget Comparison: 29.20% of budget spent at 1Q end.

Library Director's Report:

Youth Programs:

Babies on Blankets on pause with addition of another Storytime day.

Helen and Susan visited 9 classrooms at Fall River School, Zion Lutheran School, Redbud Daycare in Fall River, Cardinal Country Daycare, St. Jerome's School, Little Adventures, and Kids and Company

Teen Writing Program wrapped in April with good attendance.

All programs—Storytime, Music & Motion, Crafternoon, Pokémon, Lego Club—continue to be well-attended.

Adult Programs:

Tech Tuesdays completed after 4 sessions. On March 25 F&M Bank presented information on scams.

First monthly craft night with Kristen Hart had 17 attendees.

Library After Hours Book Club had 24 attendees which is too many for the Annex so the program is moving to the 161 Building.

Chad Lewis presented Wisconsin's Gangster Past with great turnout.

Russ Horton from Wisconsin Veterans Museum presented program on finding military ancestors.

A seed library is now available at the Library main desk.

Upcoming Programs:

June-New Romantasy Book Club in the Annex will meet one Monday each month

April 22-George Hesselberg will talk about his book *Deadlines*.

May 10-Dog blanket crochet workshop. Blankets will be donated to Columbia County Humane Society.

Meetings:

April 9-City Employment Engagement Team provided Subway lunch for library staff.

Building and Grounds:

DPW replaced stained tiles in entryway. After several rains it appears problem is fixed.

Toilet in Annex leaked into basement. Wright Plumbing fixed.

DPW repaired the Annex ramp, removed rotten boards and replaced with new. Project was covered by a \$2,800 grant to the Friends of the Library from Enbridge. So far the project cost is \$147.

Many book returns at the new return box at the Fall River Town Hall.

The most recent Annex renter has left and a potential new renter has viewed.

The City got new phones which were not compatible with the SCLS network. CPL using cell phones until new internet line can be installed.

Library Stats: Visits are up 1.6%; Community Use of Rooms is up 15%. Wireless printing and faxing is up 45%.

Library Director's Goals:

See Building and Grounds above.

Amanda, Helen and Kristin met with Kane from the Recreation Dept. to collaborate on advertising for summer programs.

Main topic at March 20 All Directors Meeting was new ILS System. At May meeting directors will vote on moving to SirsiDynix System in 2026.

President's Report: Shirley and Trina reappointed to Board as their terms were up.

Literacy Council Report: None

Friends of the Library: Held membership information drive in library

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: None

Trustee Training: Trustee Essentials 27: The Public Library System Board-the Broad Viewpoint

Local resident Henry St. Maurice serves on the SCLS (South Central Library System) Advocacy Committee. The state-wide Systems were created in 1974-75 to make libraries more equal. SCLS is one of the largest by area.

The Systems are accountable to the Division for Libraries and Technology and must focus on the mandates of service itemized in Wisconsin Statutes Section 43.24(2)

Wisconsin Statutes - Chapter 43 LIBRARIES

Section 43.24(2)

(2) For a public library system to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid under this section it shall ensure that all of the following are provided:

- Written agreements with all member libraries.
- Reference, information and interlibrary loan services from its resource library
- Routing of interlibrary loan requests including electronic delivery
- In-service training for library personnel and trustees.
- Service agreements with all adjacent library systems.
- Professional consultant services to participating public libraries.
- Any other service programs as determined by its board
- Library services for special needs users

The WPLC Wisconsin Library Consortium Data Dashboard at www.scls.info is a very comprehensive source of data, individual library and other information.

About 30% of the CPL budget goes to SCLS.

IMLS-Institute of Museum and Library Services cuts will probably affect grant money for class, conference and libraries with staffs paid exclusively with grant money.

Unfinished Business: Pete, Sue, Merry and Deb will form an ad hoc planning committee to address the next steps in the space needs assessment

New Business: None

Adjourn: Jim moved and Dana seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting – May 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Anderson, Secretary