

Sauk County Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Present: Joan Fordham, Glen Slaats, Linda Kettner, Carolyn Kotchi-Aslaksen, Joel Chrisler, Terry Slack*

Others Present: Sue Ann Kucher(Reedsburg), Caitlin Opatik (Reedsburg), Nick Studnicka (Plain), Emily Whitmore(Spring Green)*, Lauren White(PDS)*, Tamara Ramski(SCLS), Rebecca Anderson (Rock Springs)

*Participated remotely

1. The meeting was called to order by Joan Fordham at 3:30 PM. Sue Ann Kucher verified compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Kotchi-Aslaksen moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Chrisler. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the May 2023 meeting:** Slaats moved to approve the minutes of the May 2023 meeting, seconded by Kotchi-Aslaksen. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comments:** none
5. **SCLS Report – Tamara Ramski:** on file
6. **Consider finalizing and approving the 2024 Budget request and forwarding it to Sauk County for consideration:** Sue Ann Kucher went over the printed form and spread sheets. Chrisler moved to approve the budget as presented with reimbursement to the Wisconsin Dells Library at 95%, seconded by Kotchi-Aslaksen. Motion carried.
7. **Librarian's Reports:** Directors in Attendance – reports on file
8. **Next Meeting – November 28, 2023, 3:30 PM:** Location and format TBD
9. **Adjournment:** Kettner moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM, seconded by Kotchi-Aslaksen. Motion carried.

Linda Kettner

SCLS Report (Compiled by SCLS Consultant Team Staff), Tamara Ramski

SCLS Staff: Anna Remien is the new Field Services Technician. She will be working with Emily on PC support and with Nick on the Help Desk.

Meetings and Events:

- ☐ Trustee Training Week: August 21-25 (webinars). Registration: <https://www.wistrusteetraining.com/>
- ☐ Tech Days: September 12 & 13 (webinars). Registration: <https://techdayswisc.org/register>
- ☐ SCLS All Directors: November 16 at Fitchburg Public Library
- ☐ Starting January 1, 2024, SCLS will not be using BlueJeans for virtual meetings.

Reminder: Watch for Top 5 emails and Online Update for information on services, upcoming meetings, and CE opportunities. Meeting minutes are available on the SCLS website.

SCLS New Building:

- ☐ Construction is ongoing.
- ☐ In-person meetings will be held at the new location starting in late September.
- ☐ Delivery will be moving to Pankratz in January (tentatively).

Other News:

United for Libraries Program

- ☐ United for Libraries, a division of the ALA, is the national association of library trustees, advocates, Friends groups, and library foundations.
- ☐ Statewide access for Wisconsin library trustees, staff, friends, and foundation members.
 - Webinars (Learning Live), on-demand videos, tip sheets and toolkits, digital publications, and practical guides.
- ☐ Register: <https://www.ala.org/united/login-request/wisconsin>

Library Reports: Librarians in attendance

LaValle Public Library – Natalie Jones

Friends group had their smoothie bike at the 400 trail celebration and then had it at their June story hour. It was greatly enjoyed by all age groups. They held a silent auction and raised enough money to sponsor a programmer the library brought in. Kids are beginning to return their summer reading challenge forms. Considering this is the first year of our revitalized Friends group, I am impressed with the accomplishments thus far.

Late June, we were one of the last libraries to go live with our new website.

Ruth Culver Community Library – Prairie du Sac, Lauren White

- For youth programs, storytimes, Lego Club, and outreach to 6:8 are all on-going. We have also added Peek-A-Boo to our monthly outreach schedule. Drop-in Mindfulness with Diane Matzke continues on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 9:15am.
- Paint by Sticker/Color by Number event August 14 for adults.
- Local author Christine Hawkinson August 23.
- Juggler Mark Hayward performed on July 24th
- We're hosting a Bluey Party on August 25th.
- Upcoming Storytime Here and There Upcoming Locations: Sauk Prairie EMS, the Whisker Lounge, and PDS Public Works.
- We've given out 314 teen bags so far this year. Recent teen programs included the return of tie dye, trivia, and cookie imposters. We'll have a late night again in August, in addition to the Tuesday programs. We now have the Lite Brite wall art up in the teen area.
- Our LED retrofit project is almost complete, which means every bulb in the library has been converted from florescent to LED
- We need to repair a bird hole on the side of the building, but that will wait until the fall.
- We presented long-time library board trustee Helen Campbell with a piece of artwork that has been installed in the library.
- Our Friends of the Library group hosted our 14th annual golf outing on July 19th

Kraemer Library and Community Center – Plain, Nicholas Studnicka

- Ordered two new staff pcs as well as a new staff laptop to replace the current one using the Sauk tech funds
- Had a compressor unit die in one of the twenty year old ac units waiting for village approval to replace and if they will replace furnace as well
- SLP going well we have had 20 programs with 485 attendees. We have 69 children signed up 3 teens, and 9 adults with 43 active children so far. They have until Aug 12 to turn in logs.
- Hired two LTE's for the summer to help complete a bunch of projects. Also looking for a Part-time person to work 12 plus hours a week. I had one staff person resign end of May and another out for medical till October.
- Had Magic of Isaiah on July 19 and Mississippi River Museum: Rockin' Reptiles & Awesome Amphibians on July 13
- Will be hosting Miller & Mike Show

Reedsburg Public Library, Sue Ann Kucher

Very busy summer. SLP is finishing up. Kids earned a prize and book each month.

Library exterior paint underway.

Added a Logitech Rally system to Community Room. All 3 meeting rooms are now wired for hybrid meetings and programs.

Space needs assessment completed.

Upcoming programs are Zoozort, Curt Strutz's Dinosaur puppets and Mark Heasley from Driftless Stargazing. Carolyn Dallman and Chad Lewis were adult/all ages programs and both had excellent attendance

Rock Springs Library, Becky Anderson

Summer Programming: Our All Together Now theme has been visiting other countries through activities and presentations. In June, we started with T-Ball, Softball on 2 Wednesday mornings in June. We had a total of 58 people of all ages attend. There are about 20 countries (the U.S., Japan, and Mexico to name a few) that play baseball. Many came back to the library to cool off and check out books. The 3rd Wednesday was canceled due to air quality (smoke from the Canadian fires). We had 2 high school students who volunteered to help coach, pitch, and catch the ball and received community hours. Another high school student received community hours for shelving books, filling holds, prepping projects, and doing some program clean-up.

In July, we highlighted North America and South America with presentations on Chile and Argentina. Europe was next where kids could make Italian carnival masks and they made French crepes with assistance. We did Asia/Australia/Oceania this week, painted Japanese lanterns and had watermelon slushies from Thailand. We will finish with Africa next week and meet at the Big Cat Rescue for a guided tour. On one of the shelving units, we did a display from several countries that we posted on Facebook. At least 30 reading logs were picked up.

We also did prize drawings with donated coolers that we filled with summer fun items (picnic, crossword puzzle books, s'mores, beach fun). Anyone who attended an event or had a checkout put their name into the drawing. We managed to put 2 winners on our Facebook page.

Presentations: Daniel Munoz Villa from Chile and Faith Blauert, a student who visited Argentina, were 2 presenters for the Big Kids program. They will also be presenting on Monday, July 31, 2023 for the Gathering. We will also have Carolyn Dallmann presenting Part 2 on the Badger Ammunition Plant Experience on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023 at 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM.

RECOLLECTION WISCONSIN: Shane Harvey finished the Donna Lange pictures from Facebook. I wrote up an inventory of stored history items, and Margo Busser worked on scanning photos. Shane also refurbished a shelf for the hall to display local history items and installed LED lights in the unit..

RFID TAGGING: Getting set up to do this. Will receive training soon.

BOOKS/DVDs: Entering a new Large Print Faith Series by Lori Copeland and also the new book written by Anderson Cooper titled Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty.

Update on building: A letter by the Village Clerk-Treasurer was sent to ADCI. Tom Holtz of HBI looked at the building and asked ADCI for the building trusses plans that should be public record. An evaluation continues as more than the installation of the construction expansions joints will need to be addressed. The real issue of the quality of the rafters remains. It is still an ongoing conversation as to when the building will get fixed.

Library Board: New board member Kristen Kragin and new Circulation policy is being reviewed

Spring Green Community Library, Emily Whitmore

- ☐ The Spring Green Community Library has purchased a starter collection of Wonderbooks. We were able to do this with funding from our Friends of the Library group. Patrons have responded very positively to the additions, which we know because they are rarely in the building long before they leave again!
- ☐ The Spring Green Art Fair was June 24 and 25 this year. And the Library hosted the Children's Tent. We did this with the help of a grant from the River Valley Arts group. We saw over 150 people, and had a blast doing some crafts, even with the evitable heat and rain.
- ☐ The Summer Reading Program is going well! The children participating have, so far, read for 21, 504 minutes! We also have a handful of adults and teens that have taken on the alphabet challenge, and seem to be enjoying it!
- ☐ We enjoyed a great program from Avian Connections in July. This was a program in collaboration with Meadows Assisted Living and Memory Care. Kids and adults alike really enjoyed seeing some birds as well as learning more about them and how we can help them.
- ☐ The Teen Services Librarian will be leaving the Library as of August 16.
- ☐ We are also looking for a part-time Youth Services Librarian currently

George Culver Community Library, Lisa Renier Thomas *(Report shared by Kucher)*

Ongoing Library Events:

Two Storytimes per week

Weekly *Music and Movement* Storytime

Friends of the Library Bingo: Twice per month

Monthly Book Club

Read to a Dog Program (New Name: *Wags and Tales*): Once per month

Summer Library Program Events Since Last Meeting:

Hair Styling for Kids, Button Making for Teens, Children's Genealogy, Where in the World? (monthly passport program where children try to find "Booker the Library Dragon"), Line Dancing for Kids, Weaving Craft, Dot Art for Kids, Ben-Day Comic Book Art for Teens, Magic of Isaiah variety show.

Summer Reading Challenge

Weekly winners for children, teens, adults. Tracking online and on paper logs