

**COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN**
OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

**A meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees,
Monday, March 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon
Library Headquarters, Wausau Community Room.**

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Library Board of Trustee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Library Board of Trustee members and the public may attend this meeting by **computer or telephone conference**. If Library Board of Trustee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by computer or phone may log or call into **the conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following website <https://meet.goto.com/164587949> or number [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679) Access Code for dialing in: 164-587-949.**

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AGENDA

1. (12:00 p.m.) **Call to Order**
2. **Acknowledgement of Visitors**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Bills and Services Report**
5. (10 minutes) **Public Comments**
6. (15 minutes) **Reports Regarding Recent Meetings and Communications. For Discussion and Informational Purposes Only. No Action will be taken.**
 - A. President
 - B. Other Board Members
 - C. Library Director
 - D. Board Committees
 - E. Friends of the Library
 - F. MCPL Foundation
 - G. Wisconsin Valley Library Service
7. (5 minutes) **COVID-19 Update – For Discussion and Possible Action**
8. (5 minutes) **2021 Library Fund Transfer – For Discussion and Possible Action**
9. (10 minutes) **Library Policy Updates – For Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Media Policy
 - B. Photo Release Policy
 - C. Behavior in the Library Policy
 - D. Animals in the Library Policy
10. (10 minutes) **WVLS Expectations Update – For Discussion and Possible Action**
11. (10 minutes) **Library Trustee Essentials Review: Chapters 4 & 13 – For Discussion and Informational Purposes Only**
12. (15 minutes) **Library Service Highlights: ASPEN Discovery– For Discussion and Informational Purposes Only**
13. **Announcements**
14. **Request for Future Agenda Items**

2022 WVLS EXPECTATIONS ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

GENERAL SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS (WISCONSIN STATUTES 43.24[2])

Reference, Referral, and Interlibrary Loan

- Referral or routing of reference and interlibrary loan requests from libraries within the system to libraries within and outside the system.

Continuing Education & Consultation

- In-service training for participating public library personnel and trustees and professional consultation services to participating public libraries.
- Professional consultant services to participating public libraries.

Delivery

- Electronic delivery of information.
- Physical delivery of library materials to participating libraries.

Service Agreements

- Service agreements with all adjacent library systems.

Other Service Programs

- Any other service program/s designed to meet the needs of participating public libraries and the residents of the system area, as determined by the public library system board after consultation with participating public libraries.

Inclusive Services

- Promotion and facilitation of library service to users with special needs.

Other Types of Libraries

- Cooperation and continuous planning with other types of libraries in the system area which results in agreements with those libraries for the appropriate sharing of library resources to benefit the clientele of all libraries in the system area.

Library Technology and Resource Sharing

- Planning with the division and with participating public libraries and other types of libraries in the area in regard to library technology and the sharing of resources. By January 1, 2000 and every 5th January 1 thereafter, the public library system shall submit to the division a written plan for library technology and the sharing of resources.
 - Technology/Network
 - ILS Administration

Administration

- Ensure that the library system operates in accordance with Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes and other related Wisconsin and Federal laws.
- Continue to participate in the statewide PLSR project.

MCPL SYSTEM TASK FORCE SPECIFIC ITEMS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Increase opportunities to collaborate with like-size libraries

Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) will work with Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) to create opportunities to collaborate with similar-sized libraries state-wide.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

Teen Services

WVLS shared information regarding a developing partnership between libraries in northern Wisconsin to provide hybrid (in-person and virtual) programs for teens. MCPL Library Specialist E. Lutz has been an important partner in this collaboration and shared her work in the [January 2022 WVLS Newsletter here](#).

LENA Project

WVLS Public Library Services Consultant A. Hamland and MCPL Youth Services Librarian T. Weinfurter met in the fall of 2021 to discuss a LENA opportunity with WVLS member libraries.

WVLS will facilitate partnerships between key players and mentors at similar-sized libraries.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

Mentorship Opportunity

Upon being hired as the MCPL Director in January 2022, Leah Giordano was invited to participate in the WVLS mentorship program. WVLS paired Giordano with the Brown County Library Director Sarah Sugden. The Brown County Library is like MCPL in that it, too, is a consolidated county library with eight branches (and a bookmobile). Also, Brown County is a resource library for the Nicolet Federated Library System headquartered in Green Bay.

In January 2022, WVLS facilitated an introductory discussion between L. Giordano and S. Sugden that addressed goals for the mentorship. In February, S. Sugden, traveled to Wausau for an in-person meeting with Giordano and to receive a tour of the MCPL Wausau branch.

Introduction to Colleagues at Similar-Sized Libraries

Resource library directors meet online each month to check in with each other, share newsworthy activities, and respond to each other's questions. As part of the mentorship experience, S. Sugden introduced L. Giordano to this opportunity.

Improve communication between WVLS and MCPL

WVLS will schedule monthly meetings with MCPL to discuss service goals.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

Over the years, certain MCPL staff and WVLS staff have maintained generally positive, functional communications via email, interpersonal ad hoc meetings (i.e., “hallway conversations”), and traditional scheduled meetings regarding cooperative projects, service support, and service area consultation. Under the interim and subsequent full direction of L. Giordano, WVLS has observed a marked upturn in the volume of MCPL staff-initiated support requests and consultation inquiries. L. Giordano’s leadership has enabled an increase in the reporting of unexpected issues and a corollary increase in the general visibility of those experiences which then has led (and empowered) MCPL and WVLS technology and ILS support teams to engage with each other more closely and regularly. Coupled with the rise in scheduled meetings, there has also been more direct technology support and related consultation occurring ad hoc between help desk communications, office walk-ins (both directions), and emails.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Between November 2021 and March 2022

WVLS ILS Administrator K. Zimmermann met with MCPL IT Technician B. Kromholz and MCPL Adult Services Librarian J. Kinney eight times to ensure that Aspen Discovery is configured to desires of MCPL staff. More information is included later in this report.

November 3, 2021

K. Zimmermann met with MCPL Interim Director L. Giordano and MCPL Team leads to discuss MCPL desires for improvements or changes to the Sierra Integrated Library System, WVLS ILS Administration Team, and opportunities to participate in V-Cat Consortium governance and decision-making processes. Following the meeting, MCPL Adult Collection Development Specialist K. Sullivan shared a document of ILS related improvement requests. Two of the improvement requests will be completed with the implementation of the Aspen Discovery catalog:

- Filter menu for searches in the public catalog
- Improved sorting of search results with the most relevant results on top

As a result of concerns raised by MCPL and other V-Cat libraries, the default search in Sierra was changed to a keyword search, which enables additional sorting of results and eliminating duplicate results. Additional concerns expressed will be taken into consideration during the ILS Evaluation and Review process.

November 19, 2021

K. Zimmermann met with MCPL Interim Director L. Giordano and MCPL Branch Coordinators to discuss MCPL desires for improvement and concerns related to the Sierra Integrated Library System.

December 10, 2021

WVLS Chief Information Officer J. Klingbeil met with MCPL Business Specialist S. Martell, MCPL Library Support Services Manager A. Johnson, and MCPL IT Technician D. Hahn for an initial meeting to begin the process of review and analysis of technology and networking services utilized by MCPL. This discussion focused primarily WiscNet (internet transit) and Wausau Community Area Network (WCAN, network transport) memberships and services.

February 15, 2022

K. Zimmermann met with MCPL Lead Library Coordinator for Support Services M. Stachowiak to gain a better understanding of handling invoices in Sierra Acquisitions to pursue solutions with Innovative during Acquisitions training sessions in March.

February 17, 2022

J. Klingbeil met with S. Martell to further review WiscNet and WCAN memberships and services, the respective needs of MCPL and WVLS as cohabiting organizations with interconnected networks, and options available for future operations and budget planning.

February 22, 2022

K. Zimmermann met with A. Johnson and members of the MCPL Support Services and Library Services teams to discuss the MCPL circulation policy and Sierra settings to automate blocks on patron records.

February 24, 2022

J. Klingbeil and WVLS Technology Support Specialist A. Ben Khalifa met with A. Johnson and D. Hahn to review and discuss MCPL Branch networking (specifically regarding "Charter" branches) in the dual context of general long-term planning and more specifically regarding intermittent network connectivity related issues affecting the functionality of the Sierra Desktop Application (SDA).

February 28, 2022

D. Hahn sent the WVLS Technology Team copies of the current configuration files for routers at each of the "Charter" branches. WVLS and MCPL will be working together to review the configurations and develop an updated plan for replacing the legacy routers running at the branches with newer equipment and configurations.

March 7, 2022

K. Zimmermann met with J. Kinney, K. Sullivan, MCPL Youth Collection Development Specialist T. Hornbeak and other members of the MCPL Library Services team to ensure that the desired collections and materials would be featured in the Aspen interface and provide an overview of opportunities for featuring library materials through lists, browse categories and collection spotlights.

March 10, 2022

A. Ben Khalifa went onsite to multiple MCPL branches as part of a cooperative networking configuration documentation project detailing local network equipment and connections. D. Hahn was originally planning to travel with A. Ben Khalifa during the initial field visits but was unable to participate. A. Ben Khalifa was able to reach out to Branch Coordinators or available branch staff to coordinate travel and keep the initial schedule on track.

MCPL will be invited to participate in WVLS sub-committees and work groups.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

MCPL MEMBERSHIP ON WVLS BOARD-APPOINTED COMMITTEES

WVLS/V-Cat Steering Committee

Charge: A committee of six area public library directors, four WVLS board members and two WVLS staff, that advises on annual V-Cat budget appropriation and member library fees, and drafts changes to by-laws and other operational documents.

Member/s: MCPL Director L. Giordano.

The first meeting of 2022 will be held on Thursday, March 17.

WVLS Library Advisory Committee

Charge: A 15-member multitype group, with ten representatives from public libraries, and five representatives from school/academic/special libraries, that advises the WVLS Board on system budget and service priorities.

Member/s: MCPL Director L. Giordano. MCPL has a permanent seat on this committee.

The first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, April 5.

MCPL MEMBERSHIP ON V-CAT COUNCIL and COMMITTEES

V-Cat Council

Charge: It exists to establish standards and operational procedures for V-Cat libraries. It also approves the V-Cat Budget and V-Cat bylaw changes as recommended by the WVLS V-Cat Steering Committee with approval of the WVLS Board of Trustees.

Member/s: MCPL Circulation Services Lead/Library Specialist K. Roesler. The V-Cat Council includes one representative from each member library.

Any V-Cat representative may submit items for inclusion on meeting agendas. The V-Cat Council attempts to arrive at decisions by unanimous consent via voice vote. When unanimous consent cannot be reached, decisions will be made via a formal vote.

- For adoption of the order of agenda, adoption of the minutes of previous meetings, and adjournment, when unanimous consent cannot be reached, a simple majority of voting representatives will carry the vote.

- For all other actions, when unanimous consent cannot be reached, a two-thirds majority vote based on weighted representation AND a two-thirds majority of the representatives will carry the vote.

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee

Charge: A group of representatives from WVLS and from V-Cat libraries that are most actively involved in cataloging library materials, that reviews V-Cat cataloging practices and procedures related to bibliographic records, and how records display in the integrated library system and public library catalogs. This committee brings recommendations to the V-Cat Council for approval.

Member/s: MCPL Library Specialists C. Luebbe and P. Schmidt. Also in attendance: J. Kinney.

Meetings held on December 7, 2021 and March 3, 2022 to discuss:

- Z39.50 cataloging in system and strengthen the existing recommendation to include language about quality of records, necessary training, and WVLS' ability to turn off the privilege if a library does not choose quality records.
- The need for volume information in magazine item records for proper functionality in the patron catalog and consistency in system.
- Aspen Discovery cataloging information: grouping records, cover images, audience, prepublication information, material types, and diacritics
- Reporting circulation of "other" materials for the annual report

V-Cat Cooperative Circulation Committee

Charge: With representation from each county in the WVLS / V-Cat service area, and WVLS staff, this committee is charged with reviewing V-Cat circulation practices and procedures related to resource sharing and patron records. This committee brings recommendations to the V-Cat Council for approval.

Member/s: MCPL Lead Library Coordinator for Support Services M. Stachowiak and MCPL Circulation Services Lead/Library Specialist K. Roesler.

A March 10 meeting discussed Circulation functionality requirements for the ILS Evaluation and review.

V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee

Charge: Created by the V-Cat Council in February 2022, this 10-member committee of colleagues from V-Cat member libraries and members of the WVLS staff is charged with reviewing available Integrated Library Systems / Library Service Platforms and their viability for the V-Cat Consortium. Ultimately the committee will be expected to present a recommendation to V-Cat to either re-negotiate the current contract with Innovative or negotiate a new service contract with another vendor.

Member/s: MCPL Library Support Services Manager A. Johnson (Committee Chair) and MCPL Library Specialist C. Luebbe.

During its first meeting on March 10, a timeline and process for ILS Evaluation and Review was developed, and work began on drafting a Request for Information to be sent out to potential

vendors. A. Johnson was unable to attend this meeting but was consulted for creation of the meeting agenda and will receive a recording of the meeting.

A representative from WVLS will attend MCPL board meetings on a quarterly basis and give updates on expectations progress.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

March 21, 2022 MCPL Board of Trustees Meeting

WVLS will attend this meeting to report its progress on the expectations outlined in the WVLS Expectations Assessment worksheet, and to provide a demonstration on the new Aspen Discovery online catalog made available to Marathon County library users in early March.

WVLS will help MCPL create an “onboarding” in-person/virtual training for new MCPL Board Members.

WVLS will work with our Adult Services Librarian to come up with a viable plan for MCPL to digitize their Wisconsin collection and assist with any relevant grants needed (Project ION).

EXPECTATION UPDATE

K. Zimmermann discussed opportunities for integrating local history materials into the Aspen Discovery Catalog with J. Kinney and B. Kromholz. Options for training sessions and mentoring relationships with other Aspen Libraries that have integrated digitized materials into their Aspen Discovery catalogs are being investigated.

WVLS will increase communication about the IDEA team (<https://nwls.wislib.org/join-the-idea-team/>) and what the team is currently working on to help reach our goal of a more inclusive library environment.

Improved Integrated Library System (ILS) functionality

Improved record subject headings.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

In 2020, there were 14,302 bibliographic records identified without subject headings in the V-Cat database.

WVLS Database and ILS Support Specialist R. Metzler met frequently with WVLS member library catalogers to provide guidance on how to improve these records. Once library staff completed their individual library lists, WVLS sent the remaining records to Backstage Library Works, a vendor that assists WVLS with updating bibliographic records in the V-Cat catalog. Bibliographic records received from Backstage with perfect matches were uploaded into the V-Cat database. There were some records received from Backstage as “acceptable” which R. Metzler will review for accuracy prior to adding them to the V-Cat database.

Number of records without subject headings in 2020	14,302
Number of records cleaned up by libraries	8,964
Number of records sent for outsourcing	5,338
Number of records that received from outsourcing with a “perfect” match and have been overlaid	4,539
Number of records with a “acceptable” match that need review before overlaying	561
Number of records with no matches	238
Number of records that still need local headings added	70

More user friendly interface for the public.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

Aspen Discovery Product

K. Zimmermann led efforts to implement a new Aspen Discovery library catalog interface for each V-Cat Consortium member library. MCPL’s Aspen Discovery catalog was made available to its users the week of March 14, 2022.

Biennial review of new ILS products.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

In February 2022, the V-Cat Council created an ILS Evaluation and Review Committee charged with reviewing available Integrated Library Systems / Library Service Platforms and their viability for the V-Cat Consortium. The committee will ultimately be expected to present a recommendation to the V-Cat Council, either to re-negotiate the current contract with Innovative or to negotiate a new service contract with another vendor.

Work with ILS product developers to fix the issue of missing cover images in the catalog.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

Implemented in March 2022, the Aspen Discovery Catalog pulls images in from multiple sources and greatly improves cover image availability for non-book formats. Additionally, there is a possibility of uploading cover images. WVLS staff, with assistance from B. Kromholz, have uploaded generic cover images for MCPL Artwork. WVLS staff are investigating copyright and fair use before uploading additional material specific cover images.

Create weighted voting system to accurately represent our service population.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

In 2021, the WVLS Board of Trustees passed V-Cat By-laws changes, reviewed in 2020 by the V-Cat Steering Committee, to institute a dual voting model including both representative voting and weighted voting. The weighted vote is calculated based on collection size, circulation transactions, and net lending to other libraries. In 2022, MCPL's weighted vote is 34 out of 110 votes, and representative vote is 1 out of 25 votes.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT for Improved Integrated Library System (ILS) functionality

Examples of Support Provided

Following a conversation with D. Hahn addressing shared concerns with MCPL's current suite of self-check, sorting machine, and RFID products, WVLS offered to support MCPL in determining ILS compatibility with alternative self-check, sorting machine, and RFID vendors.

In December 2021 and January 2022, WVLS worked with MCPL Personnel Specialist H. Wilde and K. Roesler to ensure that WVLS and MCPL practices for gathering patron record statistics gathering is accurate and consistent.

WVLS worked with K. Roesler, L. Wood and K. Sullivan to add the 'Merge Patrons' function to MCPL's Sierra logins, and to develop a training document outlining the use of the function.

WVLS helped K. Roesler, L. Wood and D. Hahn to install Sierra Offline Circulation on MCPL workstations and to train staff to use the product during network interruptions. This feature enables libraries to efficiently check out materials to patrons when they are unable to access the usual Sierra Desktop Application. Branch libraries received assistance in testing the Sierra Offline Circulation product and using it during one outage in January and another in February.

MCPL received WVLS troubleshooting and support following an unusually high number of dropped email notifications to patrons.

In January, WVLS shared information with D. Hahn to support MCPL branch libraries with printing paging lists from Sierra.

Collaborative collection development to encourage a timely, broad, and extensive collection

Continue annual grant to provide MCPL with additional funding for physical holdings to broaden the scope of the fiction and nonfiction collections.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

The WVLS Board of Trustees approved a \$10,000 collection development grant to MCPL to enhance its specialized collections. The grant was given to MCPL in March 2022. MCPL has been the recipient of this grant from WVLS since 2015.

Increase communication between member libraries to collaborate on collection development in order to work towards a less repetitive catalog and work together to provide complementary collections.

Help libraries collaborate to create services and collections that respond to needs of underserved populations.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

A. Hamland and T. Weinfurter discussed the creation of curated book and materials lists for Hmong and Spanish speakers as well as a parent resource feature for the MCPL website and for library users in need.

Assist in the weeding of outdated materials at member libraries to maintain a healthy collection across the system and to prevent outdated and superseded materials from overloading the catalog and confusing patrons.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

K. Zimmermann provides training to libraries so that they can create their own lists of materials to consider for weeding. Lists are also provided to libraries upon request. To date, one list has been requested in 2022.

Additionally, K. Zimmermann supports libraries who request assistance in completing inventory of their collections. To date, one library has requested assistance.

During the bibliographic records without subject headings project (update provided above), many libraries used their list of bibliographic records to do an inventory and to weed collections. This project assisted library staff in finding missing items that were still in the V-Cat database as well as outdated or damaged items.

Work with MCPL to find a solution for preserving our community's paper of record, the Wausau Daily Herald.

Increased continuing education and professional development geared for larger libraries

WVLS should survey MCPL staff on continuing education needs and desires.

EXPECTATIONS UPDATE

To identify area libraries' continuing education and training needs, WVLS Continuing Education Consultant J. Matczak distributed a survey to public library directors on January 31, 2022. On February 1, L. Giordano and H. Wilde were asked to forward the survey to MCPL staff for their feedback.

Results of the survey will drive webinar/workshop and training opportunities in 2022.

WVLS will host an annual in-service day for MCPL staff covering continuing education programming that is relevant MCPL staff members with specialized knowledge and roles.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

An MCPL staff in-service is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022. J. Matczak and L. Giordano will meet this spring to discuss topics and speakers.

WVLS will create a system orientation for new MCPL employees to improve awareness of WVLS services, staff and assistance that can be given to each staff member based on their role.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

December 14, 2021

J. Matczak met with L. Giordano to review the WVLS orientation process.

December 10, 2021

K. Zimmermann provided a V-Cat orientation for A. Johnson.

December 19, 2021

J. Matczak shared information about public library certification processes and requisite documentation with L. Giordano. A WVLS *Digital Byte* training video produced by J. Matczak in April 2019 that reviewed forms for public library certification was also shared with her.

January 25, 2022

WVLS Director M. Sepnafski and WVLS Administrative Assistant S. Hafemeister met with L. Giordano, to provide an introductory orientation about Wisconsin's library landscape and the system's operation and services.

WVLS will create Digital Byte training videos specific to MCPL professional development requests.

Technology and website support

WVLS should work with MCPL's Library Services IT Technician to configure new discovery layer to work with MCPL's website to create a seamless transition with maximum functionality.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

K. Zimmermann met with B. Krombholz, J. Kinney and A. Johnson as well as representatives from the MCPL Library Services Team to ensure the new Aspen Discovery library catalog would be configured to MCPL's expectations to best serve Marathon County library users. As part of this effort, K. Zimmermann met with B. Krombholz and J. Kinney eight times between November 2021 and March 2022 (11/23, 12/1, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, 2/15, 3/2,3/9). Note that most WVLS libraries received one or two Aspen discovery consultations. Additional permissions were granted, and settings enabled as desired for MCPL customization.

On March 7, K. Zimmermann met with J. Kinney, K. Sullivan, T. Hornbeak and other members of the MCPL Library Services Team to ensure that the desired collections and materials would be featured in the Aspen interface and provide an overview of opportunities for featuring library materials through lists, browse categories and collection spotlights.

Multiple training sessions were provided for staff, and recordings offered, to familiarize staff on how to use and configure the Aspen Discovery catalog, and ways in which library patrons will experience the catalog while searching, placing and managing holds, using patron account features, and paying fines. A month-long soft launch for MCPL staff began on February 14 so that staff could become comfortable with the interface before rolling it out to patrons.

A. Hamland and MCPL Aspen Discovery staff created customizable promotional material and tutorial videos for library staff and patrons. A. Hamland created placards to promote online resources and special collections that display when library users search related keywords. For example, when a person searches "ancestry" or "family tree," an image and link for genealogy resources appears offering access to Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest, historic and local newspapers, etc. Likewise, if someone searches "engine," links to online resources for auto-repair display.

Fiscal

Annual cost-benefit analysis presented to MCPL's Library Board describing the services provided and the associated costs.

Assist MCPL in finding and applying for grant opportunities as applicable.

EXPECTATION UPDATE

WVLS Scholarships

A. Hamland and T. Weinfurter met in September 2021 to talk about the MCPL LENA Project and also potential collaboration with other WVLS member libraries. They also talked about WVLS continuing education scholarships available for youth services librarians.

WVLS PLA Conference Scholarship

A WVLS scholarship to attend the national 2022 Public Library Association Conference in Portland, Oregon for member colleagues was announced in November 2021. In December 2021, D. Richter and J. Kinney were notified that their applications were selected. J. Matczak contacted WVLS PLA (Public Library Association) Conference scholarship recipients on March 1 regarding conference reimbursement and report forms, and information about Portland. J. Matczak will be available to WVLS PLA Conference scholars via phone, text or email during the week of the conference to answer any questions.

WVLS Library Legislative Day Scholarship

A WVLS scholarship to participate in the 2022 Wisconsin Library Legislative Day (LLD) was offered to member public library staff. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Library Association, LLD was held on February 3 in Madison. (See also mention below under Additional Items of Information)



Library Legislative Day: Mike Otten and Sonja Ackerman (WVLS Trustees from Marathon County), Laurie Ollhoff (Marathon Co. resident and Assistant Director at T.B. Scott Free Library – Merrill), Senator Jerry Petrowski, Angela Bodzislaw (Spooner Public Library Director), and Sherry Machones (Northern Waters Library Service Director)

Additional Items of Information

Library Advocacy

Two of the five attendees from WVLS counties at 2022 Library Legislative Day on February 8 were appointed to the WVLS Board of Trustees by the Marathon County Board to represent Marathon County. In addition to WVLS Trustees Mike Otten and Sonja Ackerman, Laurie Ollhoff (Wausau resident and Assistant Director at TB Scott Free Library, Merrill) also attended from Marathon County. Ackerman reached out to L. Giordano prior to the event to inquire whether

there were specific MCPL services, programs, stories, or concerns that she could carry into the appointments with six area legislators visited by herself and Otten. Information about LENA Start, virtual content, grab-and-go STEAM theme craft kits and value-added services provided by MCPL during the pandemic was shared.

Continuing Education & Consultation

In late 2021, WVLS consulted with MCPL Youth Services staff about virtual storytime and MCPL virtual programming technologies, and on planning in-person programming using COVID-19 safety precautions.

WVLS also consulted on recommended processes when receiving material concerns from the public and recent intellectual freedom challenges occurring in schools and libraries nationally.

Collection Development

To highlight and promote library collections, A. Hamland continues to work with member libraries to incorporate curated book and other material lists they wish to market into the new Aspen Discovery catalog. This includes displays of book covers or other materials in a browsable display on websites.

Administration

WVLS continues to monitor the Department of Public Instruction's Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) activities and to participate in PLSR-related activities and discussions. Most recently, staff participated in a Wisconsin Library System Directors meeting with DPI to learn about grant opportunities for collaboration among library systems in areas of discovery and resource sharing over the next five years.