

ONEIDA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of November 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Oneida County Library Board was called to order by President Klein on November 19, 2015 at 1:35 P.M. Committee Room 1, 2nd floor of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting was properly noticed and located according to law.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Klein, Dianna Blicharz, Pat Pechura, Alan VanRaalte and Mary Schoeneck.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS: Mary Taylor (MPL), Virginia Roberts (RPL), and Erica Brewster (EUDL).

WVLS REPRESENTATIVE: Kris Adams Wendt.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Pechura, second by VanRaalte. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015: Motion by VanRaalte, second by Pechura. Motion passed.

MINOCQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT: Overall statistics include 203 programs June through October with 5,148 participants. Popular children's programming includes Story Time and Music Garden, Saturday Science for Kids, and the after school program. Science on Tap programs, book clubs and Fiber Friends are popular with adults. Library Budget passed with a small increase.

RHINELANDER PUBLIC LIBRARY: Many school groups have visited the library this fall. Upcoming programs include Wild Instincts Program and International Game Day. Our Book Sale netted \$250.

EUDL LIBRARY REPORT: Three Lakes Town 2016 Budget including the library budget was approved on November 17th. Meetings will continue concerning the new town complex which includes a library expansion and update. The Foundation continues with its building campaign which includes a quilt auction fundraiser on December 10th and an anonymous donor has announced a \$10,000 matching grant to match funds raised between December 1, 2015 and January 31st, 2016. Story Hour is running strong at Three Lakes and Sugar Camp. 2015 program attendance numbers have greatly surpassed 2014 numbers. Partnership programs with the Three Lakes Center for the Arts have been well attended.

WVLS AND LEGISLATIVE: **Legislative Update - Twin bills AB369/SB265 relating to membership of certain federated public library system boards was passed by both houses of the legislature and signed into law by Governor Walker on Wednesday, November 11.** The bills were introduced to replace 15 with 11 as the 'at least' (minimum) number of members on a public library system board. WVLS area Senators Tom Tiffany and Jerry Petrowski, as well as Rep. Rob Swearingen were among 26 bipartisan co-sponsors. The Waukesha County Federated (soon to be Bridges) Library system did most of the field work on this legislative effort which has given the library community a significant opportunity to promote the value of public library systems. The bills sailed unanimously through the Senate Committee on Labor and Government Reform on a 5-0 vote and the Assembly Urban and Local Affairs Committee on a 9-0 vote. Floor action in both houses was accomplished by a voice vote. The bill does not affect the composition of the WVLS Board and was designed to assist smaller systems

Return of Library Materials (s. 43.30) issue to enable the limited release of patron data to collection agencies and law enforcement to assist in retrieval of library materials. **Waiting for Harsdorf's office to circulate a draft bill among both houses of the legislature for co-sponsors.** Co-authors Senator Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) and Rep. Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) agreed to advance the bill with a \$50 minimum "trigger" amount for libraries using law enforcement and no minimum for libraries using collection agencies. Information to be disclosed is limited to the borrower's name,

contact information, amount owed and the number and types of overdue materials (NOT the titles of the materials). **BACKGROUND:** An Attorney General's opinion was issued in 2006 on patron record confidentiality. The law was subsequently amended to allow release of surveillance tapes to law enforcement officials, *but not ordinary patron records*. The AG opinion stated that providing circulation or other library records concerning usage by a particular patron to law enforcement required a court order when library staff do so for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of charges violating section 943.61 (theft of library material). <http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/files/pld/pdf/agsurveillance.pdf> Libraries that already employ collection agencies or some variant of law enforcement assistance for the purpose of assisting in the return of items and collection of amounts due to the library are operating in a gray area.

WVLS Poverty Awareness through Library Engagement training

WVLS and NFLS held two trainings on October 13 and 14 in Shawano and Wausau under a grant submitted to the **Youth and Special Services System Continuing Education Project Proposal**. Titled "Poverty Awareness through Library Engagement" the two opportunities for learning featured Poverty Awareness for Community Engagement (PACE) training provided by UW-Extension agents assisted by Demmer Memorial Library Director Erica Brewster (a former UW-Extension Agent familiar with PACE) and Nicolet College Library Director Todd Mountjoy (familiar with Bridges out of Poverty training) who provided the bridge between PACE concepts and library operations and programs at both locations. Ten libraries were represented by 14 people at the WVLS training. Applications to share \$800 available for micro-mini grants between \$75 and \$150 were submitted by librarians from Crandon, Rhinelander, Marathon Co., Owen, Rib Lake, and Tomahawk in two categories: (1) Develop a collection of community support resources for persons experiencing the effects of long term low income or personal economic crisis to be displayed at and/or distributed from the library. (2) Provide access to children's books/literacy materials through partnership with one or more community support outreach programs to low income families.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: After a full discussion of budget scenarios, the following budget was presented: BOARD EXPENSES \$2,190; ONEIDA COUNTY CONTRIBUTION TO ONEIDA COUNTY LIBRARIES Rhinelander Public Library \$164,278, Minocqua Public Library \$150,274, Demmer Library Three Lakes \$42,642; OUT OF COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS \$53,337 for a total budget of \$412,721. Motion made by Pechura, second by Schoeneck to approve budget. Motion passed.

APPROVE DIRECTORS' VOUCHERS AND MILEAGE: Motion by Pechura, second by VanRaalte. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February11, 2016 @ 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by VanRaalte, second by Schoeneck. Motion passed.

Mary Schoeneck, Secretary