

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)
December 15, 2021
10:00am CST/11:00am EST

Draft Minutes

- I. Introductions/Comments –
- II. Andrea Ingmire, PWPL; Megan Buck, DCL; Amanda Winnicki, Menominee County, Jessica Holman, Negaunee; Dillon Geshel (SLC) Pam Malmsten (SLC), Jesse Shirtz, Ishpeming; Lynne Wiercinski, Ironwood; Blair Nelson, Spies Public Library; Lisa Waskin, Superior District Library, Alycia McKowen, St. Ignace Public Library, Carolyn Stacey, Escanaba Public Library
- III. Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 15, 2021) – Accepted with no changes.
- IV. SLC Committees
 - a. Database Committee Report: Dillon reported that 8 libraries are coming up on Kanopy. Members will see a 25% discount through SLC. Hatchette Audio has re-instated SLC’s ability to purchase e-books, which means that more new and popular titles will be available. Increasing teen use of Overdrive and Libby has been a focus. Dillon created and distributed some posters. TLN will be joining RLA. Overdrive is going to sunset the Overdrive app in early 2022. If Overdrive is installed on the device, patrons can continue to use it, but it won’t be available for download. Kindle users may use Libby through the browser. Magazines in Libby have been renewed for a year, with no cost to members.
 - b. Schedule of Services Committee – No current report. Megan mentioned that others are welcome to join the committee. Lynne W and Carolyn S offered to be on the committee.
 - c. List of roundtable topics – Megan will send out list of topics from the Google doc maintained during director chats.
- V. Updates from SLC Director/SLC Staff
 - a. Bylaws Committee – Chair Brad Winnicki is going to raise the possibility of re-writing bylaws, to include more committees.
 - b. Director's Report Items – Kanopy launch; EAP - \$1,700 has been committed by member libraries, requiring \$600 contribution from SLC. Dillon is working on a Zoom presentation for creating a manual for member libraries on dealing with difficult situations and patrons. There are two special sessions on Friday of this week dealing with book challenges via Library of Michigan and MLA. Seven member libraries have completed the State Aid report. Dillon says to reach out if libraries are stuck on anything. Filing deadline (as we know!) is February 1st. ARPA funds and MI-83 funds – application deadlines are closed. Requests totaled 1.1 million, so some narrowing based on demographics will be done by Co-Op directors. The new minimum wage goes into effect on January 1st. Dillon attended his first MLA meeting as a board member. Legislation to continue to allow remote meetings was on the agenda, however this is a controversial issue and more exceptions are unlikely. Pam reported that there was not a budget revision, since the total for State Aid is not yet known. Dillon reported that the Library of Michigan doesn’t have the official Census numbers yet to determine the increase to State Aid.
- VI. Old Business (if any)
 - a. Report from ABL Representation on SLC Finance Committee – None to report
 - b. Report from ABL Representation on Personnel Committee – Should meet soon as 6-month evaluation of Dillon is coming up.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Election of ABL Officers – Amanda W made a motion to approve existing officers (Andrea, Chair, Carolyn, Secretary) Megan B seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Communication and Collaboration

- a. Roundtable Topics – Meeting choices were reviewed. Wednesday 11 a.m. EST/10 a.m. CST monthly is the chosen time. The first meeting is set for Wednesday, January 19th. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month. The first topic will be first amendment audits and the February topic will be book challenges and collection development policies.
- b. Think Space Conference – Lisa W reported on the 2-day conference. Lots of great group discussion and opportunity for learning with terms and topics including: implicit bias, benefits of inclusion in workplace culture, affinity bias, attribution bias, beauty bias, blind spots, confirmation, and conformity. The conference was intended as a ‘brave space,’ rather than a ‘safe space.’ Lisa hopes/plan to do a conference session on what she is learning in the future. Dillon reported that MLA intends to do a ‘Think Space’ cohort each year on a different topic.
- c. Programs/Promotion – PWPL is streaming ‘Little Women’ on December 20th. Rural Library Conference will likely return in Traverse City in 2024.
- d. Next ABL Meeting Date – March 9, 2022, 10 CST/11 EST

IX. Adjournment 12:10 pm EST