



November 13, 2020

This report summarizes the presentations, discussions, and actions taken during the [November 13, 2020 Meeting](#) of the Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND), held via web meeting. It tracks closely with the meeting agenda for ease of reference. At the time of writing, a draft of the minutes for the July meeting is not yet available to share.

Report of the Chair

Jaime Healy Plotkin noted that one of the COLAND members would be absent due to possible COVID exposure. She noted that a virtual tour of the Mineral Point Public Library is in the works for the January meeting. Kurt Kiefer congratulated Ben Miller, who was selected as the director of the library team within the DPI Division of Libraries and Technology.

COLAND Committees

Three new [COLAND committees](#) were formed which are intended to align with [COLAND's statutory responsibilities and primary topical goals](#).

- Library Development – Will focus on seeking improvements to existing library service structures.
- Library Cooperation – Will focus on encouraging multi-type library alliances and collaborations.
- Network Development – Will focus on internet and broadband access.



PLSR Update

Bruce Smith share the pre-recorded [COLAND PLSR Implementation Update](#) and the [PLSR Recommendation 7 Implementation Update](#) by Tessa Michaelson Schmidt. Recommendation 7 is to “Implement Learning Management System for Professional Development.” B. Smith then presented COLAND with an overview of recent updates to the [COLAND PLSR website](#) (<https://dpi.wi.gov/coland/plsr-update>). B. Smith then presented the DPI PLSR Roadmap and demonstrated the project timelining targets over the course of the next few years.

The last topic was the potential deprecation of the plsr.info domain/site in early 2021 when that domain is next due for renewal or to expire. General sentiment expressed by those present was that should be OK if the vast amount of topical and historical information content on that site is preserved and readily accessible elsewhere by public.

Points of Note:

- B. Smith noted that the recorded presentation would be shared with the library community in general.
- DPI leadership has been meeting weekly since early in the current COVID pandemic and PLSR has been a consistent part of those discussions. When asked if we are hearing from anyone outside of the Library System Directors it was acknowledge that other engagement has been mostly with CE coordinators (related to Recommendation 7 efforts) and the user advisory groups.
- K. Kiefer suggested that a major question in front of us is: “*How libraries will be engaged and pulled back in again as we move forward?*” B. Smith outlined the sense of direction involving subject matter expertise, creating initial focused testing and pilots, Q/A webinars, and generally noting that this continues to evolve into an iterative process of continuous improvement.

COVID-19 Update

B. Miller reviewed the [Public Library Phases of Reopening spreadsheet](#) which DPI recently asked Library Systems to update to help portray an accurate picture of library service status around the state. It was noted that various stakeholders, including some state legislators were under the impression that most or many libraries were closed.

The [Libraries Bounce Back](#) resource on the SCLS website and the [WI Libraries Self-Reported Status during COVID-19 Pandemic spreadsheet and map](#) reboot led by LEAN WI partners were referenced by members.



DPI Updates / COSLA / Legislative Updates

The [November 2020 DPI Updates Report](#) was presented and discussed. B. Miller noted that Wiscat licensing has begun as of early November.

Funding Focus:

K. Kiefer shared information about the recently announced Agency Budgets highlighting requests on the library side, and sharing the [Libraries Link Communities](#) proposal flyer and the [DPI 2021-2023 \(FY22-FY23\) Biennial Budget Request](#).

- Increase in system aid from FY 2020 base by \$4.0 million during the biennium with \$2.5 million during FY22 and \$1.5 million during FY23.
- The designation of funds expressly to the Recollection Wisconsin project, \$150K in FY22 and \$300K for FY23 forward.
- Other library service funding requests essentially flat.

A member of the Council reminded those present of the potential to lose sight of important efforts with “you have a document” and that a request was previously made for K. Kiefer or appropriate DPI staff to highlight a few key projects or topics for presentation and discussion. K. Kiefer agreed and noted that he and the team would do that next time.

Virtual Tour of Waunakee Public Library – Cancelled/Postponed

Unfortunately, our virtual tour of the new Waunakee PL site had to be postponed, but several links were shared which highlighting the project.

- [Waunakee Public Library - OPN Architects](#)
- [Brownfield Site Development: Waunakee Public](#)
- [Library2020 Commercial Design Awards: Commercial design matters, even in a crisis - In Business Madison](#)



Future Meetings

The January meeting each year is already held as a virtual meeting. COLAND meetings will continue to be held remotely beyond that for now.

Standing and new suggestions for future agenda items:

Rural Library Data Report; Delivery; Mobile Apps for Libraries; COVID 19 update; How to create a virtual tour for a library?; Wisconsin Broadband Taskforce updates from K. Kiefer.

Announcements

One Council member summed up everything there else there was to say with two words:

“Be safe”

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