

## A G E N D A

### Council on Library and Network Development

January 8, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| 1. | <p><b>Call to Order</b><br/>Action</p> <p><b>Roll Call/Determination of Quorum</b><br/>Information</p> <p><b>Adoption of Agenda</b><br/>Action</p> <p><b>Approval of <a href="#">November 2020 Meeting Minutes</a></b><br/>Action</p>   | <p>Jaime Healy-Plotkin,<br/><i>COLAND Chair</i>;<br/>All</p> |
| 2. | <p><b>Report of the Chair</b><br/>Information, discussion</p>   | <p>Jaime Healy-Plotkin</p>                                   |
| 3. | <p><b>Committee Reports</b><br/>Information, discussion</p>   | <p>Committee Chairs</p>                                      |
| 4. | <p><b>PLSR Update</b><br/>Information, discussion</p> <p>Please see <a href="#">DPI and Legislative Updates</a> link for the PSLR update</p>  | <p>Bruce Smith</p>   |
| 5. | <p><b><a href="#">DPI and Legislative Updates</a></b><br/>Information, discussion - Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)</p>  | <p>DPI Staff</p>   |
| 6. | <p><b>COVID-19 Update</b><br/>Information, discussion - Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Public Library Phases of Reopening</a></li> </ul>   | <p>DPI Staff</p>   |
| 7. | <p><b>Looking Ahead - 2021 Meeting Agendas</b><br/>Discussion</p> <p>Biennial Report due in July</p>  | <p>All</p>   |
| 8. | <p><b>Future Meeting Locations</b><br/>Information, discussion, action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 12 (Svetha) - Sun Prairie Public Schools (virtual tour with live Q&amp;A)</li> <li>○ May 14, 2021 (Amy Beth) - Green Bay Public Schools</li> <li>○ July 9, 2021 (Marty) - Rice Lake</li> <li>○ September 10, 2021 (Josh) - Three Lakes</li> </ul> | <p>Jaime Healy-Plotkin</p>                                   |

- November 12, 2021 (Jenny) - UWM new Library School

**Review follow-up items**

Discussion

Jaime Healy-Plotkin

**Announcements**

All

**Adjournment**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin

**9. Virtual Tour of Mineral Point Public Library**

Diane Palzkil, Mineral Point Library Director

**43.07 Council on library and network development.** The state superintendent and the division shall seek the advice of and consult with the council on library and network development in performing their duties in regard to library service. The state superintendent or the administrator of the division shall attend every meeting of the council. The council may initiate consultations with the department and the division. The council shall:

- (1) Make recommendations to the division in regard to the development of standards for the certification of public librarians and standards for public library systems under s. 43.09.
- (2) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for library development, interlibrary cooperation and network development.
- (3) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for the development of school library media programs and facilities and the coordination of these programs with other library services.
- (4) Hold a biennial meeting for the purpose of discussing the report submitted by the state superintendent under s. 43.03 (3) (d). Notice of the meeting shall be sent to public libraries, public library systems, school libraries and other types of libraries and related agencies. After the meeting, the council shall make recommendations to the state superintendent regarding the report and any other matter the council deems appropriate.
- (5) On or before July 1 of every odd-numbered year, transmit to the state superintendent a descriptive and statistical report on the condition and progress of library services in the state and recommendations on how library services in the state may be improved. The state superintendent shall include the report as an addendum to the department's biennial report under s. 15.04 (4) (d).
- (6) Review that portion of the budget of the department relating to library service. Recommendations of the council in regard to the budget shall accompany the department's budget request to the governor.
- (7) Receive complaints, suggestions and inquiries regarding the programs and policies of the department relating to library and network development, inquire into such complaints, suggestions and inquiries, and advise the state superintendent and the division on any action to be taken.

**History:** 1979 c. 347; 1983 a. 524; 1985 a. 177; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27.



January 8, 2020

This report summarizes the presentations, discussions, and actions taken during the [January 8, 2021 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 January meeting is not yet available to share.

### Report of the Chair

Jaime Healy Plotkin wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcome COLAND in to 2021.

### COLAND Committees

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

- Library Development – Has not yet met. Initial meeting goals will be establishing its mission and aligning with other efforts and committees.
- Library Cooperation – Initial meeting – Developed mission statement, reviewed committee alignment documents and is generally starting out in an information gathering mode. Next meeting set for February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Network Development – The initial meeting was set for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00pm. National events of note caused a 24-hour postponement and the committee met on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Members introduced themselves and reviewed experience and interests leading to participation in this committee. There was a high-level overview of current known related efforts in Wisconsin, and an outline of goals was formed focusing on supporting current efforts and on seeking and recognizing opportunities for collaboration development.



## PLSR Update

Bruce Smith gave a general overview of the recommendations and timeline for the 2021 year looking forward. Highlighted the notes and further links in the **Professional Learning - An Update on PLSR Recommendation 7** section of the [DPI Updates](#) report. Tessa Michaelson Schmidt then went into more detail on Recommendation 7 efforts.

### Points of Note:

- Working to develop a comprehensive calendar of professional learning events statewide. The hope is for this to become a unified “one stop shop” resource for program developers to share and learners to find learning opportunities.
- Primary partners of interest are public library system, to be able to consolidate the variety of programming and messaging already in progress throughout the state.

Ben Miller noted that the continuing PLSR efforts are ensuring that the PLSR workgroup and Steering Committee products are being referenced. That work will not be lost but the continuing process is also not anchored to history, it is evolving. The workgroups are being established with a wide view of user types and perspectives to ensure outcomes and products are filtered through the end user lens.

Bruce Smith mentioned two additional components of Recommendation 7 which are not yet as developed:

- A Library Directory with multi-tiered admin structure for system and individual library level self-maintenance of local library information. This could enable the discovery of other (peer) libraries with similar operational facets to be able to target other library admins and staff more pointedly with operational questions (eg. Larger libraries with successful makerspace environments or fines free libraries in rural villages).
- Library Director Certification is currently a manual process. The intent will be to automate CE management, with development of platform tools hoped to be in progress by mid-year (2021).

Kurt Kiefer reinforced the nature of these efforts as a long-running endeavor that started years ago with research and reporting and is now edging carefully into implementation phases. It is an ongoing iterative process.



## COVID-19 Update

Ben Miller again reminded COLAND of the [Public Library Phases of Reopening spreadsheet](#) which DPI is asking Library Systems to continue updating to help portray an accurate picture of library service status around the state. Much of the initial momentum of operational questions like “how do we do curbside?” or “how do we safely reopen?” have shifted to questions and issues related to mental health and social grace.

## DPI Updates / COSLA / Legislative Updates

The [January 2021 DPI Updates Report](#) was presented and discussed. Ben Miller highlighted the BadgerLink Advisory Group. Kurt Kiefer summarized other projects in the report.

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Library Legislative Day (LLD) event is open for registration and the coordination of scheduling of remote meetings with legislators is in progress. There will likely be a mix of meeting platforms (phone conference, web meetings) to accommodate the individual legislators or their staff. It was noted that those who intended to participate must still register for the event.

There will be an election this spring (2021) for the role of State Superintendent. Carolyn Stanford Taylor will not be running. More information about the candidates and election timelines is available on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

The [Governor’s Task Force on Broadband Access](#) is working with stakeholders statewide and will work with the COLAND Network Development Committee. The Task Force is focusing on garnering accurate data about broadband availability and accessibility throughout the state. It will also be looking closely at funding opportunities.

### Funding Focus:

Kurt Kiefer noted that a provision expressly for libraries was not included in the latest federal stimulus package, but hope remains that such provision will be included in a future package. The most recent federal stimulus package included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 includes:

- An internet access program in which Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are reimbursed for services to low-income households.
- A 400% increase to additional school funding support over the CARES Act package in spring 2020.
- Additional funding to support broadband expansion and access.

Kurt Kiefer acknowledged the service and positive impact of Mary Therese (M.T.) Boyle who served on COLAND for many years but is now withdrawing.



Joshua Klingbeil asked if a summary report regarding efforts with Workforce Development, including the Grow with Google grant efforts could be brought to a future meeting. Ben Miller noted that DPI and Systems have found a strong connection with the [Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills \(LAWDS\)](#) project. Funding from the Grow with Google grant will likely be supporting related equipment and services.

#### **Virtual Tour of Mineral Point Public Library**

Diane Palzkil presented a slideshow and narration highlighting the fascinating history of the Mineral Point Library. If possible, a link to or copy of the presentation will be shared in a subsequent report.

#### **Future Meetings**

Joshua Klingbeil asked if DPI could present a brief broad-view summary of the “new” primarily COVID-response related funding opportunities that came up in 2020 and how they were or are being utilized.

#### **Announcements**

Joshua Klingbeil mentioned that there is still a long road ahead of us regarding COVID effects on family, friends, colleagues, etc. We should remain mindful of this in terms of others and of ourselves. There remains a lot of room for additional Mental Health and Social Wellbeing support.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joshua Klingbeil – CIO  
Wisconsin Valley Library Service