

## Council on Library and Network Development

September 8, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Including a Tour and Presentation from the Bayfield Carnegie Public Library

Virtual Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Call in Option: **608-620-9781** Conference ID: 710 437 87#

### COLAND Goals:

1. To encourage the conversations related to increased broadband equity statewide.
2. To encourage the conversations and provide advocacy related to digital equity ebooks, cooperative contracts, access to digital information, and other information technology development.
3. Examine services and practices adopted during the pandemic to continue enhancing access and inclusivity.
4. Examine non-traditional and underrepresented services, resources, and partners to create spaces, programs, and collections that include all dimensions of identity.
5. To support revisions to ongoing issues for school librarian licensing and professional standards, and advocate for adequate staffing of school libraries.
6. To recruit new members and help grow an organizational structure that encourages more active involvement by council members.

### **1. Call to Order** (Action; 5 minutes)

Isa Small, *COLAND Chair*

### Roll Call/Determination of Quorum (Information)

Terri Muraski, *COLAND Secretary*

### **Introduction of Guests/Visitors**

Isa Small

### **Changes/Additions to Agenda** (Action)

All

### Approval of July 14, 2023, Minutes (Action)

Terri Muraski

### **2. Welcome from Bayfield Carnegie Public Library and Tour** (30 minutes)

Teresa Weber, *Director*

### **3. National Public Library Trends in Intellectual Freedom** (Discussion; 30 minutes)

Sherry Machones, *Director*  
Northern Waters Library  
Service  
DPI Staff

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| 4. <b>Report of the Chair</b> (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)   | Isa Small;<br>All                              |
| 5. <b>Discussion of Intertype Library Report</b> (Information, Discussion; 30 min)   | DPI Staff                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">2021-2023 State Superintendent's Report on Intertype Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing</a></li> </ul>  | Isa Small, <i>Chair</i>                        |
| 6. <a href="#">DPI, ARPA, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates</a> (Discussion; 20 minutes)<br>Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)  | Ben Miller; DPI Staff                          |
| 7. <b>Legislative Update</b> (Discussion; 15 minutes)  | Dr. Darrell Williams, PhD;<br><i>DPI</i>       |
| 8. <b>Network Development Subcommittee Reports</b><br>(Discussion; 15 minutes)   | Ellen Kupfer, <i>Vice-Chair</i> ;<br>DPI Staff |
| 9. <b>Networking Lunch</b> (Noon)  | All  |
| 10. <b>Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations</b> (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)   | Isa Small;<br>All                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2023 Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Friday, November 10th, 2023   Elkhorn</li> <li>■ Friday, January 12th, 2024   Virtual</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| 11. <b>Announcements</b>   | Isa Small;<br>All                              |
| 12. <b>Adjournment</b> (1:00 pm)   | Isa Small;<br>All                              |

**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 \(1\) \(d\)](#).

(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.

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council on Library and Network Development**  
**Friday, July 14, 2023**  
**Kilbourn Public Library, Wisconsin Dells**

**Council Members**

Present:

Isa Small (Chair)

Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)

Terri Muraski (Secretary)

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner

Terrence Berres

Andi Cloud

Nick Dimassis

Josh Klingbeil

Dennis Myers

Jaime Healy-Plotkin

Rob Nunez

Michael Otten

Charmaine Sprengelmeyer-Podein

Christinna Swearingen

Rachel Thomas

Amy Thornton

Kristi Williams

Missing:

Miriam Erickson

Joan Schneider

DPI Staff:

Allyson Hanz

Ben Miller

Shannon Schulz

Elizabeth Tomev

Monica Treptow

Guests:

Dr. Darrell Williams

Kendra Kimball, Kilbourn Public Library

**Call to Order** - Isa Small called the meeting to order at 9:39

**Roll Call** - Quorum present

**Changes/Additions to Agenda** - none

[Approval of May 12, 2023, Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes as amended. Dennis Myers Second: Kristi Williams

The May 12 minutes were amended to change Charmaine Springelmeyer-Podein from present to absent.

**Report of the Chair** - Chair Small reported that she has been receiving info on the budget which was passed by the legislature. The goals and biennial report are in progress. Thank you to DPI for their help with the process. The nomination committee met and developed a slate of officer candidates.

**Introductions, Welcome and Tour** - Kendra Kimball, the assistant director of the Kilbourn Public library welcomed COLAND, introduced herself and shared information on balancing providing services to tourists and local residents. She then led a tour of the library.

[DPI, ARPA, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates](#)

Ben Miller reported that the coffee being served at the meeting is called Bibliophile; the vendor donates profits from the coffee to Friends groups of area libraries.

DPI is currently waiting on awards of funding from the 2023-25 budget. They are moving into the new 5 year plan. Links to reports on the budget and LSTA grant are provided in the DPI report, which is linked above. DPI is sponsoring a teen intern program at seven public libraries in the state. N. Dimassis and Chair. Small reported on their experience with hiring and working on setting up pilot projects for the interns at their libraries. Discussion of the intern program followed. DPI is hoping for expansion of the project into school libraries. Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner added that her library would benefit from such a program. Miller shared that LSTA funds are now providing a statewide Beanstack license for school and public libraries.

Miller and E. Tomev are working on the Intertype Library Cooperation Report. They would like COLAND to use the report to communicate future programs that would be helpful. The report will be ready for the September meeting.

The Play Make Learn 2023 conference will be held in Madison next week. It focuses on educational gaming programs in schools, libraries, and museums. There is additional information on the conference in the DPI report. The conference is an opportunity for nontraditional equity programming. Many gaming companies are interested in libraries and often willing to donate games.

The Internet Discount Finder will be released soon. It is a tool that will help residents find affordable internet access. It was developed through an LSTA grant by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in conjunction with the DPI. An official announcement with more specific information will be released soon. J. Klingbeil added that Bill Herman reported on a program developed to promote and assist libraries with the ACP rollout. The hope is that every library will have at least one person who has been certified on the ACP Education Superhighway training program. M. Treptow reported that school libraries will also be included in the training program.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Williams thanked the DPI staff for their reports and efforts. The state biennial budget has been signed. Public libraries will see increased funding. Recollection Wisconsin was also funded and Badgerlink had a modest increase. September is the 25th anniversary of Badgerlink! DPI is monitoring current bills aimed at limiting access to library materials as well as the implementation of the Illinois ban of book bans. Williams shared his experiences at the ALA national conference with keynote speakers focused on increasing book bans. There was discussion of any legislation related to banning drag show storytelling in libraries in Wisconsin.

### **Network Development Subcommittee Reports**

Ellen Kupfer reported that the subcommittee meetings included programs on digital equity and funding opportunities. They discussed the state broadband plan which is posted for comment on the Public Service Commission website. The subcommittee is recommending that libraries and

library systems be included in any training resulting from the plan. Ben Miller reported that the DPI will continue to press for involvement. A motion will be forthcoming at the September meeting. The committee also had a report from Chris Meyers from the Governor's Task Force on Broadband. The Wisconsin Internet Survey (WISER) on broadband access and speeds which is being promoted by the PSC is linked in the subcommittee minutes. This will provide more accurate data as to who really has access to broadband. The PSC has materials to encourage citizens to take the test and is willing to tailor promotional materials to communities which might be of interest to libraries. The subcommittee does not plan to meet in July or August. J. Klingbeil reported on the broadband planning process being undertaken in his area.

- [Broadband Development Committee Report; May 19th, 2023](#)
- [Broadband Development Committee Report; June 16th, 2023](#)

### **Break for Networking Lunch (12:00-12:30)**

### **Review of 2023-2025 COLAND Goals**

#### **[COLAND goals \(2023-2025\)](#)**

Chair Small reviewed changes to the goals since the last meeting.

### **Discussion of COLAND Biennial Report**

- [Draft report](#)

Chair Small reviewed the draft of the report and welcomed input and comments from the committee. There was support for including information on the role of COLAND. J. Klingbeil mentioned that the changes in the bylaws may have led to some loss of continuity and institutional knowledge by the committee. B. Miller stated that DPI can usually provide continuity. Chair Small specifically asked for comments and suggestions on the recommendations. Discussion of the recommendations followed with a few suggestions and general support.

### **Executive Committee Election**

- Nominating Committee [Recommendation/Bios](#)

D. Myers reported on the work of the election committee. Motion made by D. Myers/seconded by Kristi Williams to review the bylaws for a possible change in officer term length to two years. Discussion ensued especially related to the challenge of coordinating three year appointments and two year officer terms. It was suggested that officer terms coincide with the biennial goals and that COLAND might also consider moving to a chair and chair-elect model. There was support for a continual review of the bylaws by the committee as a whole.

There were no questions or comments regarding the slate of nominees, except as they relate to a change in term length in the bylaws.

### **Review of future meeting dates and tentative locations**

○ 2023 Meeting Dates:

- The current meeting will be continued as a virtual meeting. A doodle poll will be sent out soon to schedule the meeting before the end of July.
- Friday, September 8th, 2023 - Bayfield
- Friday, November 10th, 2023 - Elkhorn
- Friday, January 12, 2024 meeting will be virtual

Chair Small asked if there was interest in adding a virtual meeting between the current bi-monthly schedule with informational updates from DPI or on specific topics. Discussion followed. This idea will be addressed again at the September meeting.

**Announcements:**

- R. Thomas announced that the Rice Lake Public Library is currently looking to hire a public services director.
- J. Klingbeil shared that three northern systems are investigating a joint hire for a technology position with responsibilities related to systems, websites and digitization.

Motion to adjourn until the week of July 24th made by Dennis Myers, second by Kristi Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

**The Council reconvened virtually on July 27, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Isa Small at 9:07.**

Members Present:

Isa Small (Chair)  
Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)  
Terri Muraski (Secretary)  
Terrence Berres  
Andi Cloud  
Dennis Myers  
Jaime Healy-Plotkin  
Rob Nunez  
Michael Otten  
Christinna Swearingen  
Rachel Thomas  
Amy Thornton

Kristi Williams

Missing:

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner  
Nick Dimassis  
Miriam Erickson  
Josh Klingbeil  
Joan Schneider  
Charmaine Sprengelmeyer-Podein

DPI Staff:

Ben Miller  
Elizabeth Tomev

**Agenda Additions/Changes**

Motion made to amend the meeting agenda to correctly reflect consideration of 2023-25 goals rather than 2021-2023 goals by K. Williams, second by M. Otten. It was clarified that only the agenda item listed the incorrect biennium, the documents attached were correct and refer to the new goals. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of 2023-2025 COLAND Goals ([COLAND goals \(2023-2025\)](#))**

Motion to approve 2023-2025 goals by E. Kupfer, second by R. Nunez. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COLAND Biennial Report**

Chair Small reported that she had incorporated suggested changes into the draft 2021-2023 Biennial report to the Superintendent. Motion to approve report by E. Kupfer, Second by R. Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Committee Election**

- Nominating Committee [Recommendation/Bios](#)

Motion made by K. Williams, second by C. Swearingen to unanimously accept the slate of nominees for the Executive committee for 2023-2024. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of future meeting dates and tentative locations** - all set until March, 2024.

Share any suggestions for spring and summer of 2024 with the Chair.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Small at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Muraski, COLAND secretary