

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Suburban Library Cooperative

March 11, 2021

I. The meeting was called to order by Turgeon at 1:01 p.m.at the Suburban Library Cooperative.

Present: Smith (Armada) calling in from Armada, Johnson (Center Line) calling in from Center Line, Madson (Chesterfield) calling in from Chesterfield, Neal (Clinton-Macomb) calling in from Bloomfield Hills, Sterling/Todd (Eastpointe) calling in from Eastpointe, McDowell (Fraser) calling in from Grosse Pointe Farms, Valyi-Hax (Harper Woods) calling in from Harper Woods, Goins (Harrison Twp.) calling in from Harrison Township, Bogaert (Lenox) calling in from Macomb Township, Kammer (Lois Wagner) calling in from Richmond, Parij (MacDonald) calling in from Warren, Lopiccolo (Romeo) calling in from Oxford, Harvey (Roseville) calling in from Roseville, Ester (Shelby) calling in from Rochester Hills, Orlando (St. Clair Shores) calling in from St. Clair Shores, Turgeon (Sterling Heights/SLC) calling in from Sterling Heights, Dumas (Troy) calling in from Troy, Urban (Warren) calling in from Warren and Frezza, Linsday (SLC) calling in from Sterling Heights.

Absent: Bowman (Mount Clemens) and Doege (Utica)

Guests: Sonya Schryer Norris, Library of Michigan Library Consultant, Statewide Continuing Education

II. Approval of the Agenda.

Valyi-Hax made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Parij. Motion Carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Ester made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes, supported by Bogaert. Motion Carried.

IV. Guest Speaker, Sonya Schryer Norris, Library of Michigan Library Consultant, Statewide Continuing Education
Sonya Norris introduced herself and spoke about Continuing Education opportunities through the Library of Michigan. Training is available for library staff, trustees and friends groups. More information is available at the website: Michigan.gov/libraryCE.

V. Suburban Library Cooperative Business

A. Automation System

SirsiDynix will have a couple updates this month. One is in Enterprise which would allow the viewing of Overdrive magazine titles. There will also be an update in Symphony for some bug fixes and update to hold shelf wizard. Chris is continuing to input student data. CHE noticed an error in a cataloging record and asked if there was anyone working on the database cleanup. Library staff should be entering a short record and then the information is put on daily reports that Lauren uses to overlay the records. SLC requires anyone doing cataloging to have training. Another suggestion was to review the ability for patrons to opt in to view their checkout history. Tammy will ask Amy to work with Sirsi to see if this is possible. Tammy is also waiting on the pricing for OverDrive magazines.

B. SLC Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025

The SLC Strategic Plan was discussed as to how it relates to the SLC Annual Plan. This is a working document and items can/will be plugged into the SLC Strategic Plan from the Annual Plan. There were also several typographical errors that needed correcting. Lopiccolo made a motion to approve the SLC Strategic Plan with the correction of the typographical errors. The motion was supported by McDowell.

ARM: yes	HTL: yes	SBL: yes
CHE: yes	LEN: yes	SCS: yes
CMM:yes	LWM: yes	SHL: yes
EPL: yes	MPL: yes	TPL: yes
FRA: yes	RAY: yes	WPL: yes
HPW:yes	ROG: yes	

Motion Carried.

VI. Announcements and Information

- A. Advocacy – Everyone
Directors are encouraged to sign up for MLA Advocacy Day – April 20th.
MLA Annual Conference will be virtual this year.

VII. Discussion Topic: LM Improving Access Grant

One of the ideas discussed was Early Literacy and helping working parents and or transient populations who do not have time/access to the library with the US mail being an option for delivery. Lorena from the Fraser Library has volunteered to be the applicant and fiscal agent for this grant. Jessica Parij from the MacDonald Library was also interested. The maximum amount for this grant is \$25,000.

VIII. Member Libraries' Announcements/Concerns:

SLC: The Advisory Council will need a location for its next meeting if Zoom is no longer an option. Warren offered the use of the Burnette or Busch branch libraries as an option. The Shelby Library also has a space for the meeting. If the meeting has to be held in person, libraries would like it to start at 9:30 a.m. as was previously done before the pandemic. If we can continue with virtual meetings, the meetings will be held at 1 p.m. Several SLC libraries were mentioned in an article about Macomb County libraries in the New Macomb magazine.

CMM: September 19 will be the Grand Opening of the new North Branch Library.

EPL: Carol Sterling is retiring after 28 years at the Eastpointe Library. This will be her last meeting. Congratulations Carol. Sue Todd has officially been promoted to library director.

FRA: A date has been scheduled to install their new storage shed. What is everyone doing about the Dr. Suss books – set as reference, in-house use only? What are other libraries doing about quarantining?

HPW: There is a webinar through United for Libraries – Building Support for the Build America's Libraries Act, March 23rd at 2 p.m.

TPL: Still working on reopening the library – staff is still nervous about being open to the public. The Romeo Library suggested sending out an anonymous survey to find out what the library can do to make the staff feel safe with reopening.

WPL: The city is offering Covid vaccines in the city hall atrium, Wednesday through Friday this week.

IX. Public Participation

None

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

XI. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be April 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative via Zoom or at 9:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.