

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES
Suburban Library Cooperative
April 14, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to order by Turgeon at 9:30 a.m. at the Sterling Heights Public Library.
- Present: Smith (Armada), Johnson (Center Line), Madson (Chesterfield), Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Todd (Eastpointe), McDowell (Fraser), Valyi-Hax (Harper Woods) calling in from New Baltimore, Kammer (Lois Wagner), Parij (MacDonald), Bowman (Mount Clemens), DeMeulenaere (Ray), Lopiccolo (Romeo), Ester (Shelby), Orlando (St. Clair Shores), Turgeon (Sterling Heights/SLC), Dumas (Troy), Urban (Warren) calling in from Warren and Frezza (SLC) and Linsday (SLC).
- Absent: Goins (Harrison Twp.), Bogaert (Lenox), Harvey (Roseville) and Francis (Utica).
- II. Approval of the Agenda.
Parij made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Johnson. Motion Carried.
- III. Approval of the Minutes.
The minutes were amended to remove the word "all" from "will all be getting pay increases" in Member Libraries Announcements/Concerns for Chesterfield Library. Madson made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes as amended. The motion was supported by Lopiccolo. Motion Carried.
- IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business
- A. Automation System
Chris has been working hard on the ARPA Grant. SLC will be reimbursed for staff time. The next large order will be sometime in May.
1. PC Orders
Half the libraries have already placed their PC orders. Chris would like the rest of the libraries to place their orders by the end of April.
 2. Future Automation System
Madson made a motion to recommend to the Suburban Library Cooperative Board to select Innovative (Polaris) as our new automation system for the next 10 years. The motion was supported by Parij. Motion Carried. The discussion also led to switching the patron catalog to either Bibliocommons or Vega (Innovative's catalog). Tammy will set up a demo next week of Vega, with all available features. Chris will send out the link to the Bibliocommons demo for those who did not yet see it or wish to see it again. Tammy will also rework the Proprietary Fund Budget for the next five years with all the changes discussed.
- B. Early Literacy Project
The Bergeon Group has what they are calling Early Literacy Activity Boards for use in libraries. These boards will fit in small spaces or at the end of stacks. They can also be interchangeable with items from their catalog. Tammy is recommending using the Other Projects Line Item to purchase one Early Literacy Activity Board for each member library. Tammy will get the costs and then set up a workshop from Bergeon to talk about early literacy spaces in libraries.
- V. Announcements and Information
The committee to hire a new Cooperative Director received six applications/resumes. They interviewed four candidates and are recommending one to the Suburban Library Cooperative Board. That person will be interviewed by the full Board at its next meeting, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. Library directors are welcome to attend.
- A. Advocacy – Everyone
Emily Drabinski has been elected ALA president for 2022-2023.
- VI. Discussion Topic: Going Fine Free – How's It Going?
There was a good article in the Detroit Free Press about the Troy Library going fine free. Currently, the Chesterfield, Mount Clemens, Romeo and Troy libraries are fine free. The Roseville library is waiting for board approval, before going fine free. The Fraser library is also considering it. The Romeo library has been fine free for three years and has had no issues.
- VII. Member Libraries' Announcements/Concerns

Thank You, Sterling Heights Public Library for hosting today's meeting. Welcome Back Brandon Bowman!

ARM: Starting in-person programming – advertising with flyers in local stores.

CHE: The city is looking to open a branch library at a partially closed elementary school. The city council will be discussing the branch library at it's meeting next Wednesday.

CMM: Business as usual.

EPL: There was a nice article about Sue Todd and the Eastpointe Library in the Macomb Daily. Statistics have been improving. Will be expanding open hours of operation.

FRA: Working on the 2022/23 budget and the milage proposal for the August ballot. The current library building is in need of major repairs. Looking to move to another building, just need a bond proposal from the city. The library has received COVID test kits to distribute to the public.

HPW: Received bids for repairs for the lower level of the library damaged by flood waters.

LWM: Things are going well. The Friends of the Library will be having a booksale next week. Also, the Friends group has had several successful puzzle sales.

MPL: The city council is recognizing MPL as an independent library. However, the city is now requiring the library to pay rent for the library building that was specifically donated to be a library. The library board is looking for public support with its conflict with the city.

MTC: Congratulations to Heather McCallister, on being appointed to assistant library director. Renovations are over budget. The building should be completed sometime in the fall. Looking for funding for library furniture.

RAY: The building lease has been signed. Things are finally being settled with the township.

ROG: Hired a new head of circulation and a facilities manager. Things are going well with the schools and Claire was recognized as a Literacy Ambassador. The library bookmobile visits the middle school every Thursday. Over 100 children use the van on those days.

SBL: The Grand Opening of the new library will be Saturday, June 25th from 1 – 4 p.m. The library will be closed starting May 23rd. The dropbox will remain open and staff will be available to answer any questions via telephone.

SCS: Two community forums for youth services renovation have been scheduled. The committee will also be visiting other libraries' youth services areas. Please send an email about what works or doesn't work for your library's youth services.

SHL: Working with ReThinking Libraries on a strategic plan. Will have meetings with library staff and board. Public meetings will be scheduled in August, and the strategic plan should be completed sometime in September.

TPL: Work on the new youth services area is over budget.

WPL: The Burnette branch is having structural issues, might have to go to litigation for repairs. There are openings on the library board and for an administrative secretary. All branches are starting in-person programming. The library branches have been inspected in regards to ADA compliance. The changes will be very costly. Can anyone recommend a web designer? The library is looking to update the library website, make it more user friendly. Working on budgets, 2021/22 and 2022/23, must be approved by city council.

VIII. Public Participation

None

IX. Adjournment

Lopiocolo made a motion to adjourn at 11:36 a.m., supported by Parij. The meeting adjourned.

X. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be May 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.