

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES
Suburban Library Cooperative
March 14, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order by DeVilbiss at 9:31 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.
- Present: Smith (Armada), Johnson (Center Line) calling in from Center Line, Magness-Eubank (Chesterfield) calling in from Chesterfield, Todd (Eastpointe), McDowell (Fraser), Valyi-Hax (Harper Woods) calling in from Harper Woods, Goins (Harrison Twp.), Bogaert (Lenox), Kammer (Lois Wagner) calling in from Richmond, Ryals (MacDonald) calling in from New Baltimore, Bowman (Mount Clemens) calling in from Mount Clemens, DeMeulenaere (Ray Twp.) calling in from Ray Twp., Meeker (Romeo), Harvey (Roseville), Ester (Shelby Twp.), Fair (St. Clair Shores), Turgeon (Sterling Heights), Francis (Utica) calling in from Utica, DeVilbiss (SLC), Frezza (SLC) and Linsday (SLC).
- Absent: Neal (Clinton-Macomb), Dumas (Troy) and Urban (Warren).
- Guests: Scott Garrison, Executive Director and Mary Ruthko Marketing and Communications Coordinator, MCLS.
- II. Approval of the Agenda.
The Agenda was approved as presented.
- III. Approval of the Minutes.
The February 8, 2024 minutes, were approved as presented.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Scott Garrison, Executive Director of MCLS
Mr. Garrison introduced himself and spoke about the Text and Learn for Kindergarten (TALK) program. This program provides over 650 text messages for libraries to send out to caregivers of children from birth to age 5 in both English and Spanish. The purpose is to boost engagement between caregivers, children and libraries. The program also offers toolkits for setting up promotional materials. SLC is the first to join as a group for all member libraries. For more information contact Mary Ruthko at ruthkom@mcls.org or 517-5507-4149 or Scott Garrison at garrisons@mcls.org or 517-489-4071.
- V. Suburban Library Cooperative Business
- A. Shared System
1. Proposed Changes to Patron Blocks Policy
Ester made a motion to approve the Changes to Patron Block Policy as presented. The motion was supported by Meeker. Motion Carried.
- B. 2025 SLC Holidays
Ester made a motion to recommend the 2025 SLC Holidays to the Suburban Library Cooperative Board as presented. The motion was supported by McDowell. Motion Carried.
- VI. Announcements and Information
- A. Advocacy – Everyone
MLA's Advocacy Day will be April 16th. There are still some openings for this event. There is a bill in committee of the Michigan Legislators to have a school media specialist in all public schools. Also, the State Board of Education at their regular board meeting will be discussing the preparation standards for school librarians. The DSLRT meeting is tomorrow at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland. The next DSLRT meeting will be May 17th at the Oxford Public Library.
- VII. Member Libraries' Announcements/Concerns
- SLC: Thank you to those who attended the SLC Trustee workshop. The topic "How to Run an Efficient Meeting" was timely and well received. Attendees requested further workshops on this topic, particularly for their library's Friends Groups.
- CMM: Starting to put together an RFP for renovations for Clinton-Macomb Main Branch Library.
- EPL: Had a Show Me the Money program of financial planning workshops, very well attended.
- FRA: Offering a Beer Tasting program soon.
- HPW: Kristen Valyi-Hax was part of a panel discussion sponsored by the League of Women Voters, along with the director of the Gross Pointe Public Library and the director of Harper Woods Public Schools to discuss book banning

and other topics.

ROG: Starting a Library of Things collection and a Seed Library this summer. Working on an RFP for space needs assessment for the Graubner Library. Have had several meetings with architects, bids are due April 13th.

RSV: Hired a new employee to work on flyers/promotions for the library. Does anyone know of a Desktop Publishing Class is available?

SBL: Starting a seed library April 1st.

SHL: Does any library give out promotional packets/flyers when giving out new library cards and what is included. Also asked about Book Bikes/Golf Carts, etc. for library events.

VIII. Public Participation

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

X. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be April 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Suburban Library Cooperative.