Exhibit 18

Council on Library and Network Development
January 12, 2024 - Virtual Meeting
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: **Join Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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

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 **Changes/Additions to Agenda** (Action)	Isa Small All
Approval of November 10th, 2023, Minutes (Action)	Terri Muraski
2. **Intellectual Freedom** (Discussion; 30 minutes)	All DPI Staff
3. **Report of the Chair** (Information, Discussion; 10 minutes)	Isa Small; All
4. **Outreach & Engagement** (Discussion, Action; 30 minutes)	Isa Small; All
5. **DPI, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates** (Discussion; 20 minutes) Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)	Ben Miller; DPI Staff
6. **Legislative Update** (Discussion; 15 minutes)	DPI Staff; *DPI*

7. **Network Development Subcommittee Reports**
    - [November 2023 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)
    - [December 2023 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)

    (Discussion; 15 minutes)

    Ellen Kupfer, *Vice-Chair*;
    DPI Staff

8. **Affordable Connectivity Program**

    (Discussion, Action; 15 minutes)

    Ben Miller, DPI
    DPI Staff

9. **Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations**

    (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)

    - 2024 Meeting Dates:
        - Friday, March 8th, 2024
        - Friday, May 10th, 2024
        - Friday, July 12th, 2024
        - Friday, September 13th, 2024
        - Friday, November 8th, 2024

    Isa Small;
    All

10. **Announcements**

    Isa Small;
    All

11. **Adjournment** (12:00 pm)

    Isa Small;
    All

COLAND Goals:

1. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
    a. RECRUITMENT: Support efforts inspiring middle school, high school, and college students to consider a career in library science.
    b. EDUCATION: Evaluate and support educational pipelines, continuing education, professional standards, inclusive practices, and licensing/certification for both school and public librarians.
    c. RETENTION: Increase the retention of professional librarians and help advocate for competitive salaries, benefits, and recognition for service in the field.
2. **BROADBAND ACCESS:**
    a. ADVOCACY: Advocate with stakeholders in achieving statewide broadband service that is accessible and affordable for all Wisconsinites—a foundational element of digital equity.
3. **INNOVATION:**
    a. OBSERVATION: Actively and thoughtfully monitor trends, developments, and challenges in modern library services.
    b. ENCOURAGEMENT: Support the Department of Public Instruction, library districts and systems, individual libraries, and professional groups as they implement and experiment with new programs—especially those which serve marginalized populations.
4. **OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT:**

    a. AWARENESS: Increase awareness of COLAND through outreach to libraries, library systems, and professional groups.

    b. NETWORKING: Develop and support active relationships with—and between—libraries, librarians, and vital organizations aligned with COLAND goals.

5. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**

    a. PROTECTION: Vigorously defend intellectual freedom and the Right to Read.

    b. PERSEVERANCE: Support libraries and their staff as they face a recent surge in book challenges; carefully monitor state and national trends in book challenges, as well as the groups and opinions fueling them.

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, November 10, 2023
Matheson Memorial Library, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Council Members
Present:
Isa Small (Chair)
Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)
Josh Klingbeil (member at large and temp
secretary)
Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner
Terrence Berres
Andi Cloud
Nick Dimassis
Dennis Myers
Jaime Healy-Plotkin
Rob Nunez
Michael Otten
Christinna Swearingen
Amy Thornton
Kristi Williams

Missing:
Terri Muraski (Secretary)
Rachel Thomas

DPI Staff:
Allyson Hanz
Ben Miller
Bruce Smith
Elizabeth Tomev
Monica Treptow

Guests:
Chad Robinson
Steve Ohs
Steve Platterer

Call to Order - Isa Small called the meeting to order at 9:05

Roll Call - Quorum present

Changes/Additions to Agenda - Motion by D. Myers, second by E. Kupfer to accept agenda as is. Motion carried.

Approval of September 8, 2023 minutes - motion by A. Cloud, second by R. Nunez to accept minutes carried.

Welcome from Matheson Public Library and Tour - Chad Robinson, Director of the Matheson Library, welcomed COLAND and provided a tour of the library.

Prairie Lakes LIbrary System Merger
Steve Ohs and Steve Platteter of the Prairie Lakes LIbrary System reviewed the history prior to merging the Lakeshores and Arrowhead Library systems into the Prairie Lakes System.

Discussion followed. D Myers acknowledged the challenges of a change of this nature and magnitude. B. Miller noted that this was the first merger to occur after the PLS process and DPI documented as much as possible, but recognized that it won't be as simple as creating a template for other systems to follow. M. Otten asked about using MOUs in the process. S. Ohs and S. Platteter mentioned that they co-wrote a letter of intent to their boards.   The group discussed the importance of building on existing professional relationships and recognizing that some feelings of loss and/or opportunity will be present. They had to be mindful of this when navigating the process with stakeholders. N. DImassis added that from his library's perspective there was a lot of trust in the system leadership but the main question was cost. Chair Small asked about an "ah ha" moment in the process. Ben Miller shared that there was a grey area in the process when the two entities no longer existed and the merger created a sense of rudderlessness. Their "ah ha" moment was the realization the the System plan could be the vehicle to push through the transition. D. Myers asked about a timeline for a merger template from DPI and B. Miller said DPI expects to share one by June, 2024.

National School Library Trends in Intellectual Freedom

M. Treptow shared information on the Wyoming statewide collection development policy issue, national drivers of efforts to oppress intellectual freedom, and an I Love LIbraries publication. She reviewed a case study from the Menomonee Falls which demonstrated that policies and procedures are important but they may not be followed by those trying to oppress intellectual freedom. The vocal minority may be a significant detriment to intellectual freedom as demonstrated by the Scholastic Book fair reaction in some States.

Treptow also shared the following related links:
- https://ilovelibraries.org/article/category/bannedbooks
- https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2023/10/05/website-driving-banned-bookssurge-moms-for-liberty/70922213007/

Break for networking lunch

Report of the Chair

Chair Small highlighted the public comments by the Networking/Broadband committee and the meeting of the Executive Committee on the same topic.

Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Wrap up

B. Miller opened the overview with context about the transition from PLSR work groups and goals development to PLSR response in early 2020. PLSR will no longer be a regular agenda item for COLAND.

Bruce Smith introduced himself and explained his DPI role. He reviewed the changed nature of community and collaboration now versus prior to PLSR, then he provided a general overview of PLSR outcomes and directions. He highlighted several collaborative activities over the past few years that are directly related to or model PLSR outcomes. He closed with an overview of the 2023-2027 5-year LSTA goals related to Wisconsin residents, library staff and libraries.

Discussion followed. D. Myers asked about Monarch and library systems running their own delivery services and how those relate to statewide delivery. Smith referenced the two layers of delivery logistics, intra-system for member libraries and inter-system for statewide ILL. J. Klingbeil asked about the future of support in the transition away from PLSR. B. Miller referred to the LSTA 5-year plan and B. Smith stated that DPI would continue to help convene, connect, and facilitate support for libraries and systems to improve and develop collaborative projects. Chair Small also noted the responsibility of COLAND to encourage future guidance (for example in the biennial report) and the planning it may affect.

DPI Report to COLAND

Legislative Update
B. Miller noted that there are a handful of intellectual freedom bills outstanding right now. DPI is helping to push ACP stories up the federal level to reinforce ACP programs and encourage continued funding. They are monitoring continuing resolution status and potential effects on LSTA, including full funding but delays to authorizations. Library Legislative Day is February 6, 2024. More info will be shared with COLAND before that date.

Network Development Subcommittee Reports
E. Kupfer acknowledged Bill Herman's role in helping coordinate the statement development for BEAD funding program comments. Ellen shared the final copies of each statement with COLAND. The subcommittee will monitor the ACP program and future broadband initiatives. Chair Small thanked Ellen Kupfer and the committee for their efforts and keeping this level of awareness and advocacy going. The next meeting will be Friday, Nov 17.

- COLAND Comment on PSC Initial BEAD Proposal
- COLAND Comment on WI Digital Equity Plan
- September 2023 Broadband Subcommittee_01
- September 2023 Broadband Subcommittee_02
- October 2023 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes

Review of future meeting dates and tentative locations

- 2024 Meeting Dates:
  - Friday, January 12, 2024 meeting will be virtual

Meeting adjourned by Chair Small at 2:19

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Klingbeil, Secretary of the Day and Terri Muraski