

Council on Library and Network Development
 March 8, 2024
 Meeting and Tour at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University Community Library
 Hayward, WI
 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

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

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| <p>1. Call to Order (Action; 5 minutes)</p> <p>Roll Call/Determination of Quorum (Information)</p> <p>Introduction of Guests/Visitors</p> <p>Changes/Additions to Agenda (Action)</p> <p>Approval of January 12th, 2024, Minutes (Action)</p> | <p>Isa Small, COLAND
Chair</p> <p>Terri Muraski,
COLAND Secretary</p> <p>Isa Small
All</p> <p>Terri Muraski</p> |
| <p>2. Welcome from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University Community Library and Tour (45 minutes)</p> | <p>University Staff</p> |
| <p>3. COLAND Orientation
(Discussion; 90 minutes)</p> | <p>All
DPI Staff</p> |
| <p>4. Report of the Chair (Information, Discussion; 10 minutes)</p> | <p>Isa Small;
All</p> |
| <p>5. Outreach & Engagement
(Discussion, Action; 30 minutes)</p> | <p>Isa Small;
All</p> |
| <p>6. DPI, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates
(Discussion; 30 minutes)
Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)</p> | <p>Ben Miller; DPI Staff</p> |

7. Legislative Update (Discussion; 15 minutes)

DPI Staff; *DPI*

8. Network Development Subcommittee Reports

- [January 19th, 2024 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)
- [February 16th, 2024 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)

(Discussion; 15 minutes)

Ellen Kupfer, *Vice-Chair*;
DPI Staff

9. Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations

(Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)

- 2024 Meeting Dates:
 - 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 (2:00 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, January 12, 2024
Virtual Only Meeting

Council Members

Present:

Isa Small (Chair)
Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)
Terri Muraski (Secretary)
Josh Klingbeil (Member at Large)
Andi Cloud
Eric Genrich
Jaime Healy-Plotkin
Michael Otten
Christinna Swearingen
Rachel Thomas
Amy Thornton
Kristi Williams

Missing:

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner
Terrence Berres
Nick Dimassis
Dennis Myers
Rob Nunez

DPI Staff:

Allyson Hanz
Ben Miller
Shannon Schultz
Elizabeth Tomev
Monica Treptow

Guests:

Dr. Darrell Williams

Call to Order - Isa Small called the meeting to order at 9:02

Roll Call - Quorum present

Approval of September 8, 2023 minutes - motion by C. Swearingen, second by M. Otten to accept minutes. Motion carried unanimously

Changes/Additions to Agenda - Request by J. Klingbeil to move up discussion of Networking Broadband subcommittee. There were no objections.

Network Development Subcommittee Report

E. Kupfer reported that the minutes from the subcommittee meetings were shared. She reported that R. Nunez is tracking ACP at the federal level. They will have two presentations at future meetings, by Jim Schultz of the Waukesha Technical College and one on AI bots by Chris Turner, UW Law. The e-rate policy change does not cover bookmobiles, so DPI is investigating the use of hotspots as an alternative.

- [November 2023 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)
- [December 2023 Broadband Subcommittee Minutes](#)

Intellectual Freedom

DPI will reference any legislation being considered related to intellectual freedom. M. Treptow reported that DPI is collaborating with CCBC on a webinar for school libraries. Over 150 are currently registered. Also, the ACLU submitted an open records request on 6 school districts. B. Miller shared that Superintendent Underly published an article in the Wisconsin State Journal supporting libraries and calling for library supporters to speak up locally. Chair Small noted that the Eau Claire Public Library is looking at policies on communication to be more proactive in support of intellectual freedom. S. Schultz added that the library systems can be an extra layer of support with a focus on sharing and relationship building.

Report of the Chair

Chair Small reported that COLAND still has two open seats. One seat has been filled with new appointee Rebecca Ferrell. In addition, three member terms will expire in July. Small will follow up with those members. Small plans to work on the onboarding process for new members.

Outreach & Engagement

Chair Small sent an email earlier in the week related to promoting increased sharing of information about COLAND. M. Otten suggested participation on Library Systems boards and sharing of COLAND minutes with these groups. There was support for outreach to library directors through the System meetings and by adding information on COLAND to System training sessions. Chair Small suggested also participating in meet and greets.

E. Kupfer made a motion to establish a subcommittee to work with DPI on ways to increase awareness of COLAND in libraries and communities and to encourage networking activities with different groups, entities and agencies. Activities could be brainstorming ideas and activities, prioritizing ideas and activities and developing the logistics to make selected ideas happen. Motion seconded by K. Williams. Motion passed. Volunteers to serve on the subcommittee are Chair Small, J. Healy-Plotkin, and A. Cloud.

DPI Report to COLAND

The review of Library System plans is complete and the first State Aid payments have been sent out. The Common School fund saw a 25% increase for 2023-24. Staffing issues continue to cause challenges for spending funds. A Public Library technology survey is complete with above average participation. Updates will be shared at future meetings. Evaluations for Badgerlink procurements are underway with a goal of signing contracts with vendors in July, 2024. Games, Learning and Libraries continues to flourish with leadership from Chris Baker. COLAND would be interested in a presentation on the topic at a future meeting. The Teen Inclusive Internship grants were very successful and DPI hopes to increase the number of grants. After participating in the DPI program, the Eau Claire library is exploring internal funding for an intern.

Consult the DPI site on strategic planning to take the strategic planning survey and for more information on community engagement sessions: [Strategic Plan | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

Legislative Update

Dr. Williams shared information on meetings he has recently attended and current legislation related to libraries. SB 10 would require parent notification about books children check out. The governor's support is critical for both positive legislation related to libraries and to protect from legislation that restricts access. Legislative Day will be held on February 6, 2024.

WLA has put together a website to track legislation: [Bills We're Watching \(wisconsinlibraries.org/bills-we-re-watching\)](https://wisconsinlibraries.org/bills-we-re-watching)

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The ACP is set to expire in April. Advocacy for the program is very important - be attending meetings or sending correspondence. Currently gathering information from stakeholders.

Review of future meeting dates and tentative locations

2024 Meeting Dates

- Investigating meetings at UW-La Crosse library, Lac Courte Oreilles University Library in Hayward
- There is interest in presentations on Libraries and gaming. Ben will connect with Chris Turner. Also, maybe at a school site we could have a presentation on Act 20. Monica and Ben will work on setting this up.

Announcements

B. Miller shared that his wife just sold another book for teens - **I am Not a Vampire**.

Chair Small reminded the group that Legislative Day is coming up. The WLA website has a signup link [Library Legislative Day \(wisconsinlibraries.org\)](https://wisconsinlibraries.org). The deadline to sign up is January 12, but it is ok to attend without signing up. Dr. Williams is attending and will be speaking.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Small at 10:18

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Muraski, Secretary