

**Notes of the Nicolet Federated Library System Librarians Advisory Meeting Friday, June 9,**

**2017, 9:30 a.m.**

**NFLS Mtg. Room, 1595 Allouez Ave., Suite 4, Green Bay, WI**

**Present:** Jen Thiele, Kristie Hauer, Kristin Laufenberg, Sue Grosshuesch, Jill Trochta, Tina Kakuske, Dale Cropper, Joan Denis, Brian Simons, Maria Escalante

**GoToMeeting:** Amy Peterson, Nicole Lowry, Steph Weber

**Also Present:** Megan Theys, Jamie Matczak, Holly Handt, John Kronenberg

1. **Introductions.** The meeting began at 9:31 a.m. and introductions were made.
2. **Agenda Revisions .** Jamie added in another item, state aid update, after item 6. Delivery update.
3. **WPLC Update – Dale Cropper** - There will be a new Overdrive App called Libby. It was in a test/sandbox mode but now everything will eventually be converted to the Libby app. It will begin implementation in August; new patrons will be sent to the Libby App. In fall, existing patrons will be encouraged to switch to Libby. They're not sure what's going to happen to the old Overdrive app. Dale thinks the new app is more simple. The downside is that Libby doesn't have language translation or recommend to library function yet. Training webinars for Libby were sent out last week. You can start using Libby now. There will be a new formula for distributing the \$150,000 additional buying funds pool in 2018. It shouldn't be much different; it will be based on number of holds and previously it was based on circulation. Mark Arend is the new chair, replacing Krista Ross. WPLC and the Board are working on bylaws revisions. They might be finished by the end of the year. There is a handout explaining the long holds for patrons. It is a good document for staff and patrons that explains why there are such long hold lines and also provides contact info for distributors. The average hold wait time now in Overdrive is now 50 days. More people using OverDrive and audiobooks are becoming more important. However, audiobooks are costly. The Digital Library Steering Committee meets about every other month. Their next meeting will be in September. Jamie will distribute copies of the handout. A lot of information is available on the WPLC website.
4. **Updates from Staff -**
  - Holly** - Will give her updates during the Delivery update.
  - Megan** - Nothing to report.
  - John** - John and Dave Bacon from OWLS will be replacing the network routers this summer. This is in anticipation of increasing the bandwidth, which should happen by the end of the year. They will contact you ahead of time. The network will be down about 10 minutes for staff computers, 20-60 minutes for public computers. They will be taking old routers back for some credit to exchange for new ones. Reminder that we have the

jobs kits that are available for checkout. Sometimes the kits come back a mess; please put back the equipment nicely in the container. Call John if you want to check out the kit. They do have Deep Freeze on them.

**Jamie** - CE schedule just went out and is available online. There will be three more collection development webinars in the fall. The first two collection development webinars are recorded; Jamie will make sure they are on the site. The two-part Aaron Schmidt webinars will be limited to 20 people. We partner with Wisconsin Valley on webinars so NFLS has 10 spots for this. You will need to be approved by Jamie attend the webinars. When you sign up, make sure you can attend both webinars.

The landlord of the office space that NFLS rents is selling the property. There may be a new buyer soon.

Trustee training week will be in August. Megan will get brochures to you as soon as they are available.

Wild Wisconsin Winter Webinars will be January 24-25. Jamie is still looking for a keynote speaker. If you have any ideas, send them to Jamie.

5. **Delivery Update** - Jamie, Megan, and Holly toured the Waltco facility. Waltco only has one sorter for all of NFLS and OWLS. They receive about 8,000 pieces a day. About 70% are media and 30% are books.

The new delivery schedule went in place May 15th. Keep sending questions/issues to Holly. Your delivery should be coming with one hour of the scheduled time. Let Holly and Jamie know if that doesn't happen.

Otnie has moved to a different library, so Becky is now the ILL contact for BCL.

6. **State Aid update** - JOint Finance committee voted unanimously to approve 1.5 million of additional state aid. Next will go to Legislature for approval, than the governor. So, still could be vetoed. Nicolet - 35,000 additional funding for 2018, same amount for 2019. We're open to suggestions for use of this money.

7. **NFLS Update - Jamie** - Mark Merrifield's last day was May 12. The personnel committee met the week he left and decided that Jamie would become interim director. Since then, the personnel committee has met twice to decide on Mark's departure details (vacation payout, etc.) and to discuss the future of NFLS. Jamie suggested that for the short term (now to mid-August) they let her continue to be the interim director, and then think about long-term plans. However, she doesn't have her MLS, so she can't be a director. Brian Simons mentioned that Brown County library, as the resource library, could act as a consultant if necessary. The Board is still deciding on the long term plans.

Mark moved to Appleton. Jamie will share address if you want if you want to send cards. There may possibly be a party/get together in late summer/early fall, but for now the idea has been tabled.

8. **LSTA Update** - Terri Howe retired from the division last week. We will not be receiving the LSTA grant for the people counters. The division is prioritizing funds for

PLSR, Delivery and DPLA. We are hoping to receive the technology grant that we receive every year. We don't know what's going to happen about next year's grants. The division will continue to fund, with modifications, projects such as Summer Reading, the Coding Initiative, New Director Boot Camp, WISCAT and BadgerLink.

**9. PLSR Project Update – Kristie Hauer** - Info on PLSR is available on their website. There were some PLSR sessions at WAPL and there will also be some at WLA this fall. The Steering Committee will have a two-day retreat this summer. Initially the PLSR project was scheduled to be finished in 2018 but they can ask for more time if needed. They are starting to get closer to a concrete model. They have been receiving some negative feedback - a lot of what-if's and why do we need to change. Jamie is still on the CE/Consulting workgroup.

There are opportunities right now (because NFLS doesn't have a director) to make some changes before PLSR is finished.

**10. WAPL Conference** - Kristin, Jen, and Kristie attended WAPL. Kristin went to the PLSR update and a STEM programming session. Jen enjoyed the keynote, Nicholas Butler. Jen felt that some of the presenters weren't prepared. They said it seemed like attendance was down.

**11. Open Forum: Issues and Concerns** -

Brown County Library helped host an Author Fest with Untitledtown. 5,000 people attended and 80 authors were there, including Sherman Alexie and Margaret Atwood. They are already planning for it again next year. Sue Grosshuesch is retiring in fall.

**12. Adjourn Meeting** - Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. The next meeting will be August 11.