

**Oneida County Library Board**  
**approved minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 Meeting**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Oneida County Library Board was called to order by President Ken Klein at 1:35 on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in Committee Room #1 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting was properly noticed and located according to law.

**Present Board Members:** Ken Klein, Diana Blicharz, Pat Pechura, and Mary Schoeneck also Library Directors Mary Taylor (MPL), Tom Hurlburt (Interim Director RPL) and Erica Brewster (EUDL) and WVLS Representatives Kris Adams Wendt and Paul Knuth.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Pechura, seconded by Blicharz to approve agenda. Motion passed.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Pechura, seconded by Blicharz to approve minutes of July 10, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

**Recent developments and input:** Janet Dixon, former EUDL library Director reported that the transition has gone well working with new director Erica Brewster and the board thanked Janet for a job well done.

**Reports:**

**Rhineland Public Library:** Interviews were conducted the first two weeks in August to fill the director position. Good progress is being made. The building addition and renovation project has slowed down while we search for a new director. The city's finance and wages committee is attempting to bill us for charges that we have not incurred before. We are negotiating with them concerning administrative charges to the library that are not allowed in the language of the current contract. All but one of our summer programs that we register or give out free tickets for have been "sold out" and just under 300 people attended our two programs at the Nicolet College Learning Resource Theater. Five adult programs and three young adult programs were conducted in July. Monday, August 25 author series program with Jennifer Chiavertini had to be cancelled due to a conflict on the author's schedule.

Edward U. Demmer Library: Erica Brewster began as library Director on August 4, 2014. Story hour begins on September 9 in Three Lakes and on September 10 at Sugar Camp School. Story hour will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the School year. Lego club has met regularly during the summer and will start again on September 17. September 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Demmer's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Cooking Contest followed by author Mary Pat Kelly featuring her book Galway Bay to be released in 2015 and is possibly going to become a tv miniseries which features characters from the Three Lake/Eagle River area. Approval is being sought from the Library Board to add/replace gutters around the building to prevent flooding and dampness in the lower level. We are experimenting with installing a device called a "raspberry Pi" to replace our aging catalogue computer in our children's section.

Minocqua Public Library: Summer reading programs were very successful. Returning to Learning Program on September 9<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Nicolet College entitled Pathways to Entrepreneurship. Science on Tap program on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> The Bald Eagle at the Minocqua Brewing Company. We are currently seeking some external funding for future Science on Tap programs. The foundation Book Sale is August 18<sup>th</sup> and Beefarama Activities are on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

WVLA and Legislative: Wendt gave an update on the Project WIN merger of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service V-Cat and Northern Waters Library Service Merlin ILS consortiums. Member libraries from both systems voted on August 7. Although a majority of WVLS libraries favored merger, the motion failed 2 votes short of the 2/3 required on a 14 to 8 vote with one library not voting and another abstaining. Members of the Merlin consortium also declined to support the merger on an 8 to 17 vote. Discussion at the August 16 WVLS board meeting centered on what was learned from the process to inform future improvements to V-Cat and inter-system collaboration. OCLB members discussed the Project WIN process with the representatives of Three Lakes, Minocqua and Rhinelander libraries present. Legislative: Wendt distributed a list of incumbent legislators and legislative races in the seven county WVLS area and reported on activities of the Wisconsin Library Association legislative committee. Building cordial

relationships with legislators and candidates is ongoing and particularly important to have in place when the biennial state budget is deliberated during odd numbered years. All library aids in the state budget are funded through telephone surcharge revenues in the Universal Service Fund. The services impacted include funding for all public library systems including WVLS, Badgerlink data based which are accessible to all Wisconsin residents, Newline for the Blind, and four statewide service contracts (Cooperative Children's Book Center, Talking Book and Braille Library, and inter-loan contracts with Milwaukee Public Library and University of Wisconsin System) Additional initiatives are being developed for funding with general purpose revenue.

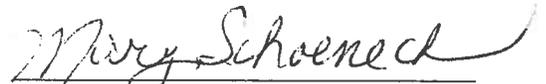
2015 yearly Oneida County Budget request: A lengthy discussion followed concerning the development and presentation to the County Board of the budget request for 2015. The consensus was to discuss this further at our next meeting when we had the appropriate information for the budget request.

Next meeting date: September 11, 2014

Adjournment: Motion by Pechura, seconded by Schoeneck. Motion passed.



President, Ken Klein



Secretary: Mary Schoeneck