



Iowa County Library Committee Minutes
Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, 1:00 P.M.
Health and Human Services Center –Zoom
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item unless otherwise noted.

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| 1 | Call to order. Chair, Diane Palzkill called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M. |
| 2 | Roll Call:
Members Present on Zoom: Bev Harris, Carol Anderson, Brett White, Shari Sailing. In person: Diane Palzkill, and Carrie Jewell. Absent: Gerald Galle. Others Present: County Administrator, Larry Bierke, and SWLS Director, Angela Noel on Zoom.

Bierke introduced Brett White, who has accepted a vacant position on the ICLC. White works with CAP. The other committee members introduced themselves and their roles. |
| 3 | Approval of Agenda: Anderson moved to approve agenda, Harris, seconded. Motion carried. |
| 4 | Approval of Minutes: Anderson moved, Sailing, seconded, to approve the minutes from the Oct. 13, 2023, meeting. Motion carried. |
| 5 | Reports from Committees: (No Action Will Be Taken) Anderson presented an idea from the Argyle library as a possible library activity. They are hosting a 143rd birthday party. If the other libraries chose to do this activity, they could give the histories of how their libraries began, etc. |
| 6 | Election of Officers: Officers are elected every two years. Jewell made the motion for the Officers of the ICLC remain the same. White seconded. Motion carried. Palzkill, Pres.; Anderson, V.P.; Harris, Secy. |
| 7 | Fund Balance Report and County Library Funding: Bierke reported the current balance of the ICLC fund is \$8,305.21. |

8	Grant Program and Award Updates: Discussion of the value of continuing the ICLC Grants was held. Palzkill said the writing of grants encourages librarians to expand their programming. Noel offered other options like Green County with a pooling of the funding. Harris and Anderson spoke to the programs bringing the community together for excellent programming. Harris wondered why there were only five grant applications last year. Sailing stated the grants take time to write and are forgotten with the day-to-day library work. Palzkill will contact librarians to see why applications weren't made. Anderson will send librarians an earlier letter promoting the grants to help begin the process of thinking of ideas which would benefit each library. We might want to survey the librarians about a more effective application.
9	Grilled Cheese Championship SWAG Donations: Bierke noted VIP bags are given away at this event. He wondered if the ICLC would like to put something in the bags to promote our county libraries. Several other options were noted such as items in the Halloween Trick or Trunk giving. SWAG bags for new teachers, a book for families, support your local library stickers, bookmarks with the library hours, post its, etc. Anderson noted the hospital will be giving bags in August. This discussion will be put on the next agenda.
10	Highlights from Libraries: Barneveld: Sailing spoke of a Paranormal Program with Chad Lewis, speaker, from Eau Claire. Thirty-three people attended. Lewis charges \$350 per event. Their Strong People/Strong Body program of strength training for older adults continues with Sailing and one other leading. Spring cleaning of outdated young adult books, and updating with fresh, new titles has taken place. Blanchardville: In search of a new librarian. The position is currently being shared by the Argyle and Shullsburg library directors. There was a recent program about wool being good for gardens and plants. Cobb: Cobb has “sparked up” their children’s nonfiction section with new organizational signs. Their all-ages winter reading contest “Smitten with Reading” is going on through February. They held a winter coloring contest for children, as well. Dodgeville: Dodgeville is currently seeking a new director. Carol Murphy is the interim director until a replacement is found. Angela Noel provided an infographic of 2023 in Review. A. 42,575 Physical items borrowed; B. 326 Meeting Room uses; C. 66,522 Facebook reach for 2023; D. 21,113 Electronic items borrowed; E. 9,007 Self-Check uses; F. 3,460 Wireless Internet Sessions; G. 4,035 Registered Patrons; H. 2,535 Internet Computer Sessions; I. 222 Programs; J. 129 Patron Directed Activities; K. 6,101 Attendees; L. 3,366 Participants; M. 38,797 Visits to the Library. Livingston: An annual Livingston Public Library Valentine Fundraiser is underway. The Valentines are made by the library board. A two-dollar donation is suggested for each Valentine, and a special message can be added. These valentines are on display in the window of MY Turn North to wish all Livingston residents a Happy Valentine’s Day. Everyone is invited to stop in on Wed., Feb. 7th, to make a card. Supplies will be provided. Mineral Point: At Mineral Point “It’s Time for a Blind Date with a Book!” Books are in a bag for a check out for a blind date! Monfort: Monfort is helping their community by providing much needed warm hats and new books. Knitted hats from the Grant County Hat Project are back by popular demand. Stop in for a hat and check out a book! There is a collection of large print books for enjoyment. Muscoda: Muscoda is hosting “Coffee, Conversation and Cards” for senior citizens on Feb. 5th and the 19th.
11	Set next quarterly meeting date: May 3, 1 P.M.
12	Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M. Harris moved, Jewell, seconded.