

	Minutes - unapproved Iowa County Library Committee Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, 1:30 P.M. Iowa County Administrator's Office & Zoom 222 N. Iowa Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item unless otherwise noted.</i>		
1	Call to order. Chair, Diane Palzkill called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.	
2	Roll Call: Members Present on Zoom: Carol Anderson, Sharilyn Sailing, Carol Anderson, and Bev Harris. In person: Diane Palzkill, Carrie Portz, and William Ladewig. Others Present: County Administrator, Larry Bierke and via Zoom SWLS Director, Brett White Absent: Carrie Jewell, Gerald Galle	
3	Approval of Agenda: Ladewig, moved to approve agenda, Anderson, seconded. Motion carried.	
4	Approval of Minutes: Anderson moved, Ladewig, seconded, to approve the minutes from the Sept 27, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.	
5	Reports from committee members or audience members: No action will be taken. Anderson reported Spotlight page in the Dodgeville Chronicle will feature next week an article written by Anderson and photos from the ICLC Library Grant presentations at the October County Board meeting.	
6	Financial Update: Bierke reported at the end of the 2024 yearly budget, the ICLC had \$17,420 in its budget. Anderson asked if the Grant Monies had been paid to the libraries. Bierke reported they had not. Those grants totaled \$7083.30. Ladewig moved to accept the financial report. Harris seconded. Motion carried.	
7	April 6 to 12 National Library Week: The librarians have discussed celebrating the week with all the libraries in the county. Anderson thought it is a great idea to move forward with it.	
8	Associational Mapping and Civic Engagement: Portz spoke to research which shows when people are engaged in the community, they are healthier. She is engaged with Monty Hottmann, Bruce Paul, the Health Dept. and others exploring how to connect people with organizations. A central organization will show demographics of organizations and how residents volunteer. Netflix has a movie: <i>“Join or Die”</i> , which shows the importance of getting involved. Ladewig suggested libraries have a list of community organizations and contact information for new patrons taking out library cards.	
8	Opioid Settlement Grant: Bierke reported monies are in place. He demonstrated going to the Iowa County Home Page under services and click on Opioid Grant Application. When the application is completed, send it to Bierke and he will put it on the agenda. The following month after the application is submitted, the applicant needs to make a presentation. On the 2025 budget the Opioid fund has a total of \$189,680.50. Dare Funding to the county communities is limited to basic funding this year. Anderson suggested the libraries think about taping into this for educational materials, books, etc.	

9	Opioid Settlement Grant, cont.: Bierke stated the funding criteria is quite broad. Ladewig suggested that the Wood Violet Center north of Dodgeville be contacted to bring a speaker to each of the libraries providing the educational aspect of opioid and alcohol treatment. White noted the county, city, and state have many experts who can talk about the Opioid crisis and what is or isn't happening. Bierke pointed out the Community Foundation of Southern WI, and the Robert Campbell Community Foundation as another grant funding entity. This can also be found on the Iowa County website.
10	Highlights from Libraries: Barneveld: Howard Marklin is currently speaking and holding a listening session at the library. This is a downtime wrapping up 2024. They partnered with the Fire Department and Santa rode the truck through town and came to the library. The Friends of the Library had a successful cookie walk which will provide funding for the summer program. She said there is a need to engage more people in programs which are provided to the libraries, so they don't lose services provided for free. Blanchardville: The library recently offered a watercolor painting workshop, and a WI Suffragettes program. They will soon be hosting a Bob Ross Painting party. Cobb: Currently, Cobb has a fun winter group pixel project and is currently offering a "Smitten with Reading" winter reading contest. Four winners will be drawn on Feb. 13. One winner will be drawn in the four categories: preschool, grade school, teen and adult. Dodgeville: The library held a Porch Pot workshop with Jada and Deb of Jada's Garden and Greenhouse. During a "Warm and Cozy: Storytime all children in attendance received a cozie handcrafted by Carol Gleichauf. Portz reported the Dodgeville Library has received a 4.5-million-dollar grant for their building project. To qualify they have to expand their broadband to provide education, health education, and need to break ground by June 1st, and have the project completed by Sept. 2026. The project calls for moving the library to a temporary location and the City Offices to the Annex by Dollar General. There will be A Community Conversation at the Dodgeville High School Auditorium on Jan. 22, at 6:30 P.M. One feature will be the offering of teleconferencing. Ladewig suggested reaching out to businesses for input as a means for enhancing funding efforts. Livingston: They are providing a fantastic winter display and grab and go activities for their patrons. Mineral Point: The staff entered a gingerbread structure contest and won in the adult category. The kindergarten classes visited during the holiday season when they brought their paper poinsettias to the downtown businesses. The library held a miniature art show during the December Gallery Night. They distributed 95 miniature canvases and had 65 returned with artists of all ages! Monfort: A Puppet Tea Party Time was hosted with a special guest who spoke about her travels to Norway and Finland. Muscoda: In the middle of December, Santa and his elves visited the library. Santa read books and the elves handed out treats. Special Note: The Iowa County Trunk or Treat was a huge success at the Fair Grounds.
11	Set next quarterly meeting date and agenda: Meeting will be April 4, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.
12	Adjournment: Ladewig moved, Portz seconded. Motion carried.