

	Minutes - Approved Iowa County Library Committee Friday, April 4, 2025 – 1:30 PM Iowa County Court House -2nd Floor Loft Room @ Zoom 303 W. Chapel 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 1:31 P.M.	
2	Roll Call: Members Present on Zoom: Bev Harris, Carrie Jewell, Gerald Galle In person: Diane Palzkill, Carol Anderson, William Ladewig, Carrie Portz, Sharilyn Sailing Absent: SWLS Director Brett White (excused) Others Present: Iowa County Administrator Larry Bierke.	
3	Approval of Agenda: Anderson moved to approve agenda, Ladewig, seconded. Motion carried.	
4	Approval of Minutes: Carrie Portz moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 17, 2025, minutes. Ladewig, seconded. Motion carried.	
5	Reports from committee members or audience members: No action will be taken. Anderson requested that the ICLC Grants be added to the next meeting agenda to set deadlines, etc. Palzkill reported in the library world U. S. Government cuts will impact libraries. She attended a WILS (WI Library Services) meeting. Approved grants may not be received. Badgerlink may see major changes. Palzkill stated, “We will conquer, but we just have the wait and see.” Ladewig asked if they had been told to remove DPI materials. Palzkill answered this had not been addressed. Ladewig asked if we would take a position. Palzkill answered, “Yes, because we are to include everyone.” She requested we reach out to Federal Legislators saying libraries matter. Postcards are being printed which will be available at libraries. Palzkill made two points 1. WI libraries are ranked as some of the best in the U.S. 2. At DPI, 16 of 19 employees are federal. Anderson promoted talking to library users and ask them to write. Ladewig requested a list of addresses for this purpose.	
6	Financial Update: Anderson reported from the Dec. 2024 budget, ICLC account is \$4,068.42.	
7	April 6 to 12 National Library Week: Palzkill suggested this is a good time to stop in and tell your library staff how valuable your library is to you. The Iowa County Libraries are celebrating with variety of activities planned at each location. Cakes are being ordered for individual libraries. Palzkill requested monies from ICLC to cover these purchases. Anderson moved to allocate \$250 for this purpose. Harris seconded. Motion carried.	

8	Library Promotional Ideas: 1. Bierke suggested taking car window decals to the Chamber offices for distribution. Ideas: 2. Magnets for each library with name and hours. Cost \$400 per 200 for each library. 3. Trick or Trunk leftover coins and books which can be used during National Library Week, during Summer Library programs, Christmas gifts to children of Veterans, and at the Iowa County Fair (this last fair the Fairest of the Fair read a story and each child went home with a free book). A booth at the Fair with handouts, hands on contests, poster contests were offered. Library entries in parades, senior expos, and the Family Resource Center are other thoughts. Sailing suggested librarians get together and sift through the ideas.
8	Library Promotional Ideas cont. Portz suggested finding sponsors for books for each child. This could be funded with donations from service organizations. Palzkill said this had happened at MP for needy children who could not afford a book at one time. Ladewig asked about comic books, and Ports, Palzkill and Sailing described the popular Graphic Novels. A County Wide Read was suggested similar to the Dodgeville Library The Anxious Generation, book read and discussion.
9	Highlights from Libraries: Barneveld: A fun collection of old recipe books has been on display. Blanchardville: During the After School Program, kids made essential oil sprays. A sticker poster was completed by the community. Cobb: At Cobb Ms. Carrie has been busy with fun spring themed books and crafts during story time. Patrons at the Cobb Library are invited to participate in Cobb's celebration of National Library Week with a drawing contest. Dodgeville: On March 3rd an informational meeting was held at the Dodgeville High School Auditorium for a community conversation regarding the library building expansion project. This meeting is available to view on YouTube. On March 19th the library listed the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce's Community After 5. There was great food and conversation regarding the building expansion. Staff worked with 4H to decorate wooden Easter Eggs and bunnies. The Library provided books to community members titled The Anxious Generation, by Jonathan Haidt, and held a book discussion. Livingston: Storytime started in Livingston this week. The Livingston director, Betty Shambow is retiring, so a search for a new librarian is underway. Mineral Point: Mineral Point just purchased a heat press and sublimation printer. They will be trying it during National Library Week. The recent Rocket Storytime was complete with activities on the smartboard for the little ones and a video of rockets taking off. Monfort: Thanks to Iowa County for the grant to create their "Library of Things" (LOT). The display rack has been assembled and is waiting for blood pressure monitors, pulse oximeters, DVD players, disc golf kits, pickle ball paddles, games, puzzles, sensory toys, kits, and more to arrive. Stay tuned for updates. Muscoda: Muscoda has received their two new globes purchased with the grant from Iowa County. There will be a Globe Scavenger Hunt Contest during Library Week. There will be 10 questions with answers to be found on the globes. Muscoda has received some metal art made by Ellis Nelson who was a famous local metal artist. Two large ones are placed outside and five smaller ones inside.
10	Set next quarterly meeting date and agenda: July 11, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.
11	Adjournment: Anderson moved. Portz seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 P.M.