

HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER?

County Discussions
Friendship Free Library
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Brief Notes

Attending: Betty Bunt, trustee, Belfast; Pam Graffius, trustee, Bolivar; Fred Pearce, trustee, Cuba; Betty Stockman, trustee, Mary Baker, trustee, Christine Urban, trustee, Sue Myers, board president and Pat Sawyer, director, Friendship; Susan Garmon trustee and Mark Conklin trustee, Richburg; Corrine Glass, trustee, Nancy Norton, trustee and Sue Moyer, director; Scio; Janice Porter, trustee; Wellsville trustee Robert McAllister and Ristiina Wigg, director, STLS.

PowerPoint – STLS Services presented by Robert MacAllister

“What do patrons need now and what will they need?”

- Online job applications
- Lack of transportation
- Get seniors online to get information
- Publicity about available resources
- Seniors reluctant to use computers
- When offering programs, it is hard to get people to participate
- Demand for MySpace, DVDs, music
- How many people on library boards are 30 and under. It's important to nominate younger people, get younger ideas. Staff at the circ desk are always asking if people are interested
- Need for publicity for library services
- Monthly newsletter – both in hard copy and online
- School Newsletter
- Talking about the library on Facebook, Twitter
- Wireless is a life saver
- Buying fewer reference materials
- Libraries serve as community centers – what does the community want?

What should libraries keep doing

- Issuing library cards
- Genealogy access – online databases
- Free services
- Events – staff events planner
- Children's programs – publicize through school librarian
- Groups use building facilities
- Family programs
- Helping people absorb knowledge
- Survey community – questions like what hours should the library be open – include a comments section
- Money to keep the library open more hours