

Southern Tier Library System
Directors Advisory Council
Wednesday, September 28th, 2022
GoToMeeting & In-Person at the Corning Public Library
9:30 am

GoToMeeting Attendance: Jess Westlake (Montour Falls), Jennie Lewis (CCLD); Denise Chilson (Hornell), Bridget Marshall (Avoca/Howard), Angela Gonzalez (Penn Yan), Karen Smith (Whitesville), LeighAnn Rumsey (Bath), Owen Frank (CCLD), Lorie Brown (STLS), Kelly Povero (Watkins Glen), Keturah Cappadonia (STLS), Tina Dalton (Cuba), Hope Decker (Wayland), Karin Thomas (Odessa), Sheila Weaver (Belfast), Larissa Wagner (STLS), Nic Gunning (Wellsville)

In-Person Attendance: Sally Jacoby-Murphy (Hammondsport), Pauline Emery (Corning), Mandy Fleming (STLS), Erika Jenns (STLS), Brian Hildreth (STLS)

- **Call to order- 9:33am**
- **Discussion and Approval of July Minutes-** Kelly motioned approval; Owen seconded.

BUSINESS

- **Old Business**
 - Updates from Committees:
 - Circulation Management- Mandy Fleming
 - At the last DAC meeting, the committee had proposed changes to WorkFlows such as the duplicate date of birth fields.
 - A vote was held to approve these changes. Pauline made a motion, and Kelly seconded. All in favor.
 - The committee is also working on documentation with scenarios from libraries, claims returned instructions and other information to help member libraries using WorkFlows. There is also the cheat sheet that was sent out last year, that is a helpful reminder.
 - Information Literacy- Pauline Emery
 - The Information Literacy committee is work on survey questions to be sent to all directors to get more information on the needs of member libraries.
 - Diversity & Equity Committee Update – Sally Jacoby Murphy
 - Committee met and put together a schedule of upcoming dates.
 - October 26- DEI Book Club *As American As Paneer Pie* led by Kelly
 - December 14- DEI Book Club *Moonlight* (movie)
 - ILS Cost share Contribution 2023-2025 Approval
 - Only heard from directors regarding corrections of the number of WorkFlows stations at each library. Has not heard any concerns.
 - Important to vote now, as all member libraries head into budget season.
 - There were no questions or comments from Brian so a vote was held to approve the ILS Cost Share Contributions.
 - Kelly motioned approval, Hope seconded. All in favor.
 - Digital Library Contributions for 2023-2025 Approval
 - Digital Library Cost Share committee has shared several spending options with member libraries.

- A decision was reached within that committee not to add additional online platforms (such as Hoopla) at this time.
- Brian suggested directors share their thoughts and what they have heard from the member libraries they represent. And then take a vote.
 - Kelly shared that she had heard mixed reviews from libraries and so would suggest Option C.
 - Nic shared that he would suggested Option E, due to increased usage of the digital collection and decreased usage of DVDs and CD audiobooks
 - Tina also suggested a higher spending option after discussion with the libraries she represents.
 - Pauline suggested lower options. And that perhaps Option C was a compromise as it is in the middle.
 - Owen suggested spending Option B.
 - Jennie- shared that as a selector she is not able to buy many things because they are not available in that format due to publisher restrictions with Libby and other platforms might have them. She hesitates to buy things just to buy them.
 - Melanie shared that if things aren't available via STLS (FLLS/OWWL) she uses NYPL because of their more extensive collection. Important to have items available. And it's important that we're promoting Libby in the library.
 - Sally- Important that libraries do what they can afford. However, she shared that many people who find out about Libby stop using audio CDs. And they have seen a decrease in physical usage.
 - Sheila- suggests a higher option (D or E). Now that STLS has a partnership with FLLS and OWWL more people are using Libby. Many younger patrons who haven't used the library in several years are coming in to learn about Libby.
 - Brian delivered a summary of where people were on the spectrum from spending Option A to E. (MF-C or higher; Penn Yan- C or higher; Cuba-E; Whitesville-B; Hornell- D or E; Alfred-E; Wellsville-E; Watkins-D; Friendship- B or C; Avoca/Howard-C.
 - Angela suggested option D as most people seemed to want a higher increase.
 - Owen shared that CCLD was willing to increase to Option C.
 - Nic motioned that we vote on Option D. Kelly seconded. A vote was called of DAC Representatives.
 - Aye- Pauline; Angela, Melanie, Nic, Sheila, Tina, Emily (Jess), Kelly, Sally
 - Nay- Owen, Karen, Jennie
 - Motion carried
- Confirmation of Emily Smith (MF) to serve as Representative
 - Emily has been nominated to represent the under 2,000 population.
 - Nic motioned her approval, and Kelly seconded. All in favor.
 - The appointment of Jennie Lewis as CCLD Representative.
 - Kelly motioned approval, Tina seconded. All in favor.
- **New Business**
 - **Meeting location for November- Montour Falls (Emily Smith)**
 - **Replacing Sally as Chair come 2023**

- Nominating committee created- Nic, Sheila, and Hope.
 - Current officers are Sally Jacoby-Murphy (Chair), Kelly Povero (Vice Chair) and Melanie Miller (Secretary).

- **Central Library Report- Owen**
 - Owen shared that CCLD Librarian Maggie Young would be presenting a session at the STLS Gather and Grow on genealogical research.

- **STLS Director's Report- Brian**
 - STLS Annual Meeting- Will take place Friday October 7 at the Watson Homestead. Award winners will be announced.
 - Anita O'Brian from the Rochester Accessible Adventures will be the keynote speaker discussing services and accessibility to patrons with disabilities.
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Digital and Information Literacy
 - This is a federally funded opportunity.
 - It's unclear how funds will be accessed, but it's important that we think about how we would use these funds.
 - STLS staff is developing a survey for directors.
 - Member libraries can also apply individually for these funds, however, please let STLS know so that there is no duplication of services and the funders understand there is collaboration happening in the region.
 - Brian also shared that the system is experiencing increases in challenged materials and displays, specifically in regards to LGBTQIA content.
 - These challenges are not always from patrons but also from board members.
 - If we experience conflict with Boards regarding collection management, please reach out to Brian as an advocate for libraries.
 - Brian also shared that our discussion of Digital Library Cost Share was the second example of democracy in action that has left him encouraged.
 - Greenwood held a public hearing about the need for a Reading Center.
 - Brian reminded us that we're doing meaningful work and to stay positive.

- **General Updates**
 - From STLS Consultants
 - Erika- The Gather and Grow is coming up. Keynote speaker is Elon Green the author of *Last Call: A True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York*.
 - Sessions will be recorded so those that register may review these at later times.
 - Mandy- StarCat will be undergoing some updates tomorrow between 4am-8am in preparation for a larger upgrade. Many features will be unavailable during this time.
 - Lorie- The Great Give Back is coming up!
 - From Directors
 - Hope shared that she is hosting a book club on Friday on the book *How Dare the Sun Rise*. The author will be there as well!
 - Hope also shared that she has been invited to travel to Kenya to meet with librarians there in April and May!

- **Adjournment- Motion made by Pauline; seconded by Kelly**

- **Adjourned 10:39am.**

Next Meeting is in Montour Falls in November 30th.

- **2021 Meetings:** Bi-monthly, last Wednesdays, 9:30 am (Digital & In Person options available until further notice)