

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, December 1, 2021

Approved April 27, 2022

Welcome

The meeting was held at the Alma Public Library. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were 26 attendees at the meeting.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves by stating their name, library, and city.

Approval of Agenda

John Sheridan moved, and Erin Schmandt seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

John Sheridan moved, and Charlie Mitchell seconded to approve the August 25, 2021, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate presented her report. Some topics included: completion of the audit; ARPA eligibility and deadlines; Overdrive and digital content; state aid and Census impact. She will be attending the MLA Board meeting on Wednesday, December 8 in Grand Rapids. Thursday, December 9-Friday December 10 she will be attending Think Space also in Grand Rapids. Expect Overdrive bills late December 2021- early January 2022. Leading Big in Small Spaces virtual conference was held November 17. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation.

https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/director_reports/director-report-dec2021.pdf

Old Business

Library of Michigan approved the Plan of Service for 2021-2022.

New Business

Overdrive

eComic Subscription

Discussed a potential subscription for 3211 comic book titles. Subscription is \$6250 annually. BillieJo Bluemer questioned if this includes manga titles. Jessica Little asked for clarification as to whether the 3211 titles include 3211 individual issues or 3211 individual series. TJ Smith also questioned whether back issues are available. Kate offered to seek clarification.

eMagazine Subscriptions:

Christian Dunham commented on the use of eMagazines by patrons. Circulation has increased from about 700-800 loans monthly to over 1,000.



VOX Books

Usage of VOX books and purchasing options were discussed. Jessica Little commented that the once-yearly bulk ordering option worked well, especially after end-of-year donations come in. Sara Morrison noted that the books are always checked out in her library and are a favorite amongst patrons.

Public Comments/Membership News:

Brown City Public Library open house on December 3 from 5pm-6pm and Columbia Township Library open house on December 3 from 5pm-8pm.

John Sheridan announced that the West Branch District Library began their Holiday Silent Auction December 1 and will continue through December 11 and local retailers have been supportive through donations. Beth Schumacher, Moore Public Library reported \$333,000 raised for their new addition; the initial quote of \$845,000 for total cost is likely to go up. Vicki Mazure, Harbor Beach, paid off their \$1,150,000 loan; bids will be sent out December 21 for project to replace bleachers with exercise equipment. Christian Dunham, Bullard Sanford, reported \$650,000 loan was paid off after 15 years, 5 years early. Erin Schmandt, Caro, placed a deposit for the library's new extended golf cart book mobile and is planning community events utilizing it. Glenna Ford, Jacquelin E. Opperman, updated on the library's mold situation. Issue has been ongoing for 4 months and 1700 books have been discarded to date. They have used UV lights, air scrubbers, and additional methods being tried to kill existing mold. School Board has been uninvolved in resolving the issue. Glenna also mentioned equity issues regarding contracts in her district.

Celebration was held for Sheila Good and Jane Piersall commemorating their retirement after 42 and 44 years respectively. Kate shared thoughts and gifts were given in thanks for their years of dedicated service.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is set for February 23, 2022. Location TBD.

