

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, August 27, 2025

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Welcome

The meeting was held at Briggs District Library in St. Johns, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were 32 attendees at the meeting: 19 in person and 13 online via Zoom.

Introductions

Kate Van Auken, WPLC Director, welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name and library.

Approval of Agenda

Erin Schmandt moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Briynne McCrea moved, and Lynne Clark seconded to approve the June 25th, 2025, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics covered included details about the upcoming WPLC Annual Meeting on October 1, updates on the state budget and state aid, the LCM GIS Project, and *Michigan Riparian* magazine. She also reminded members about the Reimbursable Services Support Program and Library Association Reimbursements. Additionally, she welcomed two new directors to the Cooperative: Laura Nimtz (Sebewaing) and Seth Randall (Pigeon). She also had the opportunity to visit the Sherman Township Library and check in on the progress of their library expansion project. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation:

https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director_reports/director-report-aug2025.pdf

Coordinator's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Topics included the Peabody update project, interlibrary loan mail issues, original cataloging requests, copy cataloging requests, and the 2025 Annual Meeting. See the Technical Services and Cataloging Coordinator's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/office_report/office-report-aug2025.pdf

Old Business

Peabody Update

Kate Van Auken expanded on the information shared by Alison Blattner in the Coordinator's report. The scope of work and corresponding price of creating a custom website like that proposed by the UMSI design team would cost about \$100,000 - \$200,000. More financially viable options are being evaluated.



New Business

2025 – 2026 Budget

The proposed budget for WPLC's 2025 – 2026 fiscal year was reviewed by members. Jeanette Morrish motioned, and Nanette Pretzer seconded to send the proposed 2025 – 2026 budget to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

Plan of Service 2025 – 2026

The WPLC 2025 – 2026 Plan of Service was reviewed by members. Sara Morrison motioned, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to send the 2025 – 2026 Plan of Service to the WPLC Board for approval. The motion was carried.

Public Comments/Membership News:

Amber Hughey, Bridgeport Public Library, shared that they recently held a Notary Training at the library that covered important information that anyone notarizing documents should know to avoid potential lawsuits and other issues.

Christian Dunham, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, shared that a new sign has been installed outside their library.

Jeanette Morrish, Fleschner Memorial Library, announced that their library will be renovating in the near future. This is their first renovation project in 28 years.

Erin Schmandt, Caro Area District Library, discussed the ongoing Cultivating Creativity project she is working on as a Rotarian. Public art has been brightening the town. She also discussed the library's move to switch to phone/internet services through the Tuscola ISD, and it will save them substantial money on tech services.

Briynne McCrea, Bad Axe Area District Library, shared that the completed renovation in Bad Axe is being warmly received. It has been a fantastic change for the library staff.

Kari Besancon, Iosco Area District Library, discussed her ongoing work to update the library's branding, website, policies, and procedures. It has been a long, but necessary process and she is optimistic about the work done so far.

BiblioBoard presentation with Roy Serrao: Roy provided an overview of how BiblioBoard supports community engagement through tools like the BiblioBoard Library, Indie Author Services, Pressbooks, and Creator. Kate shared pricing details with members, and anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Roy directly.

Next Meeting: Date and place TBD.

