

Council on Library and Network Development

January 9, 2026

Virtual Meeting

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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1.	Call to Order (Action; 5 minutes) Roll Call (Yellow Tab)/ Determination of Quorum (Information)	Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair Terry Muraski, COLAND Secretary Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair All
2.	Introduction of Guests/Visitors	Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair
3.	Changes/Additions/Approval of Agenda (Action)	Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair
4.	Approval of November 14, 2025, Minutes (Action)	Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair
5.	Public Comment (Information; Limited to 3 minutes per comment)	Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair
6.	Welcome and Tour of the DPI Statewide Library Programs (Information, Discussion; 45 minutes)	Ben Miller, State Librarian; DPI Staff
7.	Report of the Chair (Information, Discussion, Action; 10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Ellen Kupfer; COLAND Chair All
9.	Biennial Report (Information, Discussion, Action; 30 minutes)	Beth Tomev, DPI Staff

10.	DPI and School Libraries Updates (Discussion; 15 minutes) Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)	Ben Miller; DPI Staff
12.	Legislative Update (Discussion; 10 minutes)	Ben Miller, DPI Staff; <i>DPI</i>
13.	Subcommittee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Network Development Subcommittee Report ● DOC Subcommittee Report ● Tribal Library Subcommittee ● Public Library Standards Steering Committee (Discussion; 20 minutes)	Ellen Kupfer, <i>COLAND Chair</i> ; DPI Staff
14.	Other Business (Action; 15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COLAND Letterhead ○ COLAND Outreach ● New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	Ellen Kupfer, <i>COLAND Chair</i> ; All
15.	Announcements	All
16.	Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations (Information, Discussion; Action 5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtual Updates ● 2026 Meeting Dates: 	Ellen Kupfer, <i>COLAND Chair</i> ; All
17.	Adjournment (12:00 PM)	Ellen Kupfer, <i>COLAND Chair</i> ; All

COLAND Goals:

1. COLAND will monitor trends and support programs and initiatives to recruit, train, and retain library staff. This includes but is not limited to compensation, educational pipelines, professional standards, licensing for both school and public librarians, and inclusive practices.
2. COLAND will monitor trends in emerging technologies and broadband by:
 - a. investigating emerging technologies relevant to library services including but not limited to artificial intelligence;
 - b. researching virtual/augmented/mixed reality and advanced data analytics;
 - c. advocating for and support programs that promote digital literacy, cybersecurity, cyber safety, and critical thinking skills related to emerging technologies within library services for the public;
 - d. advocating with stakeholders in achieving statewide broadband service that is accessible and affordable for all Wisconsinites; and

- e. advocating for strengthening existing protections for reliable and affordable broadband access across Wisconsin.
3. COLAND will monitor trends, developments, and challenges in modern library science and support the DPI's, library districts and systems, individual libraries, and professional groups as they implement and experiment with new programs - especially those which service marginalized populations such as incarcerated individuals.
4. COLAND will defend intellectual freedom and the right to read by monitoring state and national trends in book challenges and the groups promoting them and supporting libraries and their staff as they deal with challenges.
5. COLAND will monitor tribal libraries and support efforts to deal with challenges both unique to their system and those similar to all libraries.

43.07 Council on library and network development. The state superintendent and the division shall seek the advice of and consult with the council on library and network development in performing their duties in regard to library service. The state superintendent or the administrator of the division shall attend every meeting of the council. The council may initiate consultations with the department and the division. The council shall:

- (1) Make recommendations to the division in regard to the development of standards for the certification of public librarians and standards for public library systems under s. [43.09](#).
- (2) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for library development, interlibrary cooperation and network development.
- (3) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for the development of school library media programs and facilities and the coordination of these programs with other library services.
- (4) Hold a biennial meeting for the purpose of discussing the report submitted by the state superintendent under s. [43.03 \(3\) \(d\)](#). Notice of the meeting shall be sent to public libraries, public library systems, school libraries and other types of libraries and related agencies. After the meeting, the council shall make recommendations to the state superintendent regarding the report and any other matter the council deems appropriate.
- (5) On or before July 1 of every odd-numbered year, transmit to the state superintendent a descriptive and statistical report on the condition and progress of library services in the state and recommendations on how library services in the state may be improved. The state superintendent shall include the report as an addendum to the department's biennial report under s. [15.04 \(1\) \(d\)](#).
- (6) Review that portion of the budget of the department relating to library service. Recommendations of the council in regard to the budget shall accompany the department's budget request to the governor.
- (7) Receive complaints, suggestions and inquiries regarding the programs and policies of the department relating to library and network development, inquire into such complaints, suggestions and inquiries, and advise the state superintendent and the division on any action to be taken.

History: [1979 c. 347](#); [1983 a. 524](#); [1985 a. 177](#); [1995 a. 27](#); [1997 a. 27](#).