

# Council on Library and Network Development

July 11th, 2025

## Marathon County Public Library

300 North First Street

Wausau, WI 54403

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Call in Option: +1 608-620-9781 Conference ID: 710 437 87#

1. **Call to Order** (Action; 5 minutes) Ellen Kupfer, COLAND  
*Chair*  
  
[Roll Call](#) (Yellow Tab)/**Determination of Quorum**  
(Information) Rachel Thomas, COLAND  
*Secretary*  
  
**Introduction of Guests/Visitors** Ellen Kupfer, COLAND  
*Chair*  
**Changes/Additions/Approval of Agenda** (Action) All  
[Approval of May 9th, 2025 Minutes](#) (Action)
  
2. **Welcome and Tour of the Marathon County Public Library**  
(Information, Discussion; 45 minutes) Leah Giordano,  
*Marathon County Public  
Library Director*
  
3. **Report of the Chair** (Information, Discussion, Action; 20  
minutes) Ellen Kupfer; COLAND  
*Chair*
  - Biennial Report Committee
  - [Letter to the editor](#)/IMLS advocacy
  - Library Standards Steering Committee Appointment?All
  
4. 1) [DPI and School Libraries Updates](#)  
(Discussion; 30 minutes) Ben Miller; DPI Staff  
Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)
  
5. **Legislative Update** (Discussion; 10 minutes) Ben Miller, DPI Staff; *DPI*
  
6. **COLAND Biennial Report** (Information, Discussion, Action;  
60 minutes) Ellen Kupfer; COLAND  
*Chair*
  - [COLAND Goals 2023 - 2025](#)
  - [Report Draft](#)All
  
7. **Lunch** (11:30)

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| <p>8. <b>Law 4 Libraries: School Edition</b> (Information, Discussion; 30 minutes) <a href="#">Link to Presentation</a> (Note date is May since this topic was moved from its original date.)</p>   | <p>Monica Treptow; DPI Staff</p>                 |
| <p>9. <b>Network Development Subcommittee Reports</b><br/>(Discussion; 15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Network Development Subcommittee Minutes March 21, 2025</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Network Development Subcommittee Minutes May 16, 2025</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Network Development Subcommittee Minutes June 20, 2025</a></li> </ul>   | <p>Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair;<br/>DPI Staff</p> |
| <p>10. <b>Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations</b><br/>(Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>2025 Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friday, September 12th, 2025           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Colonel Robert H. Morse Library</b><br/>Beloit College<br/>731 College Street<br/>Beloit, WI 53511</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Friday, November 14th, 2025           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TBD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair;<br/>All</p>       |
| <p>11. <b>Announcements</b></p>   | <p>Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair;<br/>All</p>       |
| <p>12. <b>Adjournment</b> (2:00 pm)</p>   | <p>Ellen Kupfer, COLAND Chair;<br/>All</p>       |

**COLAND Goals:**

1. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
  - a. **RECRUITMENT:** Support efforts inspiring middle school, high school, and college students to consider a career in library science.
  - b. **EDUCATION:** Evaluate and support educational pipelines, continuing education, professional standards, inclusive practices, and licensing/certification for both school and public librarians.
  - c. **RETENTION:** Increase the retention of professional librarians and help advocate for competitive salaries, benefits, and recognition for service in the field.
2. **BROADBAND ACCESS:**
  - a. **ADVOCACY:** Advocate with stakeholders in achieving statewide broadband service that is accessible and affordable for all Wisconsinites—a foundational element of digital equity.
3. **INNOVATION:**
  - a. **OBSERVATION:** Actively and thoughtfully monitor trends, developments, and challenges in modern library

services.

- b. ENCOURAGEMENT: Support the Department of Public Instruction, library districts and systems, individual libraries, and professional groups as they implement and experiment with new programs—especially those which serve marginalized populations.
4. **OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT:**
- a. AWARENESS: Increase awareness of COLAND through outreach to libraries, library systems, and professional groups.
  - b. NETWORKING: Develop and support active relationships with—and between—libraries, librarians, and vital organizations aligned with COLAND goals.
5. **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**
- a. PROTECTION: Vigorously defend intellectual freedom and the Right to Read.
  - b. PERSEVERANCE: Support libraries and their staff as they face a recent surge in book challenges; carefully monitor state and national trends in book challenges, as well as the groups and opinions fueling them.

**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. [43.02](#).
- (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](#).