

COLAND AGENDA
Council on Library and Network Development
Friday, May 12, 2023
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Including a Tour and Presentation from Appleton East High School Staff

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

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

COLAND Goals:

1. To encourage the conversations related to increased broadband equity statewide.
2. To encourage the conversations and provide advocacy related to digital equity ebooks, cooperative contracts, access to digital information, and other information technology development.
3. Examine services and practices adopted during the pandemic to continue enhancing access and inclusivity.
4. Examine non-traditional and underrepresented services, resources, and partners to create spaces, programs, and collections that include all dimensions of identity.
5. To support revisions to ongoing issues for school librarian licensing and professional standards, and advocate for adequate staffing of school libraries.
6. To recruit new members and help grow an organizational structure that encourages more active involvement by council members.

1. Call to Order (Action; 5 minutes)

Isa Small, *COLAND Chair*

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum (Information)

Terri Muraski, *COLAND Secretary*

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Isa Small

Changes/Additions to Agenda (Action)

All

Approval of March 10, 2023, Minutes (Action)

Terri Muraski

2. Welcome from Appleton East High School and Tour (30 minutes)

Janel Bedor-Griffiths;
Appleton East Library Media Specialist

3. Report of the Chair (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)

Isa Small;
All

4. [DPI, ARPA, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates](#) (Discussion; 20 minutes)
Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7) Ben Miller; DPI Staff

5. **Legislative Update** (Discussion; 15 minutes) Dr. Darrell Williams, PhD;
DPI

6. **Appleton East High School Presentation** (Discussion; 45 minutes) Janel Bedor-Griffiths;
Appleton East Library Media Specialist; Monica Treptow, DPI

8. **Network Development Subcommittee Reports** Ellen Kupfer, *Vice-Chair*;
DPI Staff
 - [Broadband Development Committee Report: January 27th, 2023](#)
 - [Broadband Development Committee Report: February 17th, 2023](#)
 (Discussion, Action; 15 minutes)

9. **Review of [2021-2023 COLAND Goals](#)** Isa Small, *Chair*
Discussion on COLAND Biennial Report DPI Staff
 - [COLAND goals brainstorming](#) (Information, Discussion, Action; 30 min)

10. **Networking Lunch** (Noon) All

11. **Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations** (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes) Isa Small;
All
 - 2023 Meeting Dates:
 - Friday, July 14th, 2023
 - Friday, September 8th, 2023
 - Friday, November 10th, 2023

 - Tentative Locations:
 - Bayfield
 - La Crosse
 - Hayward

12. **Announcements** Isa Small;
All

13. **Adjournment** Isa Small;
All

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.

Meeting Minutes
Council on Library and Network Development
Friday, May 12, 2023
Appleton East High School

Council Members

Present:

Kristi Williams

Isa Small (Chair)

Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)

Missing:

Terri Muraski (Secretary)

Miriam Erickson

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner

Rob Nunez

Terrence Berres

Andi Cloud

DPI Staff:

Nick Dimassis

Allyson Hanz

Josh Klingbeil

Ben Miller

Dennis Myers

Shannon Schulz

Jaime Healy-Plotkin

Elizabeth Tomev

Michael Otten

Monica Treptow

Joan Schneider

Guests:

Charmaine Sprengelmeyer-Podein

Dr. Darrell Williams

Christinna Swearingen

Janel Bedor Griffiths

Rachel Thomas

Appleton East HS students

Amy Thornton

Call to Order - Isa Small called the meeting to order at 9:07 am

Roll Call - Quorum present

Introductions - Janel Bedor Griffiths, the Appleton East High School Media Specialist who is hosting the meeting, provided a brief introduction.

Changes/Additions to Agenda

Motion to add an agenda item to review COLAND member terms and select a nominating committee for the July election of officers. Motion by Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner. Second by Kristi Williams. Motion passed unanimously

[Approval of March 10, 2023, Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes: Ellen Kupfer. Second: Nick Dimassis

Motion passed with one abstention.

Welcome from Appleton East High School and tour - Janel Bedor Griffiths highlighted programs at the media center. The group then toured and visited with students in the bustling media center.

Report of the Chair

Isa Small updated the group regarding the ongoing work on the biennial report and goals. She also shared that she attended the Lead the Way conference at UW Madison.

[DPI, ARPA, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates](#)

The DPI celebrated National School Library Month throughout April and National Library Week April 23-29. Dr. Williams visited more than 20 public and school libraries in the state. Elizabeth Tomev presented a slideshow of highlights from a few of the visits demonstrating the many impressive services, programs, and collaborations at Wisconsin public libraries and school media centers. Dr. Williams expressed his enjoyment of the visits and the demonstration of the importance of libraries in the state.

The BadgerLink Advisory Group met April 21 with the focus on outreach. Training webinars are scheduled this Spring and staff are working on plans for procurement contracts in 2023-2024 based on a consultant's report on access to electronic resources.

DPI received a grant for \$353,300 for ACP Outreach activities, with plans to establish enrollment centers in the regional library systems. A portion of the money is specifically targeted for tribal outreach.

Ben Miller reported that Wisconsin received their \$3,250,330 LSTA allocation, a slight increase over the previous year. Library Services Team staff are currently drafting a budget and guidelines.

The surveys for two LSTA Funded Studies, Public Library Staff Compensation & Public Library Facility Assessment and Library Workforce Connection (LWC), are now closed and consultants are analyzing the results. Final reports should be complete by June 30th. Miller reported on outreach activities for the first grant and the development of a toolkit for libraries. Discussion of ways to assist libraries with advocating for facility improvement followed. Elizabeth Tomev reported on a meeting focused on workforce development in libraries. At the workshop, she introduced the many tools developed to assist with these efforts, including webinars on navigating available resources and partnerships with outside organizations. Additional workshops are planned for sites throughout the state.

Appleton East High School Presentation (moved up on the agenda due to student availability)

A group of students shared their favorite things about the library. They praised it as a comfortable, versatile place where they could make connections with others. They shared their positive experiences with the Makerspace and Creator space for activities including woodworking, crafts, sewing, 3D printing, music, and photography. They also praised the variety of books available, as well as the video games, board games and puzzles. Dr. Williams thanked the students and remarked on the many ways that the students describe engagement beyond books and demonstrate putting theory to practice.

DPI Update Continued:

Arshad Iqbal is the new Federal Grants Coordinator. The recruitment for a WISCAT Technical Coordinator is being finalized and interviews for an ILL position are currently being scheduled. There is one more position that needs to be filled in the future.

Monica Treptow provided information on school library programs. The Future Ready Library planning program aired a podcast and webinar in collaboration with Shannon Miller. There are links to the programs in the DPI report. A licensure pathway for educators has been implemented and school library licensure is one of the most popular options. A summer workshop will be held in August in Marshfield to provide information and support for this pathway, with participation by both public and school librarians. Beanstack has been renewed for an additional two years, through 2025.

The increased Common School fund allocations, a total of \$52 million or \$45.38 per student, have been distributed. Treptow provided background on the public school funding which is earmarked for instructional materials and computing equipment for school libraries and teaching the history of Wisconsin. The program is unique to Wisconsin. Funding guidelines, within the statutory guidelines, are being developed in consultation with school librarians, other stakeholders, and DPI attorneys. Discussion of related issues including information on appropriate expenditures and current legislation related to challenging book purchases followed.

Legislative Update

Dr. Darrell Williams traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for school libraries. He reported that the hearings in Eau Claire went well. Funds in the state budget to help with the shortage of librarians has been pulled, but the DPI is still advocating for programs to support career development for librarians. Nick Dimassis was praised for his advocacy at the Joint Finance hearings. Dr Williams urged COLAND to help promote the great things going on in libraries. He stressed partnerships and spreading the message that libraries are the crux of the community.

Discussion of current legislation related to book challenges and resources for outreach, including the [ALA Unite Against Book Bans](#) followed. Staying positive and focusing on the processes used in collection development and challenges was stressed.

Appleton East High School Presentation

Janel Bedor Griffiths added to the earlier student presentation with additional information on services and programs at the media center. The group participated in a VR field trip to Egypt. The library offers programs for classroom teachers using the VR sets. Common school funds were used to purchase the equipment. VR sets are also being used in school districts for career exploration. Griffiths is also exploring microloans in conjunction with the district's entrepreneurial programs. She shared information on the Nearpod online digital citizenship program run in partnership with the school advisors and her work on diversifying school library collections. The CCBC resources related to diverse collections, the importance of multilingual materials, and the [Diverse BookFinder](#) were highlighted. She also shared photos of the library's therapy dog!

Break for Networking lunch (12:30-1:00)

Network Development Subcommittee Reports

Ellen Kupfer reported that the committee had presentations on broadband development and the grant funding process. They will meet again next week and have presentations on digital equity and inclusion. In June they will have the chair of the Governor's task force on broadband. They should have a report for the July meeting. She expressed concern that libraries are not being included at the county planning meetings. Miller said that he will check the role of libraries in planning beyond the PSC level.

Review of [2021-2023 COLAND Goals](#) and COLAND Biennial Report [COLAND goals \(2023-2025\) draft for brainstorming](#)

The subcommittee shared initial draft goals in March which have now been revised into a bulleted list and they reviewed progress on the 2021-23 goals for the Biennial Report. Chair Small shared the revised bulleted list of goals for 2023-25 and requested feedback. Subheadings for each bullet were suggested. Wording changes and order of subtopics were suggested.

Ben Miller stressed that the Library Services Team uses the goals to establish priorities and justify actions. For example, the Intellectual Freedom goal supports DPI work in this area. Josh Klingbeil shared the statute on COLAND and suggested that the goals should support this statute.

Review of COLAND member terms and forming Nomination committee for July election.

If current members are interested in another term, they should be sure to apply. Otherwise they may be replaced with a new applicant. Chair Small reviewed those whose terms are expiring. There are no term limits, but there are requirements for a certain number of professional and nonprofessional members.

Motion made by Kristi Williams, second by Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner to nominate Isa Small, Dennis Myers and Michael Otten as a nominating committee for the July officer elections. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of future meeting dates and tentative locations

- 2023 Meeting Dates:
 - Friday, July 14th, 2023 - Wisconsin Dells
 - Friday, September 8th, 2023 - Bayfield
 - Friday, November 10th, 2023 - Elkhorn
 - January meeting is virtual

Other possible locations for 2024 include Hayward, La Crosse, Mineral Point or Platteville. Ben Miller suggested the possibility of including libraries in the facilities analysis report

Announcements:

- Reminder to have travel reimbursements submitted by the Friday following the meeting
- There has been at least one attempt to smish committee members. DPI employees will not send unsolicited text messages to COLAND members.

Adjournment by Chair Small at 1:50 pm