



## Meeting Minutes

### Library Board

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Tuesday, November 1, 2022

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library  
Auditorium Lower Level

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#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#### Call to Order

*Present:* Kathy Ivey, Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel, Bryan Morris, Ross Seymour, Jess Thill

*Absent:* Mac Kiel, Araysa Simpson

*Staff:* Shanneon Grant, Dawn Wacek, Cynthia Arauz, Anita Doering, Sarah Ludington, Brooke Newberry, Elaine Petersen

**The Chair, Ms. Ivey, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

#### Agenda

#### 1. Presentation on Materials Challenges: Deputy Library Director Dawn Wacek

*Ms. Wacek gave an overview of what materials challenges in American libraries look like today and what the Board's role is when faced with these challenges at LPL.*

*Ms. Wacek noted:*

- *There has been an uptick in book challenges nationwide, particularly involving titles that feature people of color and LGBTQIA issues*
- *The current policy and process was outlined.*
- *The library should be proactive in creating awareness of the selection policy, so that the patrons have an understanding of how a book comes to be in our library.*
- *When it comes to publicity and the media, the library should be represented by one voice, the Director's. The Library Board should act as one body, responding to situations without reacting. Positive framing of a situation should be used, reiterating the ideas that the library upholds.*
- *Resources from the ALA and CCBC were provided.*

#### 2. Consideration of Recommended Updates to Materials Selection Policy

- *Discussion of Ross Seymour's Notes.*
- *Further discussion will be on Nov. 8 Board Meeting agenda.*
- *Ms. Grant, Ms. Wacek, and Ms. Arauz will discuss and define what the library's service area is.*

**Public Comment**

*None.*

**Adjournment**

**Ms. Ivey adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 6:15 p.m.**