



## Meeting Minutes

### Library Board

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library  
Auditorium (Lower Level)

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#### Agenda

##### 1. Call to Order

*PRESENT:*

*Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey (joined at 5:09 pm), Katie Bittner, Jodi Ehrenberger, Aaron Engel, Shelley Hay, Bryan Morris, Araysa Simpson*

*ABSENT:*

*Mac Kiel*

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

##### 2. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021.  
(Aaron Engel / Araysa Simpson) Carried

##### 3. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

*No meeting.*

##### 4. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports for December 2021.  
(Jodi Ehrenberger / Araysa Simpson) Carried

##### 5. Department Presentation

*None.*

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 Winding Rivers Library System (WRLS) Board Report

*Kathy Ivey reported that in 2021 WRLS updated firewalls; hired two new staff; and welcomed Independence and Whitehall libraries into the system bringing the total from 28 to 30 participating libraries. WRLS director, Kristen Anderson, filled three leadership roles statewide, WRLS continues to be an advocate for libraries to state officials.*

### 6.2 Director's Report

#### 6.21 Vacancy Report

*Several retirements were recently announced. Tim Hanson, Acquisitions Specialist in Collection Management, announced his retirement after 33 years of service on Dec. 28, 2021. In Adult Services, Reference Librarians Jeff Rand on Jan. 26, 2022, after 37 years of service and Noreen Fish on Feb. 18, 2022, after 33 years of service. The Library will be hiring these positions along with three full-time librarian positions, one of which will be paid for through ARPA funding.*

#### 6.22 Monthly Programming Highlights

*The Library will again be offering in-person programming to all ages, including youth, in January. Paper copies of the library newsletter highlighting programming were handed out.*

#### 6.23 Facility Updates

*The roofing project at South Community Library will be completed by the end of 2021. A timeline for the 1st floor flooring and shelving remodel continues to be developed and will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting in January.*

#### 6.24 Approval of the 2022 Operating Budget

*Highlights of the Operating Budget adopted by City Council for \$4,407,592 include three full-time librarian positions, one of which will be paid for through ARPA funding initially and then be sustained by the library's operating budget.*

*Motion to approve the 2022 Operating Budget  
(Aaron Engel / Kathy Ivey) Carried*

#### 6.25 Approval of 2022 Holiday Closed Dates

*Motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Closed Dates  
(Araysa Simpson / Jodi Ehrenberger) Carried*

#### 6.26 Election Day Suspension of Library Services at South for November 8, 2022

*Motion to approve the suspension of Library Services at South for Election Day on November 8, 2022  
(Aaron Engel / Kathy Ivey) Carried*

6.3 *Committee of the Whole Report*

*No meeting.*

**7. Old Business**

*None.*

**8. Public Comment / Other**

*None.*

**9. Topics for Future Meetings**

- *Solar panel education for public*
- *First floor remodel project update*
- *Selection policy review and introduction to Materials Reconsideration form and procedures*
- *Board Retreat on February 26, 2022 from 9-1 (in person) - will focus on strategic and long-range planning*

**10. Adjournment**

*Time: 5:41 pm*

**Motion to adjourn.**

**(Araysa Simpson / Aaron Engel) Carried**