



Communications Coordinator

Meeting Minutes 9/29/22

**Attendance:** J. Balk, L. Biniszkiewicz, J. Bork, R. Carrabba H. Damico, L. Dibello Wolski, A. DiSalvo, S. Grimm, L. Kostempski, A. Marciniak. A. Marshall, L. Martini, C. McMaster, M. Moelbert, H. Mussachio, B. Pasek, J. Patterson, L. Penn, MJ Sicurella, C. Stockslader, A. Young, H. Ziemer, K. Smith, A. Thompson

**Absent:** S. Obrochta, A. Cohen

**Unexcused:** J. Pontrello

**Guests:** T.Catalano, G. Ciszewski, P. Lebrez

**Meeting called to order:** 9:03AM by Alicia Thompson

Welcome to all. Noted welcome to the new Communications Coordinators B. Pasek and S. Grimm.

Motion to approve minutes as is R. Carrabba motioned to approve, seconded by J. Bork. None opposed, no abstention, motion carries.

### **Open Issues – Announcements**

Grand Island CSD – J. Balk working on Project Look Sharp. C. Sperry wants to do something in spring with the region.

Akron CSD – L. Penn mentions WNY Consider the Source with H. Ziemer of WNYLRC. Group working on lesson plans utilizing resources and repositories. Handouts were provided and the SLS office will send out info in a news & info.

WNYLRC – NYS Archives go to a grant to create Diversity Collaboration Knowledge Institute. Developing a fall workshop 10/19/22 at West Seneca CSD. 10/26/22 Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. CTLE credits avail. Free. Handout given out. Travel exhibits for anyone. Companion Online Exhibits NYHeritage.org. Exhibits can be requested for 1 month at a time. Digital Services on website WNYLRC.org. Another round of diverse collections grants will take place in the 2022-23 school year. Committee meeting 10/5/22 date of grants to follow.

Erie1 Boces – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership for WNYLRC. J. Spears is the new director of BECPL. Local politicians at meeting to speak of importance of libraries and how they can support them.

West Seneca CSD – Reading Rover is a success. Community members donate and appreciate having it at local night out events in the community.

Lackawanna City SD – S. Grimm shared there are several new library department staff members.

Tonawanda City CSD – New addition of A. Balk to the Elementary level. Two elementary libraries to close for capital project.

Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD – M. Oshei is the newest Librarian in the High Schools.

Clarence CSD – J. Bork met with superintendent and officials about Chromebooks and aide time. She asked a general question regarding chromebooks & IT.

Cleveland-Hill UFSD – LaMar Giles, author of Fake ID, Overturned Fresh Ink, etc coming to Cleve Hill Spring 2023.

Depew UFSD – L. Martini has a new aide and new superintendent.

Lancaster CSD – C. Stockslader has her library back!

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD – New assistant and principal in Middle School.

### **New Business** –

Renewed Union Catalog, Gale e-books, WNYLRC and Teachingbooks.net

**Union Catalog** – T. Catalano and G. Ciszewski, ILL; Loan, use, return. Go into Union Catalog and mark as received so it closes out. If not filing click reject. Closes out the ticket. Look inside your region first, if going outside your region please give it time.

On the bacon.wnysls.org page you can find information on courier schedules, Database status – RSS Feeds to know what up running and what is down or any other vendor issues. Handouts were provided.

iBoss using outside IP address to prevent cyber attacks with all front facing servers running through IP address in TX.

Links posted for trial data bases to check out some new things.

ILL contact changes please send info to K. Smith

Catalog is updated once a year and won't reflect until next year cleanup. Erie1 clean up done in December. Send a notepad of barcodes to Gary or Todd and they will pull them.

Email address for OPALS changed over summer Emails should come out 4AM & 12PM.

**Roles of Communication Coordinators;** A. Thompson discussed the role of the Communications coordinator, someone who represents their district, shares information, represents other librarians and shares concerns as a group. Sharing of information forward and backward. Participates in ILL, checks emails, and provides monthly Stats. Handouts were provided.

**5 YR plan;** Come together with your district Librarians, align with districts and goals. Think of it as a program not the person. A. Thompson will meet with your district/ independent schools departments and help you come up with ideas for plans. A handout was provided related to the topic.

**Professional Development;** dates

WNY Science in Reading Conference Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Diversity in your Library Collection Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022- Featuring Donalyn Miller.

Follet – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

OPALS – End of April 2023

Project LookSharp – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Rosen ebook Webinar – TBD

For the good of the order

Meeting adjourned 2:38pm