



Attended: L. Biniszkiwicz, H. Damico, L Wolski, A. DiSalvo, C. Goodwin, R. Grabek, L. Kostempski, A. Marciniak, A. Marshall, L. Martini, C. McMasters, M. Moelbert, S. Obrochta, S. Palumbo, J. Patterson, MJ. Sicurella. Stockslader, A. Young, H. Ziemer, R. Carraba, J. Worthington, R. Harris, L. West and A. Thompson

Excused: H. Mussachio, L. Penn, J. Pontrello, M. Krieb

Unexcused: S. Delahunt,

Guest: K. Dougherty, K. Donovan, L. Stengel and S.Purpora

Minutes taken by L. West

**A.** Roll Call and Introductions of attendees

**B.** Meeting Minutes- Approved C. Goodwin, Seconded A. Young

**C.** Announcements

**B&ECPL:** K. Dougherty B&ECPL shared book sales are back, media CDs DVD, and audio material. On Oct 22, 2021 big book sale!! \$.50 or deep discount \$.25. Sharing educator status and receive discount, links library locations and links for local book sales, last day of bag sale is fill the bag. At this time there are limited indoor activities which are slowly coming back, VOX books rechargeable hard cover touch books, ELL, Spanish to English books. There will be additional info shared after the meeting. The cost is about \$50.00 per book, can plug in headphones, will read aloud, library of things with a link. The library has also administered many student digital library cards. The public library is eager to assist school libraries to work towards having students have a public library card. The Central branch is starting to offer tours. The tours are limited in size but starting. Please contact the Children's room at the central branch for more information.

**Amherst CSD:** Smallwood ES position has been filled with a certified literacy specialist with previous experience in library experience with the Lewiston-Porter CSD; the MSHS are participating in Henry Ford Institute of Learning PD.

**UB:** MJ Sicurella shared enrollment counts never been higher but the caveat it is online, so students are all over the state. This semester at least 25 in student teaching practicum. There are only a few

local students in the program in the WNY area who are getting hired before they graduate. UB is starting to funnel undergrads through UB, approved program UB Teach graduate school of education. Students can get a bachelors in English and masters in librarianship in 5 years. Pathways to librarianship document will be shared after the meeting to help recruit other concentration areas. The GSE program has a successful English BA and masters in Librarianship program. A follow-up link will be shared after the meeting. Please share out this information it's necessary to encourage others to considering earning their Master's and join the profession.

**Lackawanna City SD:** There are two new librarians in the department, M. Unger and M. O'Shei. S. Palumbo will be retiring 9/30/21. The posting has closed and there is no additional info the current CC can offer. The membership acknowledged her dedication to the profession and as a Communication Coordinator. Congratulations and well wishes to S. Palumbo in retirement.

**WNYLRC:** H. Zeimer shared WNYLRC annual meeting is taking place this week. The speaker is Dr. Bright, and the topic is Diversity Audit can still sign up. Unconference Resilience, Renewal and Beyond will take place Oct 1. The HS2C committee will be offering next year 2022 diversity collections award to K-12 libraries. More information will be forthcoming pending board approval for this award in October. Watch Our story bridge oct 27<sup>th</sup> is oral history program in communities, 2022 open data boot camp census data, govt data, will offer stipend to attend run four sessions in conjunction with Buffalo State College. Promoting emergency broad band benefit (programs and services tab) to serve populations where English is not their first language. Library advocacy committee is now called Library Education Advancement and Partnership they are recruiting members [LEAP]. To educate people in our communities or supporters, educators about different types of educators. This committee is seeking members. If you or a colleague are interested, please reach out to H. Ziemer for more information. Health certificates for the CHIS module training paid through WNYLRC in conjunction with Telehealth program. More information to come later time by WNYLRC. WNYLRC is addressing the digital divide as broadband is not available to everyone. Additional information is also available on the WNYLRC website.

#### **D. New Business**

Tour of the telehealth pod was guided by the Leroy R. Coles Jr. Branch Library Manger L. Stengel. We were able to view the pod and ask questions. The visit added to the possibilities of other public branches and schools in the future adding this service for users. An article was shared on how librarians can move past the four walls using the AASL standards to work with those in our

community and classrooms to strengthen collaborations and collections. The pod will be open to the public for use in early October.

B&ECL Librarian K. Donovan shared information on OverDrive public library connect. B&ECPL was awarded a grant in 2020 and in 2021 the CARES grant which added over 1600 OverDrive titles to the collection. We discussed circulation policy differences between the schools and public libraries. Both school libraries and the Central branch discussed how we both work hard to curate collections that will be used by readers. There are three ways to connect through OverDrive; 1. B&ECPL library card, 2. a member of Public Library Connect and can sign on through school ID, or 3. If the school/district is not currently an OverDrive subscriber, users can gain access through a B&ECPL library card. Additional link will be shared after the meeting from K. Donovan.

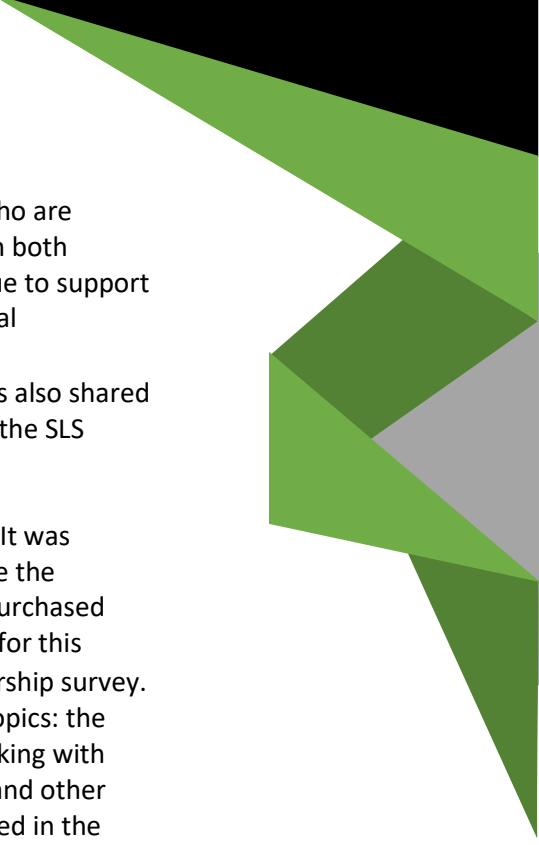
The approved SLS Office 5-year plan was provided in the folder. It was briefly reviewed by the CC's. The 5-year plan is also posted on the SLS website. CC's are asked to bring the document with them to each CC council meeting.

Diversity in the Collection: AT shared a PowerPoint on how to start a Diversity Audit in your school. The focus was to define and discuss what factors are important in this mindful and necessary practice. We discussed who should be a part of a committee and what data needs to be considered in looking at the collection curation process. The need for a diversity audit is imperative in reflecting a diversified collection. It is important to utilize library funding to align the print and digital collection to demographics of the student populace with local and global community. Examples of who should be a part of this process were provided. A handout was provided to give some guidance of the definition of diversity and equality. The SLS office will continue to support this initiative through the school year by providing additional professional development on the topic.

E. Lunch on your own

F. SLS Directors Update

A. Thompson asked the CC's how they were progressing with working with their district colleagues and administration. Several shared-out questions and some offered suggestions. A. Thompson offered suggestions and guidance to the questions and overall information that would assist in completing the SLPR 6-3-1. She shared that the process may look different due to



district size of the library department and administration who are assigned to supervise and support the library department in both independent and school districts. The SLS office will continue to support this initiative through the school year by providing additional professional development on the topic.

A. Thompson shared that NOVELny has a new look. This was also shared in a News & Info. The NOVELny website is also available on the SLS website.

Teaching Books.net is available for the current school year. It was encouraged at the meeting and a prior News & Info to share the resource with students and colleagues. The SLS office has purchased this for the current school year and will evaluate the usage for this resource next year based on the stats of usage and membership survey. Upcoming PD will include a focused look on the following topics: the need for diversity audit in the collection, Project Hope, working with MSMD Bookstore, Automation Annual session, SLPR 6-3-1 and other topics as the rest of the year continues based on needs raised in the prior Annual survey as well as initiatives specified by NYSED.

For the Good of the order  
Battle of the books is being planned for 2021-22. M. Moelbert will be sending out information

Adjourn meeting - 2:31 pm c. Goodwin motion to adjourn, S. Palumbo seconded

Next Meeting: December 1, 2021

