

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, April 22, 2026

Approved 6/24/2026

Welcome

The meeting was held at Bridgeport Public Library in Saginaw, MI. Kate Van Auken called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. There were 33 attendees at the meeting: 24 in person and 9 online via Zoom.

Introductions

Kate Van Auken welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library affiliation, and either A.) What brings you joy in your work or B.) What is the most interesting question that has been posed to you by a patron?

Approval of Agenda

Jeanette Morrish moved, and Erin Schmandt seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Nicole Markel moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the December 3, 2025, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included National Library Week; ADA web accessibility deadlines; RIDES issues; Molina Health Care Grants; Michigan Library Advocacy Day; MLA Intellectual Freedom Summit; LCM's District Library webinar; WPLC's MI Right to Read event in April; EveryLibrary Community Coalition Training; state aid; conversations with cooperative members; ALA reports; MI Library Finder; WPLC discounts and reimbursements. [See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation.](#)

Coordinator's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Topics included cataloging, interlibrary loan and Clio updates. [See the Coordinator's Report for more details and further explanation.](#)

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.



Public Comments/Membership News:

Surplus Funds Survey

Kate briefly discussed WPLC's existing fund balance and surplus funds that could be spent. She encouraged members to think of ways they'd like to see these funds used and to email her with suggestions.

One member shared that Better World Books is taking more used books than usual. If you have surplus books you're trying to weed out, now may be a good time to do so.

Nicole Markel, Sandusky District Library, asked whether any other members had signed up for ASLdeafined and whether they had any programming made around it.

Hannah Theodorovich, MPH, Community Engagement Coordinator

Hannah Theodorovich shared information from MDHHS about new programs and resources available through their department. MPH continues to build out its educational resources and is seeking to partner with local libraries around topics related to public health. Their Get Ahead of Lead, Eat Safe Fish, and well testing programs are great programming opportunities to educate community members about rising concerns in public health. Members are encouraged to get in touch with Hannah or MPH if they are interested in collaborating.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 24, 2026, location TBD.

