

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes, April 23, 2025

Approved June 25, 2025

Welcome

The meeting was held at Merrill District Library in Merrill, MI. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There were 28 attendees at the meeting, and 4 attended via Zoom.

Introductions

Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial District Library, welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library, and whether a medical emergency had ever happened at their library.

Approval of Agenda

Amber Hughey moved, and Michelle Duclos seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes

Michelle Duclos moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the December 4, 2024, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

Director's report

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included updates on IMLS funding and impact on Michigan libraries, Advocacy Day 2025, RIDES renewal, Book Repair Workshop, Reimbursable Services Support Program, library association reimbursement, Bridgeport notary class, marketing makeover, OverDrive updates; Biblioboard webinars, and member news. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director_reports/director-report-apr2025.pdf.

Office Manager's report

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included the Peabody update project, interlibrary loan, copy cataloging requests, original cataloging requests, website maintenance, and accessibility. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/office_report/office-report-apr2025.pdf

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.



Public Comments/Membership News:

Multiple members shared that they had begun the process of updating their websites through Streamline. They reported a vast improvement in accessibility and updates to appearance after moving from PLoad.

Christian Dunham, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, shared that they are in the process of installing a new electronic sign.

Melissa McCarthy, Thomas Township Library, announced that the library plans to join VLC and will be moving their catalog in August. They have been weeding in preparation and have already weeded 42,000 items. Their circulation is up, and a new teen area has been created.

Michelle Duclos, Frankenmuth Wickson District Library, discussed hosting a social for MLA's Spring Institute. It was a busy, yet fun affair, and having the fun of so many youth librarians around was truly infectious.

Kari Besancon, Iosco Arenac District Library, announced that the library has updated their logo. This new logo and their updated website will be launching in the coming months.

Stop the Bleed Training – Lt. Mark Przybylski, Saginaw County Emergency Manager, and Tiffany Fiting, Director, Merrill District Library

Lt. Przybylski presented a Stop the Bleed training for members. Attendees learned the proper steps to identify and address life-threatening bleeding. Attendees practiced these skills using training kits and were able to become certified upon completing the training.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 25, 2025, location TBD.

