

Advisory Council Meeting

Walton Erickson Public Library

March 6, 2018

Meeting Notes

Present: Cory Taylor, Walton Erickson; Miriam Andrus, Big Rapids; Jeanette Fleury, MMLL Board, group 9; Patti Skinner, Mason County District Library, Scottville Branch; Sheryl Mase, MMLL Director

Patti – talked about coordinating school library staff via the community college – trying to meet together and share information and resources. She mentioned the handbook of school public collaborations by ALA that Cathy Lancaster sent out from the Library of Michigan. The Advisory Council co-chairs (Patti and Miriam) and the Maker Team (Patti, Alycia from Seville Twp, and Tracy from Cadillac) want to make quick five-minute video tutorials we can post on our MMLL YouTube channel so staff can learn things in quick sessions. Stay tuned for these “bright ideas” videos.

Cory – said that teachers can send 3 kids to the library at any one time, since she serves the school, but also the public is welcome all open hours. She does storytime on the fly. Facebook page has photos of the little wood buildings made by local craftsman. Cory has a board of seven – submit to school board for approval. Budget is penal fines, state aid, and additional annual funds from the townships with which the library has agreements based on population (no contracts). She currently receives \$6,500 annually from townships. Colfax pays Morton. Walton Erickson will serve anyone (adult) or kid with parent permission. They run on a July-June fiscal year, so she knows support amounts by March. From the Morley Stanwood schools, she gets building plus utilities, and tech support. There is no longer a threat from the school of moving the library to a vacant elementary school. It would cost them too much for renovation to use it as a public space. The school had a lock-down situation and did not tell the library (!!!) Cory said she has reported this for resolution.

The group talked a lot about the automation process and MeLCat. Cory says people don't ask a lot about interlibrary loan, but if she gets a strong request, she will research and purchase the material for the collection. Megan at MCLS said she will train Cory on doing the one-by-one attaching of the collection once Cory is ready. Cory weeds the collection on a continual basis. Jeanette said she would volunteer to help Cory. Ferris honors program students are in need hours of service – maybe they could help with barcoding/linking. Cory requests that we work on human cloning, as she is overwhelmed by the thought of doing the automation alone. She does now have a barcode scanner and three new computers thanks to the MMLL mini-grant program.

Miriam – working with schools (charter academy shares the Apollo system). Everyone at the charter school has a BRCL card. Students can come checkout or get on catalog and put holds and they will pull, put in tote and take to school. Want public schools to get on Apollo, especially if they go district with the school district's boundaries. They would have gone in May but the school district is going for a big millage for capital improvements. Miriam wants to pitch service in which BRCL would buy collection and staff the libraries like the Tennessee model. The district has a “sinking fund” bond measure. Each year a different project is done. BRCL wants the school to sign on with district library agreement and then go for millage. They tried to pass a district library in 2009, but people spread lots of disinformation and it was voted down. Chris Cook was in the Pioneer paper talking about RBdigital.