

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Unofficial  
Thursday, date at 9:30 a.m.  
At the KDL Service Center**

Council Members Present:

Lakeland Staff Present:

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by **Elyshia Hoekstra**. We also went around and did full introductions of all members.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Jeffrey Babbit** moved, supported by **Virginia DeMumbrum** to approve the agenda - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - a) None
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Mary Cook** moved, supported by **Merri Jo Tuinstra**, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from **October 10, 2024 with changes to x** – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS:** Elyshia encouraged members to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **ILS MANAGER’S REPORT:** Ann mentioned that there is a current known issue where MeL holds may page items that are checked out – Ill is working on this and if you encounter it, it is fine to cancel the hold. Ann will be sending some reports out for cleanup projects as we look and migration planning for a possible new ILS. Ann also mentioned that she will be sending out a report about historical notes. Ann also mentioned the process of policy development that we at LLC are currently working on.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER’S REPORT:** See written report. The only thing Amber emphasized is a current issue with Patron Point where Juvenile info is not being fully mapped into Sierra, but she is actively working on this fix with a developer at PP and a fix should be put into place within the next few days. She also mentioned that she sent out a toolkit full of resources to help ease Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Carol re-emphasized that the Lakeland staff is here to help.
- 10) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) Included for information.
  - b) Carol discussed how the adult services meeting went, and how officers will be elected at the next meeting.
- 11) **OTHER REPORTS:**
  - a) **MLA:** Dale reported that the Michigan house is now 58 Republican – 52 Democrat, though MLA has been able to find supportive Republicans in the past. He expects measures to possible gridlock in the future. The Freedom to Read and Intellectual Freedom measures have been put into the hopper and now have bill numbers. (MLA Bill Tracker: <https://www.milibraries.org/bill-tracker>)
  - b) The Earned Sick Time Act and Minimum wage were discussed.
- 12) **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a) *Unique Management* – Ann shared that it is possible for individual libraries to opt-out of Unique’s material collection services. She pointed out that Sierra sends many notices to patrons (overdue and billing). This is an individual library choice. Ann pointed out that the if the patron does not return to the library and does not pay the collection fee, the library has to eat that fee. In a straw poll, a third to a half of attendees were considering dropping unique collections.
- 13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - a) Jessica Hunt shared that Grant had nonpartisan voter guides from the League of women voters and encouraged other libraries to get on their mailing list.

- b) Matt Lubbers-Moore shared that by the end of 2025, they will have plans for a new building by the end of 2025 and will break ground in 2026.
  - c) Dale Parus encouraged everyone to check out the Seasonal Depression Toolkit that Amber sent out.
- 14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday January 9, 2025, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 15) **ADJOURNMENT:** Abby Black moved, supported by Mary Cook, to adjourn at 11:03 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amber McLain