

Lakeland Library Cooperative
Youth Services Committee May 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm
KDL Meeting and Service Center

Chair: Ashley Johnson, Co-Vice Chair: Kate Kirk & Sanni Kerr, Secretary:
Justine Wieggers

1. Greetings and Introductions - Call to Order
2. Maranda Updates
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the Agenda (*m*)
5. Approval of the Minutes (*m*)
6. Reports
 - a. Officer Reports
 - b. Lakeland Reports
 - c. Continuing Education Reports
7. New and Unfinished Business
 - a. Summer Reading Roundtable Discussion
8. Next Meeting - October 6, 2025 at 1 PM @ ???
9. Motion to Adjourn (*m*)

Post-Meeting - Summer Reading Workshop Committee will meet after the May Meeting.

LLC Youth Services Committee

3/3/25 Meeting Minutes

Officers: Ashley Johnson (Co-Chair), Shanni Kerr (Co-Chair), Katie Kirk (Vice Chair), and Justine Wieggers (Secretary)

Attending: Allison Boyer (OS), Amber McLain (LLC), Ashley Johnson (OA), Barbara Root (IB), Diana Wenger (UM), Erin Hill-VanHorn (AS), Julianne Klumpp (IC), Justine Wieggers (AL), Katie Kirk (OH), Kylie Luciano (OJ), Lauren Hagerman TeKelly (KDL), Lydia Schmidt (SM), Melissa Osickey (OS), Melissa Thatcher (SM), Nicole Schafer (ES), Shanni Kerr (IC), Stephanie Inglehart (NG), Tiffany Ohman (MG), Tori Schreur (AW), Willow Calderwood (IS/IV), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings- Ashley started the meeting
2. Introductions of everyone in attendance
3. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Spring Institute added under “New and Unfinished Business”
4. Approval of agenda with the addition of Spring Institute:
 - a. Motion to approve: Shanni
 - b. Seconded: Katie
 - c. Motioned passed
5. Approval of October Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Tiffany
 - b. Seconded: Julianne
 - c. Motioned passed
6. Reports
 - a. Officer Report:
 - i. Ashley
 1. There is a youth services collaborative Google Drive with craft ideas, performer ideas, program ideas, and “Summer Reading Workshop” items.
 2. Feel free to add to this drive
 3. Amber will email the link to the google drive via youth services listserv
 - ii. Katie
 1. Summer Reading Workshop 2025- If you are interested helping plan the next workshop contact Katie. Most communication happens via email or zoom calls
 - b. Lakeland Report- Amber

i. There is a “Training Hub” tab on the Lakeland website under “resources” (<https://llcoop.org/training-hub/>). If there is a topic you want to see on the training hub, please let Amber know.

c. Continuing Education Report- Amber

i. “Listen N Learn”

1. “Lunch N Learn” has been renamed to “Listen N Learn” since the time has shifted to 10:30am.
2. March 13, 2025 is the next Listen N Learn. Titled “Challenging Safety, Security and Service Issues at the Library”. This is a panel style discussion about disruptive people. This will be a 90-minute discussion.

7. New and Unfinished Business

a. Maranda SRP Update

i. Shannon Wilson from Priority Health

1. Priority Health understands the importance of both physical health and developmental health, which heavily includes reading.
2. Priority Health is publishing their first picture book in May featuring Frieda and Scout, the Priority Pup.
3. They also have a few things in the works that they will update us on at the May meeting.

ii. Prizes- Maranda

1. Whitecaps are in again this year! They have completely updated their ballpark. They also purchased AJ’s Family Fun Center and rebranding it as Game Time Fun Park.
2. Meijer is giving all libraries gift cards again this year to use for Summer Reading
3. Celebration Cinema- In the works
 - a. There are stories both in books and on the screen. They are trying to find a way to partner with the libraries. Possible options and ideas:
 - i. Refillable popcorn buckets for both teen age group and children age group
 - ii. Bookmark with QR code that links the movies that are being shown to books
 1. Perfect for displays
 2. Ashley will connect with Maranda about the number of bookmarks per library based on Class size
 - iii. Shanni idea- Movie posters

1. Idea 1- actual movie posters to give as prizes
 2. Idea 2- create a poster specifically for the library highlighting the movies and the books. This will be a perfect display opportunity.
4. Great Lakes Crossing
 - a. We are working with them again. They have at least 5 new stores/activities this year
5. Other prize ideas for Maranda
 - a. Zach- It is easier for us to draw 1 name per library to send to Maranda for grand prize purposes. Maranda says that it is easier for them to do it that way as well.
 - b. Shanni- Maybe Broadway tickets?
 - i. Maranda mentioned that Lion King is coming in November, so she will see if she can work something out.
 - c. Barbara- Art Class or a painting experience (example- The Mud Room pottery painting). Also, maybe a potter wheel program.
 - d. Breaking Barriers (I think)- Maranda has a connection with owners. They create electronic art.
 - e. Zach- Maybe we can somehow connect with Kendall College? This could be a great opportunity for students.
 - f. ACT Art: Artists Creating Together (ACT)
 - i. They have an art cube
 - ii. Normally, \$1,500. Maybe we can create a deal for a library or 2.
 - g. Other places to note:
 - i. Care Ballet
 - ii. West Michigan Ballet
 - iii. Grand Rapids Symphony- They have school programs, maybe they can create something for libraries.
 - iv. Maranda also has connections with different dance groups too if you need recommendations (example- break dancing and Irish dancing)

1. Note from Lydia- make sure they have soft shoes, or have them bring a dance floor. The other shoes can ruin your floors
- b. Election Officers- Voting Shanni as co-chair
 - i. Motion to approve: Lydia
 - ii. Seconded: Melissa T
 - iii. Motioned passed
- c. Spring Institute- Lydia
 - i. April 10-11 (during most of our spring break) in Frankenmuth
 - ii. Great amount of responses for session proposals. There are 24 slots for breakout sessions and they had 51 proposals.
 - iii. Early bird pricing ending Friday, March 7
 - iv. Great keynotes- including Gary Schmidt
 - v. There will also be a few large-sized board games set up
 - vi. Next year (2026) will be in Grand Rapids
- d. Summer Reading Workshop 2024 follow up
 - i. If you would like Amber to speak at your library about de-escalation, she speaks for free to Lakeland libraries.
- e. Round Table
 - i. Reminder if you need any sort of support please email our youth services' email (youthservices@llcmail.org) and/or email Carol Dawe (carol@llcoop.org). We are here for each other.
 - ii. Zach had a book challenge, but was able to de-escalate via email with his director.
 - iii. Melissa O- Hiring a programming assistant. Looking for input on the best way to divide work loads
 1. Julieanne- They have 3 co-works in youth services that work together. Weekly meetings are very helpful for communication and dividing the workload. During those meets each staff member takes the jobs that play to their strengths
 - iv. Allison- Aaron Zenz is a local author. He has written Hiccupotamus, Hug a Bull, Chimpanseeze, and more. His prices listed on his website are for school visits, so contact him for a library program price.

v. Shanni- Next week there is a ½ day of school for their area, so she is hosting a ½ day hangout. She was going to have an Oreo program. She wanted some ideas of what to do (which follows)

1. Vote for their favorite
2. Blind taste test (can you name the flavor)
3. Oreo trivia
4. Ultimate Oreo Tournament

vi. Julieanne- uses Novel Effect app for added effects to her books.

vii. Tiffany- hosted a Boba and Beads program. She had Bubble tea and set out bracelet making materials and Perler beads.

Viii. Erin- Mid-winter BINGO with a Minecraft theme. They have a grand prize drawing of a set of 4 tickets to the new Minecraft movie. To enter the drawing, you must complete a bingo. Ingrid also created an electronic escape room for it.

ix. Stephanie- Trying to get more Teen ideas. If anyone has any craft ideas that are not just for girls, or any ideas for crafts that do not make a huge mess, let her know. Some ideas:

1. Shanni- shrinky dinks with a heat gun
2. Katie- generation genius: Fake worms
3. Kylie- dirt cup cupcakes, and leprechaun traps
4. Allison- origami, and LEGOs
5. Tiffany- clay dragon eye
6. Lauren- Unhinged dolls
7. Barbara- Bob Ross and candy (small 4"x4" canvases)
8. Tori- Chatter teeth creatures.

x. Lydia and Melissa-

1. Hackley is hiring an "Information Specialist". If you know of anyone who would be good, and would work well with Lydia and Melissa, send them their way.
2. They had a Baby and Toddler Sensory Session without registration and 82 people come! It was a great time.

xi. Justine

1. Asked if any libraries had a TikTok- not many had one, and those who did, do not see the benefit of it, and are probably not having it for much longer.
2. Melodice.org is a great site for background music for board games

xii. Ashley- hosting a "drive-in" movie. Kids will have time before the movie starts to decorate boxes as cars. They will get to sit in their "cars" to watch the movie. Movie license is through Swank through

Lakeland. If you have questions about getting Swank, contact Nicki from Lakeland at nicki@llcoop.org.

8. Next meeting- May 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the KDL Service Center (814 W River Center Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI)

9. Motion to Adjourn at 2:32pm

- a. Motion to approve: Allison
- b. Seconded: Shanni
- c. Motioned passed