

## LLC YS May 4, 2026 at 1:00pm

Notes taken by Justine Wieggers (AL)

Attending: Amber Elder (KDL), Amber McLain (LLC), Ashley Johnson (OA), Autumn Wood (MH), Barbara Root (IB), Beth Wise (SW), Chris Stegink (AL), Diana Wenger (UM), EK (GRPL), Erin Hill-VanHorn (AS), Erin Moull (NC), Erin Quada (BH), Jennifer Salgat (IL), Jenny Brown (AB), Jessica Volkers (OZ), Julie Russell (OZ), Justine Wieggers (AL), Katie Hoffman (UM), Katie Kirk (OH), Krysta McHaney (AF), Liz Emery (OG), Lydia Schmidt (SM), Lynette Heisler (NW), Melissa Dubridge (EC), Melissa Thatcher (SM), Nicole Schafer (ES), Paige Matlox (OJ), Roxanne Landin (NF), Sarah Kenny (OA), Shanni Kerr (IC), Stephanie Inglehart (NG), Tiffany Ohman (MG), Tori Schreur (AW), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings- Ashley
2. Update from Maranda
  - a. Our update started with Crash, a dinosaur, and an employee from the Whitecaps doing the Dinosaur Dance which is usually done at each home Whitecaps game.
  - b. "Logo Sheet" and "Prize Summary" will be sent via email on the youth services email list.
  - c. Prizes
    - i. Each library (handed out at this meeting)
      1. One \$25 Meijer gift card to use for either a prize or summer reading supplies.
      2. Tickets to Whitecaps
      3. Bookmarks from Priority Health and Wedgewood
        - a. Wedgewood bookmark is coming in delivery
        - b. A random acts of kindness bookmark was created for Orion, a young author, who is determined to get 1 million acts of kindness logged on his website: [racetokindness.com](http://racetokindness.com)
    - ii. Big Prizes
      1. Tier 3 (\*Changed after meeting to tier 2)
        - a. Priority Health gift bundles
        - b. Air Zoo Family 4 packs
      2. Tier 2 (\*Changed after meeting to tier 1)
        - a. VIP packages for 8 people to the following
          - i. West Michigan Whitecaps
          - ii. Craig's Cruisers
          - iii. Meijer Gardens
          - iv. Celebration Cinema
        - b. The library staff member from the winning library is encouraged to attend the event. There may be coverage for WOODTV8 at the event
      3. Tier 1
        - a. Maranda is going to verify information before announcing. Stay tuned for the email from Ashley with details. (\*per email this tier is no longer listed)
    - iii. Send **1 name** to be entered into the Maranda drawings **by** July 23. Submit entries via email: [summerreading@woodtv.com](mailto:summerreading@woodtv.com)
      1. Please include
        - a. Name
        - b. Age
        - c. Address
        - d. E-mail
        - e. Phone number
      2. Prizes will be picked up by the winning libraries at the KDL Service Center, and those library staff will be able to award their patrons their prizes.
    - d. A library event that Maranda noted- White Cloud is going to bury a large dinosaur for kids to excavate
    - e. Maranda is still in talks with the Grand Rapids Public Museum to see if we can partner in some way.
    - f. Feel free to send stories throughout the summer to Maranda to highlight.
  3. Additions to the Agenda
    - a. None

4. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve: Shanni
  - b. Seconded: Lydia
  - c. Motioned passed
5. Approval of March Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Jessica
  - b. Seconded: Katie K
  - c. Motioned passed
6. Reports
  - a. Officer Report:
    - i. Ashley
      1. There was a summer reading workshop meeting after this youth services meeting. If you are interested in helping with this workshop, contact Katie Kirk or Shanni Kerr.
      2. Election in October for new officers. Please consider putting your name into the running
  - b. Lakeland Report- Amber M
    - i. There was nothing Youth Services specific to report
    - ii. Any issues with the new delivery- talk to Carol directly via email or cell. There are trucks dedicated to LLC deliveries. There will growing pains, but overall this will be a good thing
    - iii. Website compliance deadline has been pushed to a later date. Amber will be doing trainings on this topic
  - c. Continuing Education Report- Amber M
    - i. There was nothing Youth Services specific to report
    - ii. Onboarding process workshop meeting via zoom is coming up on May 13
7. Conference
  - a. Zach- Libraria website is a great source for sorting materials. The rep at the conference basically told Zach that he can sign up for a free account and use the resources that he can.
8. Round Talk
  - a. EK (GRPL)- highlighted the Library Worker Support Network (LWSN)
  - b. Autumn- making skirts for sluicing for this summer
  - c. Erin M- Doing program with puppets
  - d. Lydia- Large LEGO T-Rex set for display, and the Artemis Space Launch set for a future display
  - e. Chris- Imagination playground- tabletop dinosaur bone set (\$70)
  - f. Jessica- Jerry Berg of The Swordsmanship Museum and Academy, did a great program for them
  - g. Erin Q- Jurassic Park in Concert in Hastings by the Grand Rapids Symphony on July 9. Tickets are available to purchase online.
  - h. Diana- Muskegon does "Movies on the Deck" throughout the summer
  - i. Katie H- Dinosaur dance party
  - j. Beth- local burger place approached their library to partner for summer reading!
  - k. Liz- Asked if anyone did a battle of the schools during the summer. If so, how does one track this?
    - i. Ideas:
      1. Beanstack
      2. Wall visual for tracking
  - l. Jenny- Dinosaur escape room. Dinosaur balloons for easy décor
  - m. Barbara- Doing a pin exchange where kids can trade pins with each other and different staff members throughout the summer. Kids will be given a lanyard for their pins.
  - n. Shanni- Kids will be starting with a lanyard and will be able to earn dinosaur trading cards. Her library is also doing a dinosaur beach dig
  - o. Lynette- burying the dinosaur. Received a grant to add a pavilion.
  - p. Jennifer- starts theme prior to spring break
  - q. Katie- storytime at the farmers market
  - r. Tiffany- Jurassic Park interactive movie showing
  - s. Paige- hosted a bad art night
  - t. Nicole- local schools are decorating for them
  - u. Krysta- Every week day they are having a program

- v. Melissa D- New to the "Gather to Grow" program. Hosting it along with a craft program. She is also having a dinosaur sleepover
- 9. Reminder that we have a google doc drive (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UdusDbD8XZgU-WgoBQ6FNlkWcbeld5Kg>) Feel free to add to it. We also have a youth services email group ([youservices@llcmail.org](mailto:youservices@llcmail.org)). If you need to be added, email [tech-help@llcoop.org](mailto:tech-help@llcoop.org)
- 10. Next meeting: October 5 at 1:00 pm at Hackley Public Library (316 W Webster Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440)
- 11. Motion to Adjourn
  - a. Motion to approve: Erin Q
  - b. Seconded: Amber E
  - c. Motioned passed