LLC YS October 5, 2026 at 1:00pm

Notes taken by Justine Wiegers (AL)

Attending: Allison Boyer (OL), Ashley Johnson (OA), Barbara Root (IB), Brenda Jones (OC), Chris Stegink (AL), Diana Wenger (UM), Erin Hill-VanHorn (AS), Jessica Volkers (OZ), Julianne Klumpp (OL), Justine Wiegers (AL), Katie Hoffman (UM), Katie Kirk (OH), Kim Umphrey (ES), Lydia Schmidt (SM), Lynette Heisler (NW), Melissa Osickey (OS), Nicole Schafer (ES), Stephanie Inglehart (NG), Tammy Clark (OL), Tori Schreur (AW), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings- Ashley
2. Additions to the Agenda
    a. None
3. Approval of the Agenda
    a. Motion to approve: Stephanie
    b. Seconded: Erin
    c. Motioned passed
4. Approval of March Minutes
    a. Motion to approve: Stephanie
    b. Seconded: Erin
    c. Motioned passed
5. Reports
    a. Officer Report:
        i. Nothing to report
    b. Lakeland Report
        i. None
    c. Continuing Education Report
        i. None
6. Officer Elections
    a. Chair- Katie Hoffman
        i. Motion: Jessica
        ii. 2nd: Barbara
        iii. Passed
    b. Vice Chair- Chris Stegink
        i. Motion: Lydia
        ii. 2nd: Kim
        iii. Passed
    c. Secretary- Amber Elder
        i. Motion: Allison
        ii. 2nd: Julianne
        iii. Passed
7. Round Talk
    a. Jessica- Howard Miller Library has a train show that they partner with the local modular railroad club. She was considering having the kids make trains out of LEGOs. Her question was if she should give out instructions. It was generally agreed that instructions for inspiration would be a good idea, and to include some for Duplo's as well for the younger kids.
    b. Diana- MADL is doing Big Reads. They are having Dave Eggers speak on November 17. They are having a writing contest and a park program with mini golf.
        i. Allison mentioned that Kanopy has a video about Dave Eggers banned book.
    c. Kim- MADL libraries will have citizen trees for the Little Reads. They will be able to write on leaves and put them on trees that were made by the Fab Lab.
    d. Tori- Henika has been having homeless individuals around their library. She was wondering if anyone had any ideas of how to help these individuals or resources for her to give them.
        i. Recommended to check with local homeless shelters (Allegan county doesn't have any)
        ii. 2-1-1 #
        iii. Lydia mentioned that they have a set time where a 2-1-1 staff member is in the library in person for people to talk to.
        iv. True North
        v. Ryan Dowd trainings

e. Chris-
    i. Wonders what other libraries do for winter reading
        1. Stephanie- Month of February- they do a bingo card.
        2. Julianna- Month of February- they do a bingo card.
        3. Barbara- Month of November- They read to earn to buy items from the "Elf Boutique" like small toys, left over summer reading prizes, even baked goods.
        4. Allison- Month of January- they do a bingo card where the kids can earn prizes like a hot cocoa bomb or free book from the book sale.
    ii. Chris is starting a homeschool geography program. The 1st 15 minutes will probably be research time for the kids to look up facts about the country in general or a specific topic about the country (like food, or music). The next time portion will be Chris sharing about the country with the kids jumping in sharing the facts that they found.
    iii. It was mentioned that Liz at Georgetown had a country subscription box. Worth contacting her to find out what she purchased.
    iv. Brenda encouraged incentivized trivia- correct answer toss candy at them. Or trivia questions before the program to see what they know already.
        1. Can use Kahoot for the trivia portion
    v. Lydia mentioned talking with local rotary program/exchange students. They could share about their country with the students.
f. Kim- Gather to Grow partnership was new for their library this year, but she highly encourages other libraries to partner. It was a very easy program to run.
g. Zach- Teen food pantry.
    i. He asked for people's option of cart vs cabinet. The overall consensus was the cart. This creates less of a "scene" when items are getting taken. Much easier to just walk passed and grab what they need.
    ii. Allison mention that Loutit has a plastic shoe storage like thing with bins for their pantry.
h. Brenda- Looking for some passive-ish programming ideas for the holidays
    i. Jessica- they have a coloring contest with winners in multiple age groups
    ii. Barbara- wreath decorating contest. They just hand out the metal frames from dollar tree, and the people take them home to decorate them however they want.
    iii. Hot cocoa bar and color
    iv. Allison and Tammy have scavenger hunts with riddles.
    v. Allison and Tammy also have origami program
    vi. Stephanie- hides an elf bookmark. They get to keep the book mark as a prize.
i. Lynette-
    i. Working on a haunted library
    ii. Glow night firefly scavenger hunt
        1. Family get food, and then find the fireflies
j. Barbara- Asked if anyone has done a production crew in their library. She is considering doing a Clue in real life for their summer reading finale.
    i. Lydia- they partnered with local museum
    ii. Erin- had SCA (Saugatuck Center of the Arts) run a workshop where kids were able to create a production themselves. Learn lines, create costumes, and assemble props. They then performed their production (it was only like 15 minutes).
    iii. Allison- has hosted a murder mystery for teens
    iv. Diana- MADL has done a murder mystery as well.
    v. It was mentioned that a lot of ideas will be shared at the Summer Reading Workshop on November 20.
k. Melissa- Considering shifting their YA NF into adult or keep as YA.
    i. Stephanie has shifted her collection
    ii. Allison's library has gone back and forth. Currently has "homework" style book in adult fiction, but more of the browsing titles in YA NF
l. Nicole- Before their storytime starts they have a scavenger hunt with things to get people talking and mingling.

m. Allison- costume swap: has anyone done well with getting a variety of costumes and/or sizes?
    i. Mentioned she should talk with Beth from White Lake
    ii. Liz from Georgetown was also mentioned as someone to talk to
n. Lydia- is running a new program where kids can sign up to be a librarian for an hour. They sign up and Lydia connects with them (or their parent) to organize a time to work a "shift" with her. They had a 3-year-old come dressed in a bow tie for his time.
o. Erin- brought freebies for people to take

8. Next meetings:
    a. Summer Reading workshop November 20, 2026 at Howard Miller Library (14 S Church St, Zeeland, MI 49464)
    b. March 1, 2027 at 1:00 pm at Norton Shores Branch of MADL (705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49441)
9. Motion to Adjourn
    a. Motion to approve: Allison
    b. Seconded: Erin
    c. Motioned passed