

**Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
Library Directors Advisory Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
OFFICIAL MINUTES
March 8, 2021– Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

LDAC Member Attendance:

- ✓ Jen Obermaier, Clearwater
- ✓ Phyllis Gorshe, Dunedin
- ✓ Lois Eannel, East Lake
- ✓ Vince Gadrix, Gulf Beaches (Chair)
- ✓ Dave Mather, Gulfport
- ✓ Casey McPhee, Largo
- Susan Hurley, Oldsmar
- Gene Coppola, Palm Harbor
- ✓ Angela Pietras, Pinellas Park
- ✓ Lisa Kothe, Safety Harbor
- Betcinda Kettells, St. Pete Beach
- Mika Nelson, St. Petersburg
- ✓ Lorie Tonti, Seminole
- ✓ Cari Rupkalvis, Tarpon Springs

PPLC Staff Attendance:

- ✓ Cheryl Morales, PPLC Executive Director
- ✓ David Stoner, PPLC Technology Coordinator
- ✓ Gary Earl, PPLC Countywide Services Coordinator

Other Guests:

- ✓ Elisabeth Roen, Assistant Director, Palm Harbor
- ✓ Tricia Smith, Community & Staff Engagement Librarian, St. Petersburg

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1. Vince called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
 2. **Roll Call** – Members present to create a quorum at the time of roll call included Jen Obermaier, Phyllis Gorshe, Lois Eannel, Vince Gadrix, (Chair), Dave Mather, Angela Pietras, Lisa Kothe, Lorie Tonti, and Cari Rupkalvis. Libraries not represented by voting members at the time of roll call were Largo, Oldsmar, Palm Harbor, St. Petersburg, and St. Pete Beach. Casey McPhee logged in shortly after roll call; Susan Hurley logged in at 1:57 pm. PPLC staff members in attendance were Cheryl Morales, Gary Earl, and David Stoner. Elisabeth Roen from Palm Harbor Library and Tricia Smith from St. Petersburg Libraries were also in attendance as guests.
 3. **Approval of February 2021 Minutes** – Motion made by Lisa to approve with correction; seconded by Lois. Minutes approved.
 4. **SIG Reports**
 - A. **E-Content** – Jen noted that the group would like to turn off the “recommend to library” feature since the budget did not support the purchase of most and the feature results in extra holds for patrons beyond established limits. Brief discussion if complaints might result, but consensus was to accept this change. Jen also noted the unknown status of ArtistWorks as RB Digital gets folded into Overdrive.
 - B. **Cataloging Sig** – David Stoner reported that the review of cataloging standards continues.
 5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Recap of Fine-Free Policy Status** – Moving forward but nothing new to discuss.
 - B. **EContent Spending Change** – Revisiting February topic that was further discussed by the E-Content Sig at its recent meeting, Angela made a motion to accept the Sig’s

recommendation to adjust the spending allocation, decreasing youth ebook spending from 15 to 10% of funds in order to increase eAudio spending from 30 to 35%; Jen seconded. Motion carried.

6. New Business - F.L.A. Library Advocacy Week – Reminder from Phyllis

7. PPLC Topics

- A. Countywide Staff Development Day –** Cheryl conducted an online poll to gauge interest in countywide staff development day. Of those responding, the majority were interested. Cheryl will budget for this event in FY 2022; in response to member libraries concern about their budgeting requirements for this event, Cheryl reminded libraries that their costs in 2020 had been \$20 per person to cover lunch and that FY 22 costs should be about the same. Possibly a hybrid event and other details TBD.
- B. Indian Rocks Beach Reciprocal Borrowing –**Cheryl reports that IRB has data that reports more PPLC cardholders use the IRB Library than had been known. Given this information, the PPLC Board has already voted to retain the reciprocal borrowing agreement with IRB.
- C. PPLC “Hours” Handout –** The narrow many-fold handout referred to as the “hours” handout by most libraries will not include hours in its next publication. Libraries can send Cheryl unique informational tidbits that they’d like included instead.
- D. Budget Forecasting –** Cheryl reviewed the CAFR process and timeline that determines county tax revenue distributions to member libraries and also reviewed how state funding is spent on behalf of member libraries.
- E. Data Integrity –** David Stoner working with “Patron Point”; years-long project to standardize patron data input for consistency and accuracy is ongoing. Cheryl mentioned possibility of eventually adding a part-time cataloger to PPLC staff to help oversee cataloging standards for bibliographic records. For future consideration.
- F. ILS Updates –** David Stoner gave highlights. Inquired if Hoopla 2.0 was something member libraries pursuing; only Pinellas Park reports engaging in demo to learn about it.

8. PPLC Board Meeting - LDAC Chair Report– nothing notable. IRB vote covered by Cheryl.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Announcements from PPLC Libraries – PPLC played the early literacy video produced by Gary to highlight member libraries’ efforts that support Rep. Sprowls’ “New World Initiative”.

11. Having reached the end of the agenda, Vince adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**Next LDAC meeting: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Pietras, LDAC Secretary