



COUNTY OF MARATHON  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

**OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**of a meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Task Force Library System Inquiry,  
Monday December 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Library Headquarters, Wausau Community Room.**

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Library Task Force members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Library Task Force members and the public may attend this meeting by **computer or telephone conference**. If Library Task Force members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by computer or phone may log or call into the **conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following website: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/226585205> or number: [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679). Access Code for dialing in: 226-585-205.**

When you enter the conference, **PLEASE PUT YOUR COMPUTER AND PHONE ON MUTE!**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Discussion of whether Marathon County Public Library should remain with Wisconsin Valley Library Service or should join South Central Library System**
5. **Decision on recommendation to the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees**
6. **Discussion of report to the Marathon County Public Library Board**
7. **Set date for GoToMeeting to approve report**
8. **Adjournment**

Signed: /s/ Mark Arend  
Committee Chair or Designee

**\*NOTICE - Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.84(2) and (3), notice is hereby given to the public that a quorum of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees may be in attendance. No action will be taken.**

**\*All items on the agenda are considered action items, regardless of action taken.**

**\*All times are approximate and subject to change**

**"Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the Library Administration Office at 715-261-7213."**

FAXED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and  
FAXED TO: Other Media Groups  
FAXED BY: H. Wilde  
FAXED DATE: December 15, 2020  
FAXED TIME: 2:55 p.m.

**NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Task Force Library System Inquiry, Monday, November 16, 2020. Library Headquarters, Wausau Community Room.

Present: Mark Arend, Gary Beastro (remote), Rebecca Frisch (remote), Sharon Hunter, Shannon Schultz (remote), Scott Winch (remote at 10:37 a.m.)

Excused:

Others: Ralph Illick, Matt Derpinghaus, Leah Giordano (remote), Thomas O'Neill, Heather Wilde, Ben Deitz, 18 remote visitors

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Mark Arend.  
Mark Arend welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Public Comments – None

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Sharon Hunter to approve the MCPL Task Force Library System Inquiry minutes from October 19, 2020. Seconded by Gary Beastro. Motion carried.**

#### Report and discussion of meeting with County Supervisor Michelle Van Krey

A phone conference was held with County Supervisor Van Krey. Library Board of Trustees President Hunter brought Van Krey up to speed on the Task Force since she is a newly appointed member of the Library Board.

#### Discussion of Shannon Shultz's report

There was a discussion between Task Force members regarding the report in which Shannon Schultz provided.

#### Discussion of letters received from Wisconsin Valley Library Service members (directors and board members) and others.

Task Force member Frisch asked to have this as an agenda item. After receiving a number of letters throughout the year, it reminded me to go back through the Task Force Charter. Because we received so many letters, I thought we should have a discussion about them at a meeting. There is no mention in the charter about us engaging in public comments, public hearings, public input, or surveys of other counties. I'm going to have the conclusion that although the letters provided us with some background information that we need not consider them because it is not included within our charter or our direction. These are now available in our records and available to the Library Board of Trustees and County Board.

#### Discussion of task force members' reasons for either remaining with Wisconsin Valley Library Service or moving to South Central Library Service

Mark Arend went through the advantages and disadvantages for MCPL either remaining with WVLS or moving to SCLS.

The Task Force will meet in person at the next scheduled date of December 21<sup>st</sup>, this meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

**A Motion was made by Gary Beastro to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Seconded by Sharon Hunter. Motion carried.**

**/s/ Mark Arend**

Committee Chair or Designee

Note: These minutes subject to approval at the next Marathon County Public Library Task Force Library System Inquiry meeting scheduled for December 21, 2020.

Meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Task Force Library System Inquiry, Monday, October 19, 2020. Library Headquarters, Wausau Community Room.

Present: Mark Arend, Gary Beastrom (remote), Rebecca Frisch (remote), Sharon Hunter, Shannon Schultz (remote at 11:02 a.m.)

Excused: Scott Winch

Others: Ralph Illick, Leah Giordano (remote), Thomas O'Neill, Heather Wilde, Ben Deitz, 13 remote visitors

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 by Mark Arend.  
Mark Arend welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Public Comments – Task Force Member Frisch wanted to mention that she and several members of the task force have received several letters over the summer and recently. Task Force Member Frisch is a little confused regarding the role of other members of WVLS and the work the Task Force is supposed to do according to the charter. I would like to have a specific agenda item in November as I have some specific questions I would like directed directly to the Library Board of Trustees. I would like to talk about the relevance about the letters and the work we are to be doing. Mark Arend would like the agenda item emailed to him.

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Sharon Hunter to approve the MCPL Task Force Library System Inquiry minutes from September 21, 2020. Seconded by Gary Beastrom. Motion carried.**

#### Review and Discussion of SWOT Analysis

Mark Arend went through the SWOT Analysis which was provided to the Task Force. This document lists the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for SCLS and WVLS.

#### Discussion of November topic: Advantages and Disadvantages

Mark will get on the November agenda Shannon's report and have her send it to the Task Force Members in plenty of time so you are able to digest all of the information. Members of the Task Force are to send Mark what they think are their top three (3) or four (4) most important points for MCPL moving or staying the advantages and disadvantages for each.

#### Adjournment

**A Motion was made by Rebecca Frisch to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Seconded by Gary Beastrom. Motion carried.**

**/s/ Mark Arend**  
Committee Chair or Designee