

Ionia County Library Association
December 11, 2025 – Saranac Clarksville District Library

Present: Cory Grimminck (Portland District Library), Eileen Pock (Portland District Library), Dale Parus (Ionia Community Library), Shanni Kerr (Ionia Community Library), Julianne Klumpp (Ionia Community Library), Jennifer Salgat (Lake Odessa Community Library), Deb Morrison (Lake Odessa Community Library), Britney Dillion (Alvah N. Belding Library), Barbara Root (Alvah N. Belding Library), Alex Larson (Saranac Clarksville District Library), Willow Calderwood (Saranac Clarksville District Library), Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt (Lyons Township District Library), and guest Greg Gieger (Ionia County Clerk)

- I.** Meeting was called to order at 10 am by Cory
- II.** Alex, seconded by Jennifer, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- III.** Britney, seconded by Alex, made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- IV.** No public comment
- V.** Youth Committee Updates
 - a.** Discussion of Battle of the Books budget
 - i.** Agreed on \$500 for BOTB 2026 after motion by Britney, seconded by Mattie
 - b.** Discussion of Spring Scavenger Hunt
 - i.** Great Start is working on a grant to fund the program
 - ii.** Dale proposed that ICLA consider funding
 - 1.** Motion by Britney, seconded by Dale, to discuss this at the next director's meeting
 - c.** Youth committee separates to continue their meeting
- VI.** Millage update
 - a.** Overview of millage process from Ionia County Clerk Greg Geiger
 - b.** 4-H will be on the August 4 ballot as well, sponsored by Ionia County Commissioners
 - c.** Voting starts July 25
 - d.** The directors should plan to present to the county commissioners in April of May
 - i.** Greg said he would send out their meeting schedule once it was set for the year
 - ii.** Bring ballot language and resolution
 - e.** Discussion of calling the millage the Countywide Library Millage
 - f.** Discussion of putting informational flyers in tax bills through the townships and attending township meetings
 - i.** Can include early voting information in information materials
 - g.** Discussion of millage amount
 - i.** Lake Odessa Community Library board suggested running for 1 mill and asked the other library boards to consider that idea
 - ii.** The directors and boards decided to continue with a straight renewal
 - h.** Yes Committee will meet at 6 pm Thursday, January 22 at Tower Hall in Ionia
 - i.** Goal is to have two representatives from each library to volunteer to serve on the committee
- VII.** On the Same Page in Ionia County
 - a.** Narrowed the selection list down to:
 - i.** The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
 - ii.** Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid

iii. The Listeners by Maggie Stiefvater

VIII. No new business

IX. Sharing:

- a. Britney said that their programs have been great, but that it has been a difficult and expensive year for building maintenance
- b. Jennifer reported that foot traffic is up and that their holiday events were planned for later that day
- c. Alex said that they have had some staffing changes – they have added an outreach coordinator and just posted for an adult services coordinator – and that the Clarksville library elevator project is planned for later this year
- d. Dale reported that Santa came to visit on Wednesday and had good attendance
- e. Cory talked about building and electrical issues they have experienced at Portland
- f. Mattie updated the group on the library's plans during her maternity leave, beginning in February.

X. Motion by Alex, seconded by Mattie, to adjourn at 11:52 am

Upcoming Meetings:

5 pm Thursday, January 22 at Tower Hall

10 am March 19 at Sozo Coffee in Ionia

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt, secretary