

# COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Friday, August 5, 2005

Rio Public Library, Rio, WI

**Present:** Ken Bates, J. Robert Curtis, Glenn Deedon, Beverly Hoffmann, Patricia Westby  
Librarians: Hans Jensen, Roslyn Thony  
SCLS Representative: Cheryl Becker

**Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a m by Vice Chair J. Robert Curtis. The agenda was approved as presented.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 3, 2005 meeting were not available for approval.

**2006 Columbia County Library Budget:** The proposed budget was discussed per line item with comparison to the two previous year's actual dollar expenditure. Delivery Service shows a modest increase reflecting increased gasoline and transportation costs. The Rotating Collection budget has been frozen for several years and the increase is due to the increased cost and demand for large print books. The Cross-Border Payments show the rural residents use of other SCLS libraries in other counties. This is a reciprocal payment system. If we do not honor it, we pay the cost ourselves which is \$8654. Automation Grants: at \$7000, this is the capital outlay for LINK, a shared computer system that combines 30 plus SCLS libraries and their resources for a shared loan system to its members. Rio Public Library is the only Columbia County Library to not be connected and this amount would be placed in capital reserve to help implement Rio's ability to participate.

The budget was approved as presented; Hans Jensen was instructed to file with county. The budget hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a m. Thursday, September 29, in the Accounting Office of the Columbia County Administration Building. J. Robert Curtis will present the budget to the Finance Committee assisted by Hans Jensen. If he is unable to attend, Ken Bates will present.

**Resource Library Report: Hans Jensen** The Long Range Planning Committee will meet at the Portage Public Library at 9:00 a m, Friday, September 2, 2005. H. Jensen has updated all statistics and is the process of getting it published.

**The Teen Read Program** is in its third year and is a cooperative Columbia Countywide program to encourage teenage reading. It has been highly successful.

## S C L S Report: Cheryl Becker

- Discussion of State of Wisconsin budget which showed modest increases for SCLS and Badger link
- State Bill AB483 which would repeal MOE (Maintenance of Effort). This states that municipalities and counties can not fund less than the average of the past 3 years average budget. This bill is not dead yet but is considered an unfunded mandate and is not popular.
- Cottage Grove is working towards a new library
- South West Library System now has an interim director. People there are using other systems which places a financial burden on adjacent counties
- The System's Celebration will be held at Morel's, Middleton on September 15. Invitations will be sent or you can register on line..

**Next Meeting:** will be Friday, October 7, 2005 at 9:00 a m at Wisconsin Dells

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hoffmann  
Secretary