



School Library System Council

February 27, 2025

9:00 – 10:00 am

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98528598876?pwd=bab6kLikiaUQHNI2znTdJ8Taq8Vp7k.1>

Attendance: Annie Gersztoff, Debbie Armbruster, Karin Lackmann, Kristy Eldeen, Adam Biggs, Kaela Wallman, Giovannine Matheron, Mary Fellows, Hilary LaFountain

Not in attendance: Lisa Marinucci-Berner, Cliff Bird, Kathy Gundrum

Agenda

What	Who	Time
Welcome Approval of Minutes Motion to approve: Debbie Second: Mary	Kristy Eldeen	5:00
Council Business ● Legislative/Budget Update ○ Advocacy day was February 5. I met with several of our local legislators. Someone always brings up the fact that Elementary librarians are not mandated. Cliff will bring students next year. ○ Advocacy Day 2026: February 3 ○ My focus: LMA ○ Also discussed: Media Literacy, ebooks, school library staffing ● Council Membership Review ○ One vacancy - secondary admin ● Vice-Chair for 25-26 ○ We'll vote in May! ○ Debbie Armbruster threw in her hat ● SSL Scholarships ○ Committee to review? ○ Review form	Annie	15:00

○ We have 5 applicants		
SLS Business ● General Updates ○ Staffing - Welcome Danica! ○ Automation Review - Overview of process, timeline, expectations - Alexandria. Follett issues with privacy. Working with Alexandria regarding a usable catalog, ill's. 2 Phase approach. 2 schools are willing to go right away. Very different levels of it support. 1 initial group ready to start in September and then a 2nd rollout group to migrate in December/January. Gives a bit of choice and agency to librarians. Gives a bit of time to work out the kinks. The 2 phase approach definitely. ○ Cliff Bird made a motion to back Annie on the selection of Alexandria migration. As a council we support the migration to a new system and the motion was seconded by Kristy Eldeen. Unanimous passing by all members. ○ Kathy suggested a breakfast etc to throw our support behind it and perhaps a greek theme for Alexandria! ○ Resource Review: Newsbank, PK Science ■ Sent survey soliciting feedback ■ Perhaps look at Sooth - lots of excitement over that one! ■ Kathy contributed: I just did a quick search and found this link for civil war era newspapers, fyi: https://library.uhv.edu/united-states-civil-war/newspapers ● Professional Development: ○ Upcoming: Regional PD - April 2 - Ken Shelton - AI	Annie	30:00

○ Book Studies ○ NYLA SSL Conference ■ Sold out!		
General Announcements and Updates ● Please bring up concerns to crowdsource, share any informational items or announcements, suggest topics for future meetings ● Meeting adjourned 10:03am	All	10:00

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 9:00 - 11:30 (virtual)