



March 23, 2020

Dear City Administrators,

The Sibley County Library Board met last week to discuss plans for the libraries as we all do our best to protect our staff and patrons during the Covid-19 outbreak.

As a public library system, we follow the leadership of the Minnesota Department of Education. As you know, Governor Walz closed all public schools beginning Wednesday, March 18th, and we followed suit closing all Sibley County Libraries to the public as well.

The board called an emergency meeting Thursday, March 19th and as a board, we agreed to keep the libraries closed to the public through Monday, April 6th. We have scheduled a meeting for Friday, April 3rd at 1 p.m. in Winthrop to assess the situation and make plans according to guidance we receive from the state and other health officials.

As of now, directors and staff may work at the libraries and will be paid for time worked as long as the budget allows. Each library is devising a plan for best serving their patrons - such as home delivery or limited pick-up times for library items. Furthermore, our directors are finding this a good time to clean, weed collections, train staff and work on other behind-the-scene projects. Staff who are unable to work due to the current situation, will be paid based on their regular hours worked as long as the budget allows.

Jodi Coleman, county Human Resources manager, has directed staff on how to code hours worked and supplies purchased related to Covid-19.

You are, of course, welcome to attend our April meeting either in person, or via Zoom. If you wish to attend via video, please contact me at ereishus@gmail.com I can email you the link.

Thank you for your patience as we make plans to move ahead and continue to serve our communities in a manner that is safe for our staff, our patrons, and the larger community.

Sincerely,
Liz Reishus
SCLB President

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 26, 2020
Board & Budget (annual report)
Gibbon

Wed., March 26, 2020
Board & PR
Winthrop

Wed., April 22, 2020
Board & By-Laws & Budget
Arlington

Wed., May 27, 2020
Board & Budget, PR
Henderson

Wed., June 24, 2020
Board & Budget
Gaylord

Wed., July 22, 2020
Board & PR
Gibbon

Wed., August 26, 2020
Public Relations
Arlington

Wed., September 23, 2020
Board & Performance Review Discussion
Henderson

Wed., October 28, 2020
Board & Performance Review
Winthrop

Wed., November 25, 2020
End of Year Considerations, fund balance
Courthouse

Wed., December 16, 2020
As Needed
Sibley County Courthouse

Wed., January 27, 2021
Planning & Board
Gaylord

BOARD MEMBERS

Arlington: Galen Wills, Jean Olson
Gaylord: Liz Reishus, Mary Reed
Gibbon: Bonnie Pettis, Jeff Gaton
Henderson: Robyn Geldner, Barb Corad
Winthrop: Julie Trebelhorn, Terri Schuette
At-Large: Jeana Wibstad, Lee Wendland
Commissioner: Joy Cohrs

COMMITTEES

TdS: Trebelhorn, Alt. Geldner, all directors
Personnel: Trebelhorn, Pettis, Holmquist, Niebuhr, Engel
Budget: Trebelhorn, Cohrs, Wibstad, Homme, Kranz, Holmquist
By-laws/policy: Geldner, Wills, Niebuhr, Engel
Public Relations: Reishus, Wills, Kranz, Holmquist, Homme
Annual Documentation: Homme
Annual Report 2020: Kranz
Annual Report 2021: Kranz, Engel