Pioneer Library System

29th Annual Meeting

October 10, 2018

Our Mission:

To improve and expand library service through leadership, education, advocacy, and enhanced resource sharing
AGENDA

9:00 am  Registration

9:30 am  Executive Director’s Welcome

9:35 am  Pioneer Library System Directors Advisory Council Remarks

9:40am   Annual Business Meeting and Election of Two Trustees

9:50am   Award Recognition and Presentations

  County Awards
  • Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award
  • Ontario County Library Advocate of the Year Award

  Pioneer Awards 2018
  • Youth Ambassador
  • Board of the Year
  • Outstanding Service Award
  • Outstanding Collaboration Award
  • Outstanding Partner Award
  • Outstanding Leadership Award

10:30am  Adjourn
Annual Business Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

9:40am

The Avon Inn

Avon, NY

1) Welcome and Call to Order, Christine Ryan, Board President

   Introductions of PLS Board members and special guests

2) Roll Call, Mary Ellen Darling, Secretary

3) Approve the Minutes of October 12, 2017 Annual Meeting

4) Old Business:

5) New Business:

   Election of Trustees

   1. Matthew Sickles has been nominated by the Ontario County Library Advisory Council for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

   2. Julie Gruendike has been nominated by the Wyoming County Library Advisory Council for a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

6) Other:

7) Adjourn Business Meeting
Julie Gruendike resides in Warsaw with her husband Wayne and two pets. While Julie’s two children are now grown and married, one of her fondest memories is taking them to the Warsaw Public Library for story hour and children’s events. She is looking forward to doing the same with her first grandchild expected in November. Julie has retired from full-time employment after 35+ years in the Accounting field. During those years she was fortunate enough to learn many aspects of the profession and gain supervisory experience in the manufacturing, banking, and private business arena. In her retirement, Julie is enjoying part-time employment preparing income tax returns.

Julie is currently the Secretary of the Friends of the Warsaw Public Library organization, volunteers at the WCCH Skilled Nursing Facility, participates in church activities and enjoys quilting, reading, home decorating and shopping! She believes that libraries are a real gem in each community and their educational aspect, openness to community gatherings, and the fact they are a fun place to be are vital for future generations.
Matt Sickles is the superintendent for the Phelps-Clifton Springs (Midlakes) Central School District. Matt grew up in Schaghticoke, New York, a small town in Rensselaer County, where he frequented the Diver Memorial Library. He, his wife (Laurie), and two daughters (Abby and Ella) lived in Ballston Spa (Saratoga County) for the thirteen years before moving to Phelps in September 2017. Before becoming superintendent for Midlakes, he spent the previous twelve years as principal of Schuylerville Junior-Senior High School.

Matt is excited to join the Pioneer Library Board and grateful to Leah Hamilton, Director of the Phelps Library, for encouraging him to consider the opportunity. Leah has been a close collaborator and supporter of the school district, and she has redefined his understanding of the role of public libraries. Matt has a keen interest in genealogy and has spent many hours at the library trying to track down the many branches of his family tree. He looks forward to serving on the Board and helping the Pioneer Library System meet the changing needs of our local communities.
Art & Laurel McManus are outstanding volunteers for the Avon Free Library and have been for many years. Art has served as a trustee on the library board and has been a library “handyman” for the five years that Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn has been the director. Laurel is a talented artist who, in the past, has provided the library with illustrations of the building and even a logo. For many years, they worked as a team to deliver and rotate the outreach collection to the assisted living facilities in town.

As dedicated library users and supports, Art & Laurel McManus are very deserving of this award.
Ontario County
Library Advocate of the Year Award

Laurie Newell began at the Bloomfield Public Library in March of 1980 and worked her way up to Library Manager in May 2000. What followed were many years of dedication, hard work, and advocacy that helped shape the library to what it is today.

Laurie retired in December 2014, but that did not stop her support of the library. When the Board of Trustees decided to launch a campaign to re-charter as a School District Public Library, they called upon Laurie for help. Her knowledge of the library, understanding of sustainable funding, and connections to the community were an incredible asset in leading an effort that changed the course of the Bloomfield Public Library and their community.
Katie Egan is a junior at Canandaigua Academy. At school, she participates in the chamber orchestra, mixed chorus, takes multiple advanced courses, and is in both the play & musical productions. During her off school hours, you can find her at Wood Library, where she has become a staple in their Teen Scene.

Katie is also an active member in Wood Library’s Teen Advisory Board (TAB), where she has traveled to Albany for Advocacy Day, spoken to NPR on the importance of equal access to the internet and other technologies for students, written blog posts for the TAB Blog, has spoken on a panel for the New York Library Association’s Rural Libraries Roundtable and has been interviewed for a documentary about net neutrality. Katie is an aspiring author, a historical fiction enthusiast, a current library page, and a future librarian.
The Palmyra Community Library Board of Trustees has been selected as the 2018 Board of the Year based on their dedication and hard work to benefit their library. Trustees from the Palmyra Library were a staple at almost every Trustee/Director Workshop held this past year and they also worked through a fantastic long-range planning project that included input from the community, staff, and community leaders. They recently approved a partnership with Family Promise of Wayne County, where the library will be providing overnight lodging and hospitality to families experiencing homelessness on a rotating basis throughout the year. This board continues to do fabulous work to benefit their community.

Congratulations to Carolyn Bradstreet, Deborah Nagle, Sandy Goehle, Mike Braell, Courtney Marr, Shawn Williams, and Kathy Wooden.
Paul Drozdziel has been on the Board of Trustees of the Avon Free Library for almost nine years, and his final term will end this December. Paul has been an incredible asset to the library's Facilities Committee, by sharing his expertise as the Director of Construction Services and Project Management for the Rochester Institute of Technology. He has taken on the implementing several of the library's construction grants and has effectively acted as Clerk of the Works for the library's current renovation project. Paul was recently appointed to the Avon Town Board and is the Chair of the Village Planning Board. Finally, Paul has been a mentor to the library's director, as she learns the ins and outs of library construction and renovation projects.
Debby Emerson, Director of the Wadsworth Library, has had a growing partnership with Michelle Costello, Education and Community Engagement Library at SUNY Geneseo’s Milne Library. The relationship began as a way to School of Education students and has blossomed into a vibrant partnership where college students have taught coding classes for community members and regularly lead one-on-one Overdrive assistance sessions, faculty members speak at the library and share their expertise with the community, and Milne Library has hosted a very successful Lego program at Wadsworth. The collaboration between Debby and Michelle and their two libraries is an example of how teamwork, professionalism, and collaboration can lead to great things.
2018 Pioneer Award: Outstanding Partner

Jay Roscup, Coordinator of Community Schools Services—Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, has been selected as the 2018 winner of the Outstanding Partner Award. Jay’s continuous efforts to partner with member libraries is a prime example of his passion and support of local institutions. As a result of his partnership, Pioneer Library System received funding to provide over 30 STEM programs at libraries this past summer. His ongoing community work is a true testament of his character and just one of the many illustrations of why he is an outstanding partner to libraries.
Diana Thorn, Director of the Bloomfield Public Library, has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Leadership Award. Her efforts throughout a multi-year vision to secure sustainable funding for the Bloomfield Public Library was not only a model of leadership but determination and dedication as well.

Through Diana's leadership, the Bloomfield Public Library vision became a reality by a successful vote to become a School District Public Library on June 12, 2018. She is now leading the library through the work to transition to their new model.
2018
Pioneer Library System
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