



**Pioneer
Library
System**

26th

Annual Dinner

October 14, 2015

Our Mission:

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

AGENDA

- 5:00 Registration
- 5:30 **Director's Remarks**
- 5:45 Annual Business Meeting and
Election of Two trustees
- 6:00 Dinner Buffet
- 7:00 Keynote Speaker Katelin Ryan Pellett –
*“Protecting Your Organization’s Most
Valuable Asset: Its Brand”*
- 7:45 Award Recognition and Presentations
- Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award
Presented by Anna Grace
- Pioneer Awards 2015
Presented by Pat Finnerty
- Outstanding Support of Libraries
 - Outstanding Achievement
 - Library Innovator of the Year
 - Library Champions of the Year

Pioneer Library System
Annual Business Meeting

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Wednesday, October 14, 2015

5:45 p.m.

Valley Oak Event Center
Geneseo, NY

Welcome and Call to order:

President Carolyn Meisel

Introductions of PLS Board members and special guests

Roll Call – summary of attendance

Minutes of the last annual meeting

Old Business:

New Business:

Election of Trustees

1. Merton Bartels has been nominated by the Wayne County Public Library Advisory Council to fill the unexpired term of David Jankowski, October 15, 2015 to December 31, 2019.
2. Kathleen Hartness has been nominated by the Livingston County Public Library Advisory Council for a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

Other:

Adjourn Business Meeting

**DRAFT - Minutes of the 25th Pioneer Library System Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Bristol Harbour, 5410 Seneca Point Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14454**

The business meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by PLS Board President Carolyn Meisel. Carolyn welcomed everyone and introduced special guests Williamson Town Supervisor James Hoffman, keynote speaker John Chrastka, and Kate Hammill, Director, of the School Library System, Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES.

Carolyn introduced the Pioneer Library System trustees and asked them each to stand: representing the Central Library, Joanna Whelan; representing Wayne County, Pic [Cornelia] Schade; for Ontario County, Mary Ellen Darling; for Wyoming County, Carolyn Lyons and Pat Edwards; and representing Livingston County, Chris Ryan and Carolyn Meisel; unable to attend tonight, John Lester (Wayne County).

The attendance report was given by Pioneer Library System trustee Chris Ryan: 166 people attended the meeting—70 library trustees were present, and 30 member libraries were represented.

Before any motions were made, the president reminded everyone that voting members are the trustees present and asked them to stand and say their name when making a motion.

Motion 1: President Carolyn Meisel asked for a motion to accept the minutes from last year's annual meeting of October 9, 2013.

Mary Ellen Darling, Phelps Community Memorial Library/Pioneer Library System trustee, moved to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2013 annual meeting. Joanna Whelan, Geneva Public Library/ Pioneer Library System trustee, seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Nominations were opened to fill the trustee positions of: Anne Mancilla (Ontario County representative), and Pic Schade (Wayne County representative) whose terms end December 31, 2014; and the unexpired term of Pat Lind, October 9, 2014-December 31, 2017.

Motion 2: Rebecca Bundinger-Mulhearn, Director of the Avon Free Library, on behalf of the Livingston County Public Library Advisory Council, nominated Chris Ryan to serve the unexpired term of Pat Lind, October 9, 2014 – December 31, 2017. With no other nominations from the floor, the president declared the nominations closed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion 3: Patricia Baynes, Director of the Palmyra Community Library, on behalf of the Wayne County Library Advisory Council, nominated David Jankowski to serve a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. With no other nominations from the floor, the president declared the nominations closed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion 4: Leah Hamilton, Director of the Phelps Community Memorial Library, on behalf of the Ontario County Public Library Advisory Council, nominated Ruby Morrison to serve a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. With no other nominations from the floor, the president declared the nominations closed. The motion carried unanimously.

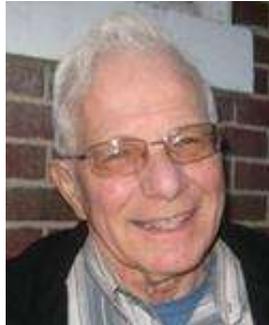
Motion 5: President Carolyn Meisel accepted a motion from Tom Whitmore, Wadsworth Library trustee, to adjourn the business meeting. Chris Ryan, Pioneer Library System trustee, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Hayes, Recorder
Drafted October 8, 2014

Nominees for the Board of Trustees

Merton Bartels



Merton E. Bartels is a trustee of PLS and a 23-year trustee of Macedon Public Library, where he served twice as board president.

Mr. Bartels, a graduate of RIT, was a technical writer, editor, and publication manager at a Rochester-based firm that provided railroad and transit systems.

He believes libraries are the gateway to and through the Information Age.

Kathleen Hartness



My name is Kathy Hartness and I was born and raised in Palmyra NY—**right next door to the ‘old’ library where I spent a great deal of time.** My husband and I lived in Caledonia for 45 years, where we raise our two children. I was a member of the Caledonia Library board for two years, and in 1980 I became the library manager, retiring in 2009.

I am delighted to be able to serve the PLS System in the capacity of trustee.

Keynote

Protecting your organization's most valuable asset



Katelin Ryan Pellett

Katelin Ryan Pellett joined the Ad Council in September 2008 as Community Outreach Manager, was promoted to Director of Communications & External Relations in the fall of 2010, and in the spring of 2014 assumed her current role as Vice President of Programs, a new position at the organization. Her primary responsibilities **includes leading the organization's** program team of five people on marketing & behavior change efforts for 200+ nonprofit partners each year. Katelin is also responsible for partnership development, and campaign and capacity building program development.

Katelin previously worked as an event coordinator for both the Partnership for Community Development in Hamilton, NY and Octagon Sports Marketing based in Norwalk, CT.

She is a 2007 graduate of Ithaca College, with a BS in Organizational Communication, Learning, and Design, and a minor in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Katelin is a board member of the Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley, the Women's Council (a Rochester Business Alliance affiliate) and the Rochester Advertising Federation, while also serving on numerous volunteer committees. Through her work in the community through the Ad Council and other volunteerism, Katelin is happy to call Rochester her home.

Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award



Patty Mothersell

Patty Mothersell has been a volunteer at Wadsworth Library for 45 years. She has been one of the most reliable, efficient, and personable volunteer the library staff have ever worked with. Patty's willingness to take on tasks and her positive attitude is why the Wadsworth Library considers her a most treasured volunteer. Patty's years as a volunteer and the quality of her service are the reasons she was nominated for the Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award for 2015.

The Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award is a Livingston County Award established in 1993 in honor of past trustees Patricia Ludlum and Archibald Holroyd to recognize conspicuous service to a Livingston County library or the Livingston County Public Library Advisory Council.

Pioneer Library System

Recognition of Ian Coyle County Administrator—Livingston County



for Outstanding Support of Libraries

Mr. Coyle received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from St. Bonaventure University and received a Master of Public Administration degree with a specialization in Local Government Management from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy of the University at Albany.

From 2002-2003, he worked for the State of New York in various capacities, including appointments at the New York State Assembly and the State of New York University System (SUNY). From 2004-2008, he worked as the Treasurer and Village Manager for the Village of Brockport. From 2008-2009, he served as the Deputy County Administrator for Livingston County, becoming County Administrator in June 2009.

Currently he is on the Executive Board of the National Association of County Administrators and President of the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. Mr. Coyle is a full member of the International City/County Management Association and serves on the ICMA Advisory Board on Graduate Education. Mr. Coyle has also taught **Master's level courses in public administration for Northeastern University** and Villanova University and has been a training instructor at Cornell University's Municipal Clerk's Institute and NYSAC's Elected Officials' Workshop.

2015
Pioneer Award
For
Outstanding Achievement
Wood Library



Jenny Goodemote,
Wood Library Director



Wood Library, 134 N Main St
Canandaigua

After many years of planning, fundraising, and effort by many dedicated people, Wood Library completed a major building project. The result is a beautiful building that is a source of pride for the community. This transformative and innovative project would not have been possible without the loyal support of The Friends of Wood Library, dedicated employees, hundreds of donors, and the hard-working Board of Trustees.

People are rediscovering Wood Library as a comfortable, welcoming place where people learn from one another, discuss ideas, and solve community problems. Wood Library can now truly fulfill its mission as an exceptional community-focused library.

21st century community libraries must meet a demanding public that places value on easy access, comfort, and high-tech amenities. Wood Library is no longer just a community resource—it is now an essential asset. It is a bustling active place where people go to learn, to get information, and to seek out the support of others. The dynamics of the place are driven by the design and layout of the building. Success breeds success. When people enter Wood Library, the world is open to them, challenges can be overcome, and they can escape the pressures and demands of everyday life. This is the promise of a thriving community library and Wood Library has achieved this promise by redesigning an old private home into a contemporary functional public space.

2015
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Library Innovator
of the Year



Stacey Wicksall
Macedon Public Library

Through the expansion of programs and services, Director Stacey Wicksall has helped Macedon Public Library become a more dynamic library. Patrons that had stopped using the library are returning and patron participation has increased.

A few recent initiatives include:

- * increase of teen programming
- * the creation of Memory Lane, an adult programs designed for those with dementia and their caregivers
- * instituted a fine-free program
- * circulation of iPod shuffles loaded with music
- * library mascot MacRibbit
- * and expansion of community presence

There is a lot going on at the library!

Stacey Wicksall currently directs Macedon Public Library. Previously, she directed Red Jacket Community Library. She received a Master of Science Degree in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University in 2007.

She is interested in libraries as a community space motivating socialization, idea connectivity and knowledge creation. Her ultimate goal is to create a practical means of cataloging humans as living books. In the meantime, she enjoys envisioning and implementing new services and program opportunities to offer community members at Macedon Public Library.

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Library Champion
of the Year



David Bojanowski
Perry Public Library

Dave Bojanowski has served on the Perry Public Library Board of Trustees for the past 3 years, 2 1/2 years as its president. Since his appointment to the Board, the library faced opposition to its parking lot project. Dave worked tirelessly holding village meetings, speaking to community members, and consistently being a positive voice for the library. Public opinion has turned around so much, that many library patrons are openly **thankful for the parking lot and the library's efforts.**

Dave Bojanowski has resided in the town of Perry for 25 years where he and his wife have raised their 3 children on six acres overlooking the Genesee Valley. As a Land Conservationist at the Genesee Valley Conservancy, his responsibilities include implementing the agricultural Purchase of Development Rights program and assisting local towns and counties with farmland protection planning efforts. Dave also focuses on public outreach and general education of the GVC farmland protection program and the importance and public benefit of a viable farm economy.

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Patrick Wright
Williamson Public Library

Patrick Wright has advocated for stable library funding. As President of the Williamson Public Library Board of Trustees, and through his encouragement and leadership, the Board opted to seek its first 259 ballot measure. Patrick shared his belief that this was the most democratic way to enable the community to decide the type of library and library services it needed. The ballot measure was a success. During public hearings and in providing information about the vote, the library staff and Board heard how much the library meant to the community.

Patrick is a champion for libraries, education, and community.

Patrick Wright has been a teacher as well as an elementary school, middle school, and high school administrator. He has also served as an **Adjunct Professor for SUNY Brockport in the college's Educational Administration program**. For the last nine years, Patrick was elected as a member of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education.

Mr. Wright has served as a member of the Williamson Public Library Board for the last sixteen years, fifteen of those years as president. Patrick has a lifelong interest in reading and literacy, and ensuring that the above are available to all in our community. He has been married for 34 years to his wonderful wife Carla. They are looking forward to sharing their love of reading and spending time with family with their first grandchildren, twin boys, due in December.

2015
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Board of Trustees

Carolyn Meisel, President

John Lester, Vice President

Joanna Whelan, Treasurer

Mary Ellen Darling, Secretary

Merton Bartels

Patricia Edwards

Carolyn Lyons

Ruby Morrison

Christine Ryan