



**PLS System Meeting – Summary**  
**September 21, 2012**  
**@ Pioneer Library System**

Jeanna Ruter, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Jenny Goodemote, Mary Ferris, Ron Kirsop, Kelley Blue, **CAN**; Melissa Correia, **CS**; Tanya Thompson, Debra Elliott, **GPL**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Darlene Virkler, **MAC**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Elly Dawson, Krystina Hardter, **NEW**; Anne Rehor, **ONT**; Patricia Baynes, **PAL**; Peggy Parker, Janet Rossmann, **PER**; Louise Furber, Deb Dennis, **PHE**; Stacey Wicksall, **RJ**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Pat Evans, Lynne Madden, **VIC**; Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Beth List, **WAL**; Lisa Gricius, Mary Conable, **WAR**; Cheryl Gravelle, **WIL**; Cassie Guthrie, Betsy Morris, Lindsay Stratton, Jim Frey, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Nancy Herzig, Heidi Jensen, Kathryn Riedener, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

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**Birds of a Feather: Win with WIN – Wendy Freier— 4 attendees**

**Twiki:** <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/viewauth/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20120921>

**Announcements**

Cassie (PLS):

- The Fall Trustee workshop with Robert Freeman was recorded to disc. Aaron will have ready next week for circulation. The workshop recorded earlier this year has been circulating and a few libraries have shown to their boards.
- Upcoming Early Literacy workshop is Friday, 9/28; please register via the calendar of events.
- Upcoming: Annual Dinner with Keynote speaker Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. Cassie saw her at PLA and she was very good. See system meeting link to her article published in Library Journal.
- Upcoming: Legislator Thank You Breakfast scheduled Oct 26 at the Henrietta Public Library – a collaborated event between PLS and MCLS, WFL BOCES, GV BOCES, RRLC. Cassie encourages member libraries to forward the flyer to their trustees and encourage them to attend.
- See NY for Better Libraries link – ranking of state legislators on issues important to libraries.
- The Staff Exchange library match forms have gone to libraries participating in the exchange by hosting or visiting. Directors are asked to contact each other to set up exchange times for Sept & Oct. The committee recommended a 3-4 hour exchange visit, but amount of time can be flexible and worked out between libraries.
- The November PLSDAC meeting will review how the exchange went. If successful, may consider another exchange in Spring 2013.
- Publications: Anne Panning (2011 Annual Dinner Speaker) has her book *Butter* available on Amazon.
- Author Harold Peters offered his book *Seven Months to Oregon: 1853* free to libraries. He had extra as publisher went out of business. His newly published companion book *Seven Months to Oregon Revisited* is available for purchase through Amazon.
- Cassie introduced Lisa Gricius, the new director at the Warsaw Public Library.

Betsy (PLS):

- Extra copies on the table:
  - flyers on placing Reviews in the Catalog using ChiliFresh
  - Brochures from SCORE (a resource partner of the Small Business Administration) are in individual bundles on the table. SCORE has scheduled multiple workshops for Fall 2012 throughout the area, including one at Wood Library.
- Betsy developed system meeting feedback cards, and asked each system meeting attendee to fill out one before leaving today. The feedback will be helpful in determining the value of system meeting programs.

Jim (PLS): Reminder: OWWLAC meeting, Tuesday Sept. 25th, Topic age protection. Contact your committee representative with comments/concerns. See Twiki chart listing representation.

Heidi (PLS): Upcoming Fall Support Staff workshop Nov 2. Having great workshop presenters and great door prizes (be in it to win it). One prize is an Ellison machine with a few dies. The workshop is developed for support staff and directors are welcome.

Kathryn (PLS): Group order: Read to Me calendars from Family Reading Partnership in Ithaca. Reminder: the calendars are not for resale.

Pat (VIC): received a free copy of *Final Rights Reclaiming the American Way of Death* by Slocum Carlson, ISBN 9780942679342. A local resident and member of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Rochester donated the book. See their website [www.fcagr.com](http://www.fcagr.com) for more info.

Carol (SOD): The library received a \$15,600 Main Street grant through the Chamber of Commerce. The library had 14 new windows installed and a new furnace.

Blanche (NAP): Naples' Grape Festival next week end.

## **Inclusive Libraries: Serving Patrons & Families on the Spectrum**

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Danker-Stiles, Ontario County ARC and Noreen Quinn, Special Projects Coordinator for Ontario ARC

Facilitator: Cassie Guthrie

See PLUM: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20120817>

Handouts: Inclusive Libraries and Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders PowerPoint slides; August 2012 newsletter of The Autism Center of Ontario ARC; Here are 10 things every child with autism wishes you knew; list of website resources from The Autism Center; Resource Library information handout, and list of Recent Books Added to the Resource Library.

### **Highlights**

- Each county has an ARC office and the only Autism Center is located in Ontario County; contact the Autism Center first to work towards collaboration with your county's ARC
- Most children diagnosed after the age of 3
- Autism Spectrum Disorders can include: speech delays, inflexible adherence to routines/rituals, lack of social and emotional reciprocity, hypo or hypersensitivity to overstimulation
- Libraries can make small adjustments to their environment and/or programming that will be more welcoming, may help alleviate anxieties of those with ASD, and help ensure a successful library visit for all—child, siblings and the whole family.
  - Provide information ahead of time that lets the child know what to expect , can be in the form of a social story board
  - Schedules and visuals are important; visual timers help illustrate how long story hour is
  - Provide materials such as games (Respond, Social Skills), books (see resource list), sensory basket (toy called Tangles is very popular with everyone at Caledonia)
  - Organized activities such as trading cards, Legos, computer game (i.e. Minecraft)
  - Provide a cool down room, so child can be in an area with minimal stimulation (bright lights, movement & noise of other people can be too much)
- Contact ARC to co-sponsor training held at the library and get help evaluating and setting up areas for a successful library visit
- April is Autism Awareness Month, set up displays with materials available at the library or special programming
- Theme kits, as suggested by Pioneer's COSAC committee, are being developed to address themes of: safety at home for seniors, early literacy, jobs, and one kit will be about Autism
- Pat (VIC) asked today's speakers to review materials in the OWWL catalog to see what is available and if there are areas that need improvement or have outdated information

**Display of materials at the system meeting included:**

DVD *Temple Grandin* ASIN: B0038M2AZA

Issue of *Autism Spectrum Quarterly* ([www.ASQuarterly.com](http://www.ASQuarterly.com))

*Books:*

*Autism & PDD Primary Social Skills Lessons: Behavior.* Publisher: Linguistics (January 1, 1999) ISBN 0760602999

*The Autistic Spectrum Parents' Daily Helper: A Workbook for You and Your Child* by Philip Abrams, Leslie Henriques  
ISBN 1569753865

*How Do I Feel? An Interactive Reading Book of Emotions* by Joan Green. ASIN: B000HHKLM8

*Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship* by Garry L. Landreth. ISBN 1583913270

*The Sibling Slam Book: What It's Really Like To Have A Brother Or Sister With Special Needs* by Don Meyer and David Gallagher. ISBN 9781890627522

*To Be Me: Understanding What It's Like to Have Asperger's Syndrome* by Rebecca Etlinger and Mark Tomassi  
ISBN 9780874244526

*Understanding Autism: From Basic Neuroscience to Treatment* by Steven O. Moldin and John L R Rubenstein  
ISBN 0849327326

*Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up With a Brother or Sister With Special Needs* by Donald J. Meyer and Cary Pillo  
ISBN 9780933149984