Belleville Area District Library Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM

The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2nd floor Conference Room.

Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Approve Resolutions Authorizing Millages to the December 2024 Tax Bill
7. Committee Reports
    A. Building-Cichewicz
    B. Bylaws-Juriga
    C. Finance-Stoudemire
    D. Marketing-Hughes-Grubbs
    E. Personnel-Priest
    F. Policy-Fleming
    G. Art
8. Approve Accounts Payable
9. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
10. Trustee Comments
11. Chair Comments
12. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Information found at www.belleville.lib.mi.us. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

Next Regular BADL Board Meeting: October 8, 2024, at 7:30 PM

Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Absent and excused: Alma Hughes-Grubbs. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.

3. **Approve Agenda:**
   Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approve June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**: Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the June 11, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comments:** None.

6. **Committee Reports**
   A. **Building:** The other flag pole light is broken. The sliding door to the wellness room is sticking. A request was made to get automatic door openers for the public restrooms.
   B. **Bylaws:** No report.
   C. **Finance:** No report.
   D. **Marketing:** No report.
   E. **Personnel:** The committee met to discuss the personnel policy revisions from the attorney. An updated draft has been sent back to the attorney for further review.
   F. **Policy:** No report.
   G. **Art:** No report.

7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Director's Report:** See attached. The library is reviving its adult literacy tutoring program and will hold an informational meeting on July 24 at 7 pm for volunteers who are interested in tutoring. Library meeting room use statistics will be added to future director's reports.

9. **Trustee Comments**:
   Priest – Went to the Van Buren Community Center grand opening. She is looking forward to volunteering for their theater productions.
   Cichewicz – Is running for re-election to the board and asked who else was running. Alma Hughes-Grubbs and Maria Jackson Smith are running. John Juriga has decided not to run.
   Stoudemire – Thanked Linda for getting her excited to see the new Community Center. Thanked Mary Jo for mentioning the handicapped accessible automated doors for the

bathrooms. Her husband has seen people struggling with the doors and hoped the library could explore this option.
Fleming – Uses the library's mobile website and finds the events section to be very easy to use.
Juriga – Announced that this is the 15th year for Music Lakeside. He received feedback from a visitor that our library was one of the most beautiful libraries he has seen. Announced that he has been experimenting with AI.

10. Chair Comments:
Peters – Thought that Lake Fest was great and was happy to see so much going on in our community.

11. Adjournment:
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY LEVY #1
RESOLUTION NO. 2024– 01

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT LIBRARY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, by agreement effective March 1, 2010, the Belleville Area District Library was established in accordance with the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, MCL 397.171 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District Library Establishment Act, a proposed millage in the amount of 6.864/10 per thousand of taxable value, was placed upon the Ballot for consideration by registered voters of the District on August 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the District approved a 6.864/10 operating millage for the District Library by a vote on August 2, 2022, certified by the Wayne County Clerk's Office on August 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, to provide for the financial operations of the Library, the District Library Board has determined that a levy of 6.864/10 of a mill shall be placed on the tax bills beginning December 1, 2022 and shall continue to appear on said tax bills thereafter until January 1, 2037.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Belleville Area District Library hereby resolves that there be levied on the taxable property within the Library District for the year 2024 included on the tax bill for December 1, 2024 for operational purposes a tax of 6.864/10 of a mill, on the 2024 taxable value as thereof (real and personal property) said value being $125,701,529.00 in taxable value for the City of Belleville, $448,601,508.00 in taxable value in the Township of Sumpter and $1,447,210,931.00 in taxable value in the Township of Van Buren, for a total taxable value on all properties of $2,021,513,968.00 and the total tax in the amount of $1,387,567.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Belleville Area District Library hereby directs that the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Belleville Area District Library Board execute all necessary documents and file copies with the County of Wayne and each municipality comprising the District.

MOTION: SECOND:

YEAS:

NAYES:
ABSENT:
VOTE:

Belleville Area District Library
Secretary

Belleville Area District Library
Chairperson

Agenda Date: September 10, 2024

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Belleville Area District Library, at its regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.

Belleville Area District Library
Secretary

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY WINTER TAX LEVY #2
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 02

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT LIBRARY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, by agreement effective March 1, 2010, the Belleville Area District Library was established in accordance with the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, MCL 397.171 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District Library Establishment Act, a proposed millage in the amount of 7.5/10 per thousand of taxable value, was placed upon the Ballot for consideration by registered voters of the District on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the District approved a 7.5/10 operating millage for the District Library by vote on November 8, 2016, certified by the Wayne County Clerk's Office on November 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, to provide for the financial operations of the Library, the District Library Board has determined that a levy of 7.5/10 of a mill shall be placed on the tax bills beginning December 1, 2017 and shall continue to appear on said tax bills thereafter until January 1, 2037.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Belleville Area District Library hereby resolves that there be levied on the taxable property within the Library District for the year 2024 included on the tax bill for December 1, 2024 for operational purposes a tax of 7.5/10 of a mill, reduced by MCL 211.34d (Headlee) to 7.318/10 of a mill, on the 2024 taxable value as thereof (real and personal property) said value being $125,701,529.00 in taxable

value for the City of Belleville, $448,601,508.00 in taxable value in the Township of Sumpter and $1,447,210,931.00 in taxable value in the Township of Van Buren, for a total taxable value on all properties of $2,021,513,968.00 and the total tax in the amount of $1,479,344.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Belleville Area District Library hereby directs that the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Belleville Area District Library Board execute all necessary documents and file copies with the County of Wayne and each municipality comprising the District.

MOTION: SECOND:

YEAS:

NAYES:
ABSENT:
VOTE:

Belleville Area District Library
Secretary

Belleville Area District Library
Chairperson

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Secretary

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY WINTER TAX LEVY #3
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 03

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT LIBRARY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, by agreement effective March 1, 2010, the Belleville Area District Library was established in accordance with the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, MCL 397.171 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District Library Financing Act, 1988 PA 265, MCL 397.281 et seq., a bonding proposition to borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Dollars ($14,000,000) for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring, developing and approving sites for library buildings, was placed upon the Ballot for consideration by registered voters of the District on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the District approved a millage to be levied for the payment of 20 year general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the District Library by vote on November 8, 2016, certified by the Wayne County Clerk's Office on November 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, to make its bond payments for 2024, the District Library Board has determined that a levy of 4.8/10 of a mill shall be placed on the December 1, 2024 tax bill.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Belleville Area District Library hereby resolves that there be levied on the taxable property within the Library District for the year 2024 included on the tax bill for December 1, 2024 for bond

repayment purposes a tax of 4.8/10 of a mill on the 2024 taxable value as thereof (real and personal property) said value being $125,701,529.00 taxable value for the City of Belleville, $448,601,508.00 in taxable value in the Township of Sumpter and $1,447,210,931.00 in taxable value in the Township of Van Buren, for a total taxable value on all properties of $2,021,513,968.00 and the total tax in the amount of $970,327.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Belleville Area District Library hereby directs that the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Belleville Area District Library Board execute all necessary documents and file copies with the County of Wayne and each municipality comprising the District.

MOTION: SECOND:

YEAS:

NAYES:
ABSENT:
VOTE:

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Belleville Area District Library
Secretary

Belleville Area District Library
Chairperson

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Belleville Area District Library
Secretary

Belleville Area District Library

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Operating:

Check Date	Vendor Namne	Check Description	Amount
07/09/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Supplies	944.57
07/09/2024	APPLIED INNOVATION	Copier/Printer Usage	733.33
07/09/2024	BELLEVILLE CENTRAL BUS. COMM	CBC Dues	35.00
07/09/2024	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Supplies, Books	609.33
07/09/2024	DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Library Program 7/10/24	275.00
07/09/2024	DTE ENERGY	Electric/4th Street	4,599.80
07/09/2024	HCMA	Library Program 7/30/24	175.00
07/09/2024	JENNIFER RICHARDSON	Program Supplies	95.82
07/09/2024	MAGDALENA NAWROCKA-WEEKES	Library Program 7/6/24	150.00
07/09/2024	MEC, INC	Annual maintanance HVAC control system	3,860.00
07/09/2024	MOTLEY MISFITS LLC	Library Program July 20	162.50
07/09/2024	ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC	Buiding & Office Supplies	690.89
07/09/2024	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	Otis Elevator Fuel Charge	95.00
07/09/2024	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	Computers, May Books, Acq, Shar. Sys, Tel	77,952.07
07/09/2024	TIPTOP ENTERTAINMENT LLC	Library Program July 23	325.00
07/09/2024	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	June Placements	85.05
07/09/2024	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	Dumpster Service June	444.14
07/09/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Supplies	159.30
07/23/2024	A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION	June & July Library Cleaning	10,880.00
07/23/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Supplies	704.41
07/23/2024	BELLEVILLE AREA INDEPENDENT	Advertising 7/4/24	105.00
07/23/2024	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	Dental	1,013.20
07/23/2024	CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	Fax services	297.94
07/23/2024	DC LAWN & SNOW	June Lawn Care	224.00
07/23/2024	DTE ENERGY	Sumpter Gas/Electric	198.45
07/23/2024	DTE ENERGY	Gas Fourth St	396.52
07/23/2024	FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA	June Payout	812.85
07/23/2024	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	Sumpter Alarm Service	11.54
07/23/2024	GARDEN FANTASY GREENHOUSES	Potted Plants	470.00
07/23/2024	KRUEGER INTERNATIONAL INC.	Furniture	3,498.24
07/23/2024	MCLS	Talk Subscription	300.00
07/23/2024	METCOM, INC	Library Cards	2,119.78
07/23/2024	ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC	Bldg/Office Supplies	519.91
07/23/2024	SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA	July Accounting Services	1,025.00
07/23/2024	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Long/Short Term Disability Plan	698.87
07/23/2024	SUMPTER TOWNSHIP	Water & Sewage	111.45
07/23/2024	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	June Bookbilling	15,946.79
07/23/2024	UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	0.00
07/23/2024	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage Account	2,000.00
07/23/2024	WYANDOTTE ALARM COMPANY	Commercial Radio Monitoring	462.00
07/23/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Supplies	406.23
08/06/2024	A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION	August Cleaning	3,565.00
08/06/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Building Supplies, Books, Lib. of Things	531.81
08/06/2024	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Program/Bldg Supplies	325.06
08/06/2024	DTE ENERGY	Electric Service 4th St.	4,363.00
08/06/2024	KAMRON REYNOLDS	Program Supplies	32.42
08/06/2024	NOELLE DOUGLAS	Library Program Aug 3	350.00
08/06/2024	ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC	Office Supplies	524.70
08/06/2024	UNIFIRST CORP	Maintenance /Mats	143.32
08/06/2024	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	Dumpster Service	444.14
08/06/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Supplies	193.76
08/06/2024	APPLIED INNOVATION	Copier/Printer Usage	552.46
08/20/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Computer Equip., Supplies, Books	1,186.65

08/20/2024	AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY	Renewal Sky & Telescope	101.23
08/20/2024	BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lost Book	16.99
08/20/2024	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	Dental	1,013.20
08/20/2024	CITY OF BELLEVILLE	Water & Sewage	87.08
08/20/2024	CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	Fax Service	297.94
08/20/2024	DC LAWN & SNOW	July Lawn Service	224.00
08/20/2024	DTE ENERGY	Sumpter Gas/Electric	253.92
08/20/2024	DTE ENERGY	Gas Fourth St.	391.17
08/20/2024	EMPATHY STUDIOS, LLC	2024 Annual Membership	550.00
08/20/2024	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH	Legal Services	539.00
08/20/2024	FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA	July Payout	751.50
08/20/2024	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	Alarm Service Sumpter 9/3-10/2	56.96
08/20/2024	MELVINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lost Book	5.00
08/20/2024	MICHELE MONTOUR	Fall Newsletter	475.00
08/20/2024	MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	Membership Hilary Savage	170.00
08/20/2024	MILK STREET MAGAZINE	Renewal 2 years	69.90
08/20/2024	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	Maintenance Contract	1,298.19
08/20/2024	OVERDRIVE, INC	Content Purchases	2,000.00
08/20/2024	PIONEER LANDSCAPING AND LAWN	4 Hours Weeding	140.00
08/20/2024	SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA	August Accounting Services	1,025.00
08/20/2024	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	July Books, Overdrive	33,399.22
08/20/2024	UNIFIRST CORP	Maintenance/Mats	157.57
08/20/2024	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	July Placements	170.10
08/20/2024	UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	33,160.70
08/20/2024	WOODENBOAT	Subscription	19.95
08/20/2024	WYANDOTTE ALARM COMPANY	Service Call	345.00
09/03/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies, Books	1,041.61
09/03/2024	APPLIED INNOVATION	Printer/Copier Usage	614.08
09/03/2024	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Postage, Supplies, Lib. of Things	656.32
09/03/2024	DEMCO	Office Supplies	215.11
09/03/2024	DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Early NFL Program	275.00
09/03/2024	DTE ENERGY	Electric/Fourth St.	4,186.63
09/03/2024	JENNIFER RICHARDSON	Program Supplies	48.97
09/03/2024	JOHNSTON ENTERPRISES, LLC	Fall Newsletter	3,722.00
09/03/2024	KAMRON REYNOLDS	Program Supplies	19.27
09/03/2024	LIBERTY MUTUAL	Workers Comp Insurance	1,193.00
09/03/2024	MI MUNICIPAL RISK MGT AUTH	Liability Insurance	5,708.25
09/03/2024	MPLC	MPLC Blanket License	284.07
09/03/2024	ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC	Bldg & office supplies	563.83
09/03/2024	RJ SPANGLER	Library Program 9/11/24	100.00
09/03/2024	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Long/Short Term Disability Plan	698.87
09/03/2024	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Permit # 103 Renewal	350.00
09/03/2024	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	Dumpster Service	441.53
09/03/2024	WINGED MOUSE, LLC	Guest Author	200.00
09/03/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Supplies	308.66

98	**Checks Total:**	**243,152.12**
98	**Bank Total:**	**243,152.12**
98	**Grand Total:**	**243,152.12**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2024

LIBRARY PROGRAMS **August: Adults: 15 Youth: 3**

LIBRARY VISITS	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	11,995	12,119	-1.02%
August	11,702	11,368	2.94%
Fiscal Year	23,697	23,487	0.89%

TOTAL CIRC	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	22,660	23,642	-4.15%
August	22,613	22,533	0.36%
Fiscal Year	45,273	46,175	-1.95%

ADULT PROGRAMMING	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	99	50	98.00%
August	183	51	258.82%
Fiscal Year	282	101	179.21%

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	776	663	17.04%
August	33	260	-87.31%
Fiscal Year	809	923	-12.35%

ALL AGES PROGRAMMING: August: 0 Fiscal Year: 0

REF. QUESTIONS	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	1,810	1,511	19.79%
August	1,750	1,795	-2.51%
Fiscal Year	3,560	3,306	7.68%

INTERNET USE	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
July	1,088	1,066	2.06%
August	1,112	1,273	-12.65%
Fiscal Year	2,200	2,339	-5.94%

YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET	**2024/25**	**2023/24**	**% change**
Fiscal Year	280	267	4.87%
August	299	346	-13.58%
Fiscal Year	579	613	-5.55%

PENAL FINES: Potential discrepancies have been discovered by some of our neighbor libraries in Wayne County regarding past distribution of penal fines. The Library of Michigan is working with the County to resolve the issue, but our library will most likely be required to pay back amounts from past years that were incorrectly distributed to us.

BUILDING: I have contacted O'Neal Construction to get options and estimates for automated restroom door openers. The building committee will meet soon to discuss. Dean met with the electrician onsite, and determined that the entire fixture will need to be replaced on the other flagpole light that broke (the first fixture only needed a lens and cover replacement). Dean has repaired the pocket door in the staff break room.

PROGRAMMING: School has begun, and the library will be offering "Game Day Game Day" programming on the Friday afternoons that there are home football games. We will open up our first-floor meeting room area for various games and gaming systems as well as the ability to just hang out. We will actively funnel students into this room who have an energy level that might not be entirely appropriate for some of our library's other spaces. We are also providing a library orientation for teens on September 11.

Jazz Night, featuring the RJ Spangler Quintet, will take place on Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm. Classic Movie Nights are back, and this fall's theme is "Detecting by the Decades". The first movie on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, will be *The Maltese Falcon.*

Before we totally say goodbye to summer, I want to give a huge shout-out to our children's librarians and to the Friends of the Library for providing a fantastic Summer Reading Program! This year over 40% more readers participated in the program than last year.

STAFF: We have posted for an additional library monitor in order to fill in gaps with our existing schedule. Library assistant Justin Villa was promoted to Librarian. Brendon Carr was promoted from shelving intern to shelving page. Circulation clerk Elizabeth Valicenti was rehired.

COLLECTION: New to the library is *Comics Plus*, which gives our patrons unlimited access to digital graphic novels, manga, and comics for all ages.

ADULT LITERACY: The library is restarting our adult literacy program, and our volunteer literacy tutors will be trained in November. Training will take place at the library by Washtenaw Literacy.

LIBRARY ROOM BOOKINGS: The library's meeting rooms were booked 38 times in July and 39 times in August. The library's group study rooms were booked 424 times in July and 412 times in August.

Groundbreaking Agreement Provides Libraries with Permanent Ownership Rights Over Tens of Thousands of Digital Titles

By DPLA, August 13, 2024.

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DPLA DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA

iPg REIMAGINING BOOK DISTRIBUTION

Digital Public Library of America and Independent Publishers Group have partnered to rewrite the future of providing ebooks to benefit libraries, authors and readers alike

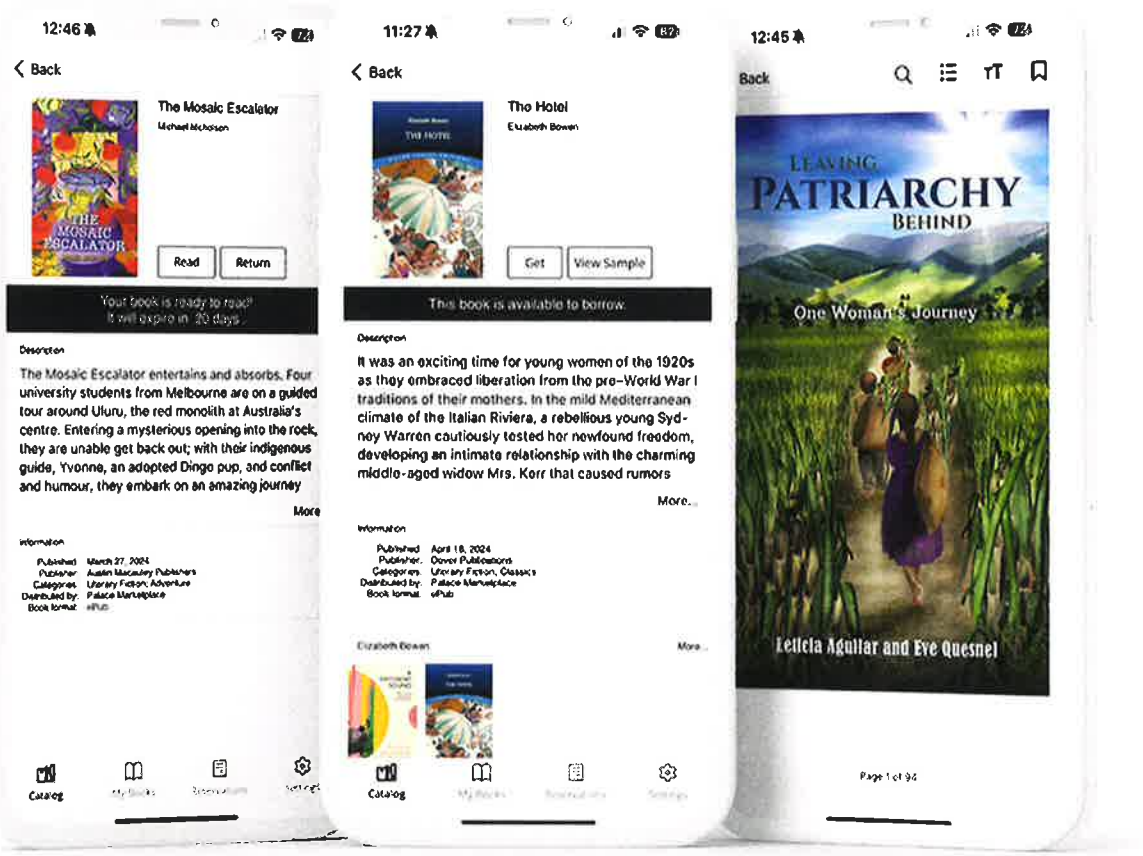
Chicago, August 13, 2024 – The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Independent Publishers Group (IPG) have announced a groundbreaking agreement that will transform how American libraries provide access to books for millions of readers.

Through this landmark collaboration between IPG and DPLA, libraries around the country will now have the power to purchase and own in perpetuity, rather than merely license, tens of thousands of ebook and audiobook titles from dozens of independent publishers. The agreement will empower libraries to fulfill their mission to provide access to books for readers nationwide. Publishers such as Austin Macauley, Arcadia Publishing, Dynamite Entertainment, Dover Publications and JMS Books, alongside dozens of other renowned indie publishers, are participating in the deal.

Since the advent and spread of digital content, libraries have only been able to license ebooks and audiobooks from publishers and aggregators with no option to buy, trapping libraries in licensing agreements where they must spend more money for fewer books that they do not own. Instead of being spaces where readers can explore emerging authors or more uncommon works, libraries have been under pressure to focus on bestsellers and titles by big name authors that are in high demand. A growing number of library leaders recognized that having to rent ebooks and audiobooks prevented them from fulfilling their mission of collecting, preserving, and ensuring long-term access to books for all readers.

"Most readers don't know that the thousands of libraries offering access to ebooks don't actually own that digital content themselves, the way they do the physical books on their shelves. That can limit libraries' ability to preserve content, update the formats when needed, share the content with other libraries and transfer the content when they change systems. Libraries, which are already tragically underfunded and under-resourced, often have to license the books from publishers, too often at a high price," said **DPLA Executive Director John S. Bracken**. "This groundbreaking agreement with IPG begins to change these practices. We're hopeful that more publishers will join us to make their books more accessible to readers everywhere."

Now, libraries will be able to purchase books through the Palace Marketplace, a non-profit ebook and audiobook platform developed by The Palace Project in consultation with libraries, for libraries. The Palace Project provides libraries with tools and resources that allows patrons to access the broadest possible range of ebooks and audiobooks sourced from the widest variety of sources. Among the tens of thousands of books that are now available for libraries to own and lend out digitally are contemporary award-winning titles, like Leticia Aguilar's spellbinding memoir *Leaving Patriarchy Behind*, Michael Nicholson's *The Mosaic Escalator*, a mind-bending adventure story nominated for the Best Fiction Book Award by the Golden Book Awards 2024, as well as classics like Elizabeth Bowen's debut novel *The Hotel*.



"At IPG, we have always supported libraries and the crucial role they play in providing access, facilitating discovery, and preserving books for the long term," said **Joe Matthews, CEO of Independent Publishers Group**. "We are proud to help our publishers offer libraries terms that promote these important roles by including the option for libraries to own digital copies of the books they purchase."

"After more than 12 years explaining to policy makers and publishers why existing license models for ebooks prevent libraries from fulfilling their mandates, this agreement is a win that libraries, publishers and authors should celebrate together," said **Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian & CEO of the Vancouver Public Library**. "Now, libraries will be able to take steps to share and preserve authors' ebooks as we have always shared and preserved their print books. I hope this agreement is a model that leads other publishers towards more flexible licensing terms, so libraries can continue to be the home for our collective knowledge in our increasingly digital world."

"Copyright's 'first sale doctrine' is important to readers and libraries for a number of reasons, not least of which is the way that it facilitates long-term preservation and access," noted **Lyrasis CEO John Wilkin**. "Licensing models have threatened this critical underpinning, which is needed for

preservation of the cultural record. Lyrasis is excited to collaborate with DPLA and IPG in the creation of a model that will make preservation and access of digital content possible."

To learn more, visit https://ebooks.dp.la .

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About Independent Publishers Group (IPG):

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Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) amplifies the value of libraries and cultural organizations as trusted sources of shared knowledge. Founded in 2010 and launched as an independent organization in 2013, DPLA continues to fulfill its mission by collaborating with partners to accelerate the adoption of innovative tools and ideas to empower and equip libraries to make public information more accessible. DPLA's ebook work is supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. To learn more, visit dp.la .

About The Palace Project:

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Academic rigor, journalistic flair

The internet is awash in fake news articles and misinformation. franz12/iStock via Getty Images Plus

Verifying facts in the age of AI – librarians offer 5 strategies

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The phenomenal growth in artificial intelligence tools has made it easy to create a story quickly, complicating a reader's ability to determine if a news source or article is truthful or reliable. For instance, earlier this year, people were sharing an article about the supposed suicide of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's psychiatrist as if it were real. It ended up being an AI-generated rewrite of a satirical piece from 2010.

The problem is widespread. According to a 2021 Pearson Institute/AP-NORC poll, "Ninety-five percent of Americans believe the spread of misinformation is a problem." The Pearson Institute researches methods to reduce global conflicts.

As library scientists, we combat the increase in misinformation by teaching a number of ways to validate the accuracy of an article. These methods include the SIFT Method (Stop, Investigate, Find, Trace), the P.R.O.V.E.N. Source Evaluation method (Purpose, Relevance, Objectivity, Verifiability, Expertise and Newness), and lateral reading.

Lateral reading is a strategy for investigating a source by opening a new browser tab to conduct a search and consult other sources. Lateral reading involves cross-checking the information by researching the source rather than scrolling down the page.

Here are five techniques based on these methods to help readers determine news facts from fiction:

1. Research the author or organization

Search for information beyond the entity's own website. What are others saying about it? Are there any red flags that lead you to question its credibility? Search the entity's name in quotation marks in your browser and look for sources that critically review the organization or group. An organization's "About" page might tell you who is on their board, their mission and their nonprofit status, but this information is typically written to present the organization in a positive light.

The P.R.O.V.E.N. Source Evaluation method includes a section called "Expertise," which recommends that readers check the author's credentials and affiliations. Do the authors have advanced degrees or expertise related to the topic? What else have they written? Who funds the organization and what are their affiliations? Do any of these affiliations reveal a potential conflict of interest? Might their writings be biased in favor of one particular viewpoint?

If any of this information is missing or questionable, you may want to stay away from this author or organization.

2. Use good search techniques

Become familiar with search techniques available in your favorite web browser, such as searching keywords rather than full sentences and limiting searches by domain names, such as .org, .gov, or .edu.

Another good technique is putting two or more words in quotation marks so the search engine finds the words next to each other in that order, such as "Pizzagate conspiracy." This leads to more relevant results.

In an article published in Nature, a team of researchers wrote that "77% of search queries that used the headline or URL of a false/misleading article as a search query return at least one unreliable news link among the top ten results."

A more effective search would be to identify the key concepts in the headline in question and search those individual words as keywords. For example, if the headline is "Video Showing Alien at Miami Mall Sparks Claims of Invasion," readers could search: "Alien invasion" Miami mall.

Knowing good search techniques can help internet users sift through a more reliable set of results.
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3. Verify the source

Verify the original sources of the information. Was the information cited, paraphrased or quoted accurately? Can you find the same facts or statements in the original source? Purdue Global, Purdue University's online university for working adults, recommends verifying citations and references that can also apply to news stories by checking that the sources are "easy to find, easy to access, and not outdated." It also recommends checking the original studies or data cited for accuracy.

The SIFT Method echoes this in its recommendation to "trace claims, quotes, and media to the original context." You cannot assume that re-reporting is always accurate.

4. Use fact-checking websites

Search fact-checking websites such as InfluenceWatch.org, Poynter.org, Politifact.com or Snopes.com to verify claims. What conclusions did the fact-checkers reach about the accuracy of the claims?

A Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review article found that the "high level of agreement" between fact-checking sites "enhances the credibility of fact checkers in the eyes of the public."

5. Pause and reflect

Pause and reflect to see if what you have read has triggered a strong emotional response. An article in the journal Cognitive Research indicates that news items that cause strong emotions increase our tendency "to believe fake news stories."

One online study found that the simple act of "pausing to think" and reflect on whether a headline is true or false may prevent a person from sharing false information. While the study indicated that pausing only decreases intentions to share by a small amount – 0.32 points on a 6-point scale – the authors argue that this could nonetheless cut down on the spread of fake news on social media.

Knowing how to identify and check for misinformation is an important part of being a responsible digital citizen. This skill is all the more important as AI becomes more prevalent.

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GAME DAY

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September 12

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Starring Humphrey Bogart, and Mary Astor

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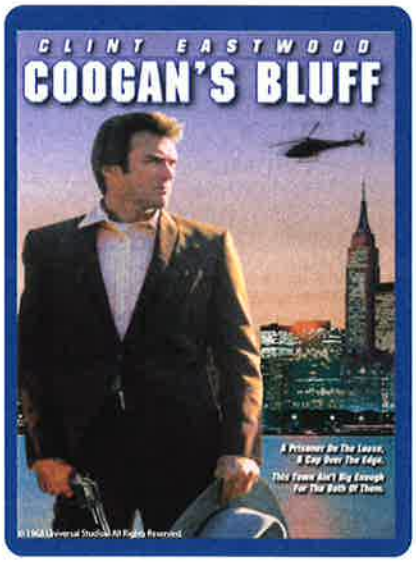

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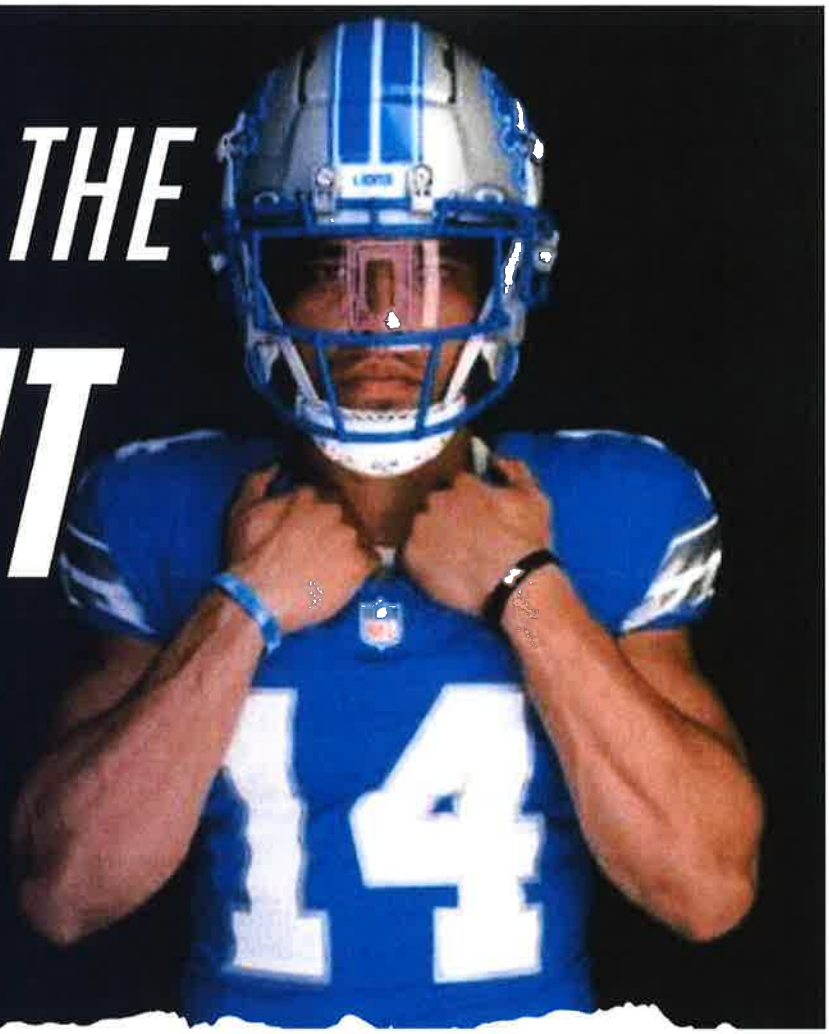

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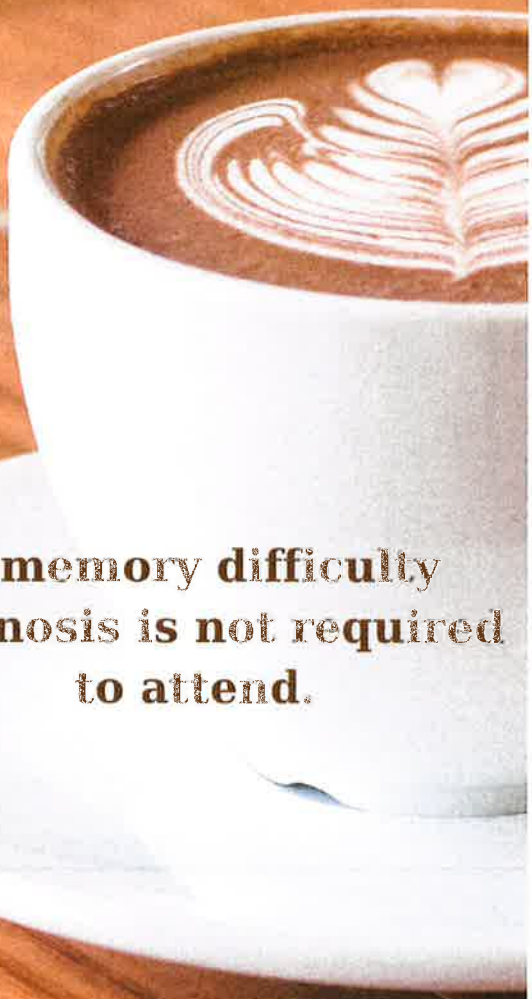

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