

LIBM Advisory Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2025

I. Introductions- In person!

Dr. Erin Shaw (LIBM program coordinator, University of Central Arkansas); Ouida Cunningham (Wonder Jr. High, West Memphis School District); Terri Sturghill (Marion High School, Marion School District); Cana Able (Academies of West Memphis, West Memphis School District); Rachele Emberton (Faulk, West Memphis); Hannah Evans (Marion Seventh Grade Academy, Marion); Tifanie King (Jackson-Wonder Elementary, West Memphis School District); Amanda Jaco (Barton School, Barton School District); Maegan Wright (West junior high, West Memphis school district); Madeline Portier (Carroll Smith Elementary, Osceola School District); Jackie Hunter (Marion Visual & Performing Arts Magnet, Marion); Carlecia Gentry (J F wahl elementary, Helena West Helena School District); Wilhemina Weaver (Stewart Elementary, Forrest City School District); Mae Johnson (Central High School, Helena-West Helena School District)

II. Purpose and role of advisory board

Discussed how to support schools and new librarians through UCA LIBM program. The board reaffirmed its commitment to addressing evolving challenges in school libraries.

III. Current issues facing school libraries and school librarians

- Book Censorship
- Advocacy
- Administrative collaborations and support needed
- Legislative perception of school libraries

IV. Key Assessment Review and Course Reviews

Collection Dev- revise key assessment Fall 2025

Children's Literature- discussion of current curriculum

Digital Citizenship- LIBM 6325- included AI and copyright responsibilities beginning Fall 2024

V. Recruitment Ideas?

Continue with social media; participation and collaboration with AAIM; attend Co-op school library workshops/meetings; virtual information sessions on Zoom quarterly- plan to resume in 2025-2026 school year; outreach to districts with teacher-to-librarian pathways.

VI. Conferences and PD

A. UCA Free PD Begins July (sessions each Tuesday and Thursday)

<https://uca.edu/education/coe-pd/>

B. AAIM Conference Conway, AR July 8-9, 2025

<https://www.aimk12.org/conference-information.html>