

**ARL Director of Libraries Report for September & October 2022
November 2022 Board Meetings**

Administration & Personnel: Staff Come and Go!

- Watauga has hired for the part-time Circulation Assistant position that was open and has offered the job as Adult Services Specialist (decision pending), so we hope is about to be fully staffed.
- Ashe is fully staffed, having recently hired two part time Circulation Assistants.
- Wilkes has hired 2 PT Youth Services Specialists to take the place of the full time person who resigned. Deb Beckel, currently the Adult Services Librarian at Wilkes will go part time at Wilkes and take on the job of PT Traphill Manager position when Linda Pranger retires at the end of November. Decisions are pending as to how to fill the hours in Adult Services that she is giving up.
- The region’s search for a new director continues.

Budgets & Finance

- End of October 2022 budget %’s across the region:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Ashe	45.44%	29.06%
Watauga	34.63%	35.16%
Wilkes	33.80%	30.36%
Regional	30.63%	34.70%
TOTAL	41.28%	31.43%

- The board having approved library admin’s suggestion for the use of the American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) that came to ARL through the State Library, ARL has thus far bought a new courier van (\$35,840.71), a new PC and laptop for the new Director (\$1,935.87), and will send out bonus checks to staff on 11-18 (\$124,222.00 + FICA \$9,505.00 = \$133,727). The money set aside for a large increase in the audit cost will not be needed. Along with the \$6,000 set aside by the board, there remains approximately \$11,600 for each County Librarian to use for her library/libraries.

Grant Activities

- The Friends of the Western Watauga Branch Library submitted a \$25,000 grant to the Local Foundation of North Carolina (run by the credit union) to help pay for a new van for library outreach. We will submit an LSTA grant for the remainder.

