

THE STATE LIBRARY



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Library Council of Washington

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**South Puget Sound Community College
Student Union Building
Olympia, WA 98512**

LCW PRESENT

Barbara Arnett, Special Libraries
Benita Brown, School Libraries
Nancy Bunker, Academic 4-Year
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries
Tim Fuhrman, Academic 2-Year
Susan Hildreth, Public Libraries Over 100,000

Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology
Annanaomi Sams, Special Libraries
Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under 100,000
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL

WSL PRESENT

Rand Simmons, Library Development
Program Manager
Jeff Martin, Associate Program Manager;
LSTA Administrator
Marilyn Lindholm, Administrative Assistant

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Gerald Pumphrey, SPSCC President
Margaret Thomas, Librarian, SPSCC
Bruce Ziegman, Director, Fort Vancouver Library
District
Sam Wallin, Community Librarian, Woodland
Community Library
Diane Hutchins, WSL Staff
Jennifer Fenton, WSL Staff

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rayette, Chair, welcomed Council to the meeting. Dr. Gerald Pumphrey, President, South Puget Sound Community College welcomed the Council to campus and talked briefly about the role and value of their library to students and faculty at the college. Margaret Thomas, Librarian, also welcomed Council and previewed the tour of the South Puget Sound Community College library media center which took place later in the morning.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 MEETING NOTES

The March 16, 2010 meeting notes were approved with minor modifications. Tim moved and Chris seconded that the notes be approved as modified.

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Two agenda topics related to public library demonstration projects were moved from the afternoon to late morning and the broadband discussion was moved from the morning to the afternoon.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jan provided her State Librarian's report.

Although the legislature has finished its business the budget for the State Library is still not finalized. The impact of various bills on the agency is currently being analyzed by agency management. Hopefully budgets for the various agency divisions will be known by the end of May. Concern was expressed that maintenance of effort that is required for continued full funding for LSTA may not be met. Discussions continue.

Broadband was discussed. It was noted that the Round One application submitted by NoaNet was funded and that the Round Two application also submitted by NoaNet has quickly moved into the due diligence phase. The quick movement on this Round Two application is promising.

The three Letters about Literature statewide winners were announced. Two of the statewide winners also were recognized at the national level. A ceremony was conducted at the State Capitol in the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Ten-squared Tea was held at the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library for those patrons 100 years of age and older. The staff and the volunteers put on an amazing event to honor these patrons who continue to be avid readers.

The State Supreme Court recently ruled on Internet filters in the North Central Regional Library as the issue relates to the state constitution. The case now returns to the federal court for further consideration.

AN IDEA FOR A FOCUSED PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

The Library Council listened to a presentation by the Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) staff requesting \$30,000 in LSTA funding to support a public library demonstration project involving students within the Woodland School District in Cowlitz County. Bruce Ziegman, Director, and Sam Wallin, Community Librarian, conducted the presentation.

Bruce reviewed the situation and put the request for \$30,000 in LSTA funding support in context. Sam talked about the service need in more detail and in relation to students within the Woodland School District.

FVRL presently provides service to the City of Woodland and the Yale Partial County Library District (the Yale precinct of the Woodland School District). The remainder of the school district remains unserved. This presents issues for FVRL in providing equal access to public library services to students. Students who reside within the library district service area boundaries may access the full array of public library services including checking out books, using library computers, and accessing online databases and other resources useful to their studies. Students who reside in unserved portions of the school district do not have similar access.

The presentation concluded with questions about the funding request and proposed demonstration project by members of the Council.

TOUR OF SPSCC LIBRARY

Margaret Thomas, SPSCC Librarian, took Council on a tour of the college's Library Media Center.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE FOR ALL: A STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE AND WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

Rand summarized the history of public library demonstration projects in Washington. He also reviewed the areas within the state which still do not have access to public library service.

SHOULD WE FUND PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS?

Council members discussed the idea of allocating funding to support public library demonstration projects in unserved areas of the state. It was expressed that the idea has great merit. Council liked the idea of a statewide approach. In light of other priorities, 2009 and 2010 funding is likely committed and not available for this purpose. The Library Council would like staff to develop a statewide approach for possible funding in 2011, 2012, or when feasible.

The Council would like additional information on LSTA commitments for 2009, 2010, and 2011 when that information becomes available.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: ELLUMINATE — USING WEB CONFERENCING SOFTWARE

Jennifer Fenton ran the Elluminate introductory video and provided an introduction for Council members to the strengths of this web conferencing platform. Council discussed when the use of this meeting software may be appropriate. Potentially, one meeting a year could be held using this way of meeting if the agenda was such that a face-to-face meeting was not required. Potentially, Council members could join portions of face-to-face meetings if inclement weather or other situations prevented their travel.

INTRODUCTION OF WSL STAFF YOU MAY NOT HAVE MET BEFORE

Diane Hutchins, project manager for Connecting the Dots and expert in preservation and conservation techniques was introduced to Council. Diane talked about upcoming events where the library community could participate, more specifically, an opportunity to comment on the early learning planning now being conducted by the Washington Department of Early Learning and also to participate in the upcoming Early Learning Community Fair.

ROUND ONE BROADBAND: WE'RE IN THE MONEY, NOW WHAT?

Rand provided an update on Rounds One and Two of Broadband, the Gates Foundation, and federal stimulus funding.

The possible use of LSTA funding to support successful library implementation of the infrastructure grants was discussed.

Council believes that the State Library needs to take advantage of the broadband opportunity while there is momentum to move forward. The creation of a virtual library network is another step in moving the whole state forward and a way for all public libraries to provide enhanced service to the residents of the state. As such, LSTA support may be a very important piece for taking advantage of the opportunity.

Rand discussed the next steps in moving forward.

REVIEW OF PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES

The Council reviewed their adopted priorities and principles and discussed both broadband needs and the possible demonstration project in relation to the priorities.

The Council concluded that both types of projects met the priorities and both had considerable merit. Broadband was deemed the higher priority over the next few years as the impact is potentially much larger statewide. LSTA funding support can help assure that more than just greater connection speeds are put in place. LSTA funding can help assure that public libraries are able to enhance broadband-based services to the public.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Library Development Summary Report in the agenda packet was discussed.

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Benita moved the meeting be adjourned; Chris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at Richland Public Library in Richland, Washington. There will be a site visit to the WSU/Hanford Technical Library.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough