

THE STATE LIBRARY



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Library Council of Washington

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Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Drive
Richland, Washington 99352

LCW PRESENT

Barbara Arnett, Special Libraries
Benita Brown, School Libraries
Nancy Bunker, Academic 4-Year
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries
Eliza Dresang, Ex-Officio, iSchool
Geoff Fitzpatrick, Information Technology
Tim Fuhrman, Academic 2-Year
Lillian Heytvelt, Rural Libraries

Priscilla Ice, Information Technology
Annanaomi Sams, Special Libraries
Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under 100,000
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity
Rand Simmons, Ex-Officio, Acting State Librarian, WSL
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged
Susan Hildreth, Public Libraries Over 100,000

WSL PRESENT

Jeff Martin, Acting Library Development Program Manager
Anne Yarbrough, Grant and Contract Specialist

SPECIAL GUESTS

Ann Roseberry, Director, Richland Public Library

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rayette, as Chair, opened the meeting and introduced Ann Roseberry, Director, who then welcomed LCW to the recently remodeled Richland Public Library.

Rayette introduced Eliza Dresang, the newest Council member. Eliza represents the iSchool as Ex-Officio. Round table introductions followed.

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

ACTING STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided his first report as Acting State Librarian:

- **Budget**

Because the state revenue projections are down again, the Governor ordered across the board cuts to agencies using the State General Fund (GFS) totaling \$516 million. The cuts to the OSOS budgets will be about 6-7%, effective October 1. No news, yet, on the State Library's share of the cut; however, Marlys Rudeen is attending a meeting with the Division Directors today (9/21/10) and

Rand is meeting with Steve Excel this week and may learn more then. WSL anticipated additional cuts and so some savings have already been identified, including not filling a couple of vacant positions. Meanwhile, Rand and Marlys have already begun to develop some "what if" scenarios.

We may need to make hard choices on the kind of services we offer to patrons, i.e., discontinuing out of state requests. We just can't continue to offer current services under further cuts.

Susan asked if we have considered requiring appointments for genealogy services. Seattle Public has been doing that with success and she would be happy to talk to WSL staff about it.

Nancy Bunker suggested recruiting the Genealogy Society members as volunteers, e.g., having them conduct obituary searches.

Rayette asked about the Friends Group. Rand said they are trying to become active again. Jan will work with them now that she is retired.

- **Legislative Factsheets**

Work has begun on the 2010 Legislative Factsheets. Permission has been given to approach legislative members right after elections are over since there may be quite a turnover this session. We will also have a new OFM person so will need to bring them up to speed on the value of libraries. Rand referred Council to the sample factsheets in the handout folder.

We will be expanding the information previously given.

Rand has asked library directors to provide "testimonials" on the benefits the services WSL provides and what it would be like for them if WSL went away. He's received several very nice responses so far. These will be incorporated into the legislative packets.

Information on Broadband will also be added to the factsheets.

We will be carrying the message on the necessity of meeting the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) required by IMLS in order to receive LSTA funds. Jeff pointed out that we are digging deeper and deeper to find the MOE. This is a universal problem; only 4 state libraries are currently n the black.

- **Branch Visits/Communication**

Rand is visiting the different branches, getting to know the branch staff. He has started sending a weekly "What's Up with the Acting State Librarian" email to all WSL staff. He's received a lot of positive feedback from the branches.

- **Outreach**

Rand has also been getting out into the community. He helped staff the Puyallup Fair booth and attended a recent meeting of the Tribal Librarians.

APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2010 MEETING NOTES

The May 19, 2010 meeting notes were reviewed. Priscilla moved and Tim seconded that the notes be approved as written. The notes were approved.

SUMMARY OF 2010 PROJECT BUDGETS

Jeff provided a brief overview of the 2010 project budgets and said that WSL will not be returning any 2009 funds to IMLS. The 2010 allotments are completed.

Susan asked if the technology services listed in the 2010 plan will be affected by Broadband. Jeff said no; however Targeted Competitive grants may move to Broadband. Local network hardware is part of the participating libraries' match which raises an issue—if they are use to getting equipment free, they come to depend on it, i.e, computers provided by Gates grants.

REVIEW 2011 DRAFT WORKPLAN FOR THE USE OF LSTA FUNDING

Jeff presented the DRAFT 2011 workplan and budget and gave a brief review of each project.

Susan asked about the 2011 Supporting Student Success grants on sovereignty curriculum. Jeff explained that the CBAs would be on the sovereignty curriculum. Jeff said in the past it was difficult to keep the focus on the library, not the classroom, but that Martha Shinnars, Project Manager, would work to ensure that only those projects that meet the focus will be funded. Susan said that this was an exciting project but need to be clear on the focus of the grants. Benita and Kate expressed concern that History was very undervalued and underfunded, and that the sovereign curriculum wasn't up on the OSPI website yet. They were concerned that many teachers were unaware or were choosing not to participate. Jeff said he would relay their concerns to Martha to discuss with her advisory committee. Rayette commented on the value of the sovereignty curriculum and how the tribes could provide wonderful primary resources.

Rayette asked about the current status of downloadable audio. NetLibrary has been sold to Ebsco so the contract is now with Ebsco. Priscilla asked if there was any talk about including E-books. Jeff said he would discuss that with Will Stuvenga.

Susan asked if there was any feedback on the recent Boomer meeting and if we could get together a committee of those who attended. Rand said that Jennifer Fenton, CE Training Coordinator, was really excited about this and wants to do a training on the subject.

Kate asked if the libraries could provide input on what is purchased through the State Database Licensing project. Jeff responded that there will be a survey out soon soliciting this kind of information.

GENERAL UPDATES

- Rand pointed out that one of the issues we are dealing with the broadband launch is how do we talk about a library network? He pointed out that it is difficult to describe a library network—it's not going to be a physical network, but a consortia network that deals with programs and services that are virtual that can be delivered to the benefit of everyone. So Rand will be reaching out to Broadband Task Force for help.

The Launch will be held at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. It is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The following have been invited to attend the first day: Governor Gregoire; Angela Wu, DIS Broadband Policy and Programs

Manager; legislators; Senators Marie Cantwell and Patty Murray; Jay Inslee, Kathy McMorris Rogers, Gary Locke, US Secretary of Commerce; representatives from county and city government association, ASSIS (association for IT managers in cities and counties); and participating libraries. The idea is to get people to buy in, to talk about sustainability, to understand the role of libraries in Broadband. The second day is for the participating NoaNet libraries only and will be about project implementation.

- We've talked to Gates Foundation about using left over Renew Washington funds to continue to work with their marketing firm GMMB.
- Jeff said there have been two new Broadband awards: On Sept.16, Department of Commerce announced a \$4.1 million BTOP award to EdLabs, the Communities Connect people. The EcliptixNet received a \$20 million BIP award through Department of Agriculture to work in Ferry, Stevens and Spokane counties.
- Jeff referred Council to the hand out folder for the announcement that Kiona-Benton City's Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) collection just went live.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: TOUR OF HANFORD TECHNICAL LIBRARY / WSU CAMPUS LIBRARY – MANAGING A LIBRARY WITH DUAL MISSIONS

Annanaomi Sams provided Council with a tour of the Consolidated Hanford Technical Library and WSU Campus Library. She also provided a tour of the Department of Energy Reading Room.

FORMATION OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Rayette asked for volunteers for the nominations committee. The committee will review and make recommendations for the three vacant positions and for the 2011 Chair and Vice-Chair.

Assignment: Valerie, Geoff, Annanaomi, Benita, and Kate volunteered for the committee. Anne will send the applications and resume by email.

ADDRESSING AN ISSUE WITH COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Jeff explained that a question recently came up as to whether or not a member appointed to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an un-expired term has served a "full term". Jeff researched the by-laws and found that when the State Library merged with OSOS, the bylaws were changed to reflect the merge and, as a result, left it unclear as to what constitutes a "full term". Jeff suggested to Council that the following sentence be added back into Section Two, Term: "An individual serving at least one year of an un-expired term has served a full term." After a brief discussion, Tim moved and Chris seconded a motion that this wording be added to the by-laws. The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment: WSL staff will revise the by-laws and provide copies at the next Council meeting.

TOUR OF HOST FACILITY

Ann Roseberry, Director, provided tour of the Richland Public Library.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council was referred to the information within the agenda packet for the Library Development Summary Report and the IMLS Primary Source Newsletters.

There was a brief sharing about the WLA/PNLA conference.

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

OSOS approved face-to-face meetings for LCW so the next meeting will be held in Seattle at Barbara's library, the Williams Kastner Law Library.

Agenda items:

- Recommendation for 2011 vacancies
- Election of 2011 Officers
- 2011 Budget

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough