

# WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY



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## Library Council of Washington

**March 29, 2011**

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### **LCW PRESENT**

Barbara Arnett, Special Libraries  
Benita Brown, School Libraries  
Nancy A. Bunker, Academic, 4-Year  
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries  
Eliza Dresang, Ex-Officio, iSchool  
Geoff Fitzpatrick, Information Technology  
Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology  
Pat Partovi, Public Libraries Over 100,000

Ana C. Romero-Figueroa, Cultural Diversity  
Rand Simmons, Ex-Officio, Acting State  
Librarian, WSL  
Mary Jo Torgeson, Public Libraries  
Under100,000  
Joan Weber, Academic, 2-Year  
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

### **WSL PRESENT**

Jeff Martin, Acting Program Manager  
Anne Yarbrough, LSTA Grants Manager

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Karen Goettling, Renew Washington Project  
Manager, WSL  
Evelyn Lindberg, State Data Coordinator, WSL  
Katie Campana, UW iSchool PhD student

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Priscilla, Chair, welcomed Council and introduced the new Council members:

- Pat Partovi, Spokane Public Library, representing Public Libraries Over 100,000
- Ana Cristina Romero-Figueroa, Walla Walla Rural Library District, representing Cultural Diversity
- Mary Jo Torgeson, Puyallup Public Library, representing Public Libraries Under 100,000
- Joan Weber, Yakima Valley Community College Library, representing Academic Libraries, 2-Year

Round Robin Introductions followed.

### **APPROVAL NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MEETING NOTES**

The November 4, 2010 meeting notes were reviewed and one minor correction was made. Geoff moved and Nancy seconded that the notes be approved as amended. The notes were approved.

## **REVIEW MEETING AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Rand's Acting State Librarian report was moved to the afternoon.

## **NEW SMALL GRANTS**

Jeff provided information on two small grants which are incorporated in previously approved budgets. Both are small awards and small amounts in total.

- The *Connecting Libraries through Resource Sharing* grant will provide funds to promote cooperation among public libraries in counties where inter-local agreements to share library materials do not exist. At a minimum, each library within a partnership of one or more nearby libraries will receive \$715 dollars per library, including \$500 for collection development, up to \$140 for travel to attend two required meetings, and up to \$75 for processing materials. Overall funding to support this grant cycle is \$5,000 with two or three awards anticipated.
- The national *Transforming Life After 50 (TLA50)* initiative is designed to help libraries better serve and engage midlife adults by positioning libraries as catalysts, resources, meeting places, and partners in creating opportunities for midlife adults to learn, teach, lead, build skills, re-career, and become civically-engaged.

Washington State has 18 Fellows participating. Other states involved include California, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and Texas; several already have small grants in place to support TLA50 programs.

To encourage Washington libraries to support this initiative, small grants will be made available to public libraries and academic libraries to support programming and services for adults over 50 in the library. The likely focus will be on one or more of the following topics: Community Partnerships, Health, Financial Security or Work & Volunteerism. Partnerships are encouraged.

A total of \$25,000 will be available to award a minimum of 5 grants of \$3,000-\$5,000 each, subject to 2011 LSTA funding availability.

## **LSTA RE-AUTHORIZATION**

Jeff provided information on the LSTA re-authorization that Congress passed and the President signed in late December 2010.

The re-authorization broadens the purpose of LSTA, giving us more flexibility. For instance, Continuing Education grants can now include library leadership which has not been allowed under IMLS guidance in the last couple of years. This could lead to trustee training again.

WSL received a 2011 award letter for 5/12 of the funds authorized by a continuing resolution. Another continuing resolution will be required for the remaining period; there have been amendments proposed to the second resolution so there may be cuts. However, we do benefit from a small increase in the base rate due to increased population so we are anticipating a total of approximately \$3.6 million for 2011.

## **LSTA FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2013–2017**

Jeff reported on the IMLS conference that he and Rand attended in Baltimore in mid-March.

They were hoping to learn about the requirements for the next Five-Year Plan; however, few details were provided. Instead IMLS will post the information to their website soon after the conference. The timeline to complete the new Plan is short, so it will be done in-house with guidance from Council. Obtaining input and feedback from the library community could be done through Elluminate and/or a survey, and by Council members communicating with their constituents and posting to the listservs they subscribe to.

We have an opportunity to amend the current 5-year Plan (2007–2012) to reflect the new flexibility of the re-authorization (if it's not in our current plan, we can't do it). However, we may decide to wait and incorporate those changes into the new 5-year Plan (2013–2017) instead. The deadline for an amendment is June.

Other details from the IMLS conference:

- Outcomes are back—IMLS wants more uniform reporting so they can better show Congress the value of funding library best practices. We may need to ask for more detail from our grantees to show better what the impact has been.
- A new federal procedure related to the federal transparency act requires all awards to an entity have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.
- Anytime we award a subgrant larger than \$25,000 the State Library will have additional reporting responsibilities. Most grant awards are under \$25,000; however, some special projects may exceed that amount.

## **LSTA FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION**

IMLS wants the evaluation done outside of Library Development so that it is unbiased. Jeff has contacted the UW iSchool to discuss their researchers doing the evaluation through an Intergovernmental Agreement. Funds from 2010 and 2011 have been set aside to cover the costs. The evaluation is due March 30, 2012.

## **ACTING STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Rand gave his Acting State Librarian Report.

- The Seattle Sounders' Fredy Montero will be featured in the next *Washington Reads* poster.
- Rand has been busy visiting legislators including those on Ways & Means Committee, newly elected legislators, his own legislators, and along with Martha Shinners, The Early Learning Committee.
- Rand talked about House Bill 2033 that proposes to create a new agency, the Department of Heritage, Arts and Culture; consolidating arts, museums, tourism, and heritage programs—including the State Library and the OOS Legacy Project—using the funds originally raised for the Heritage Center. Secretary of State Steve Reed opposes the bill and will testify against it.

## **TOUR OF HOST FACILITY**

Steve Willis, Technical Services Program Manager, gave Council a tour of the State Library, including the Territorial Collection.

## **RENEW WASHINGTON: LSTA AND THE GATES FOUNDATION**

Karen Goettling, Renew Washington Manager, gave a report on the 2009 Renew Washington and Renew Washington Communication grants.

The Gates Foundation partnered with WSL to expand the number of Renew Washington grants that could be funded to 20 grants. In addition, Gates funds provided 13 Communication grants of up to \$6,000 each for public libraries participating in the Renew Washington project to help them increase their decision-makers' perceptions of libraries as valuable community assets worthy of on-going support and to ensure their understanding of the library's Renew Washington project.

The Gates Foundation also provided funds for WSL to hire Nancy White from Full Circle to train WSL staff, Council, and for Renew Washington grant recipients on Peer Learning.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY AND USAGE REPORTS**

Evelyn Lindberg, State Data Coordinator presented the Public Library Survey and Usage Reports she prepared based on the 2010 survey of Washington public libraries. Libraries were asked to compare the levels of library budget, staffing, services, and materials for their libraries in 2010 to what levels had been in 2009; and compare the outlook for their libraries for 2011 to what it had been for 2010.

## **REVIEW OF 2011 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Anne confirmed the remaining 2011 meeting dates and locations:

- Thursday, May 19                      Puyallup Public Library, Puyallup
- Wednesday, Sept. 28                Eastern Washington University, Cheney
- Thursday, Nov 10,                    Muckleshoot Tribal Library, Auburn

Council made recommendations for the 2012 meeting locations.

## **INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Rand said there will be two presentations at WLA next week for BTOP libraries (Libraries at Light Speed).
- At the last meeting, it was suggested that Council report back on their use of peer learning.
  - Geoff said peer learning has turned into “our goal in life” at his library. The focus is on providing training for staff to do their jobs better—gathering info to help each other through subject wikis (i.e., a reference questions) IT help, and mentoring on specific subjects—nobody is afraid to ask questions. Reduced resources no longer allow them to put staff in a room for a length of time to receive training, so peer learning has become the solution. They have made a commitment to provide time every day to look at these tools and learn from them.
  - Priscilla said her library was using intranet for peer learning discussion boards, but it's been a hard sell. They are also campaigning to stop sending email attachments—post to wiki and send a link instead.

- Rand announced that Ahniwa Ferrari had accepted a job opportunity at Pierce County Library System, and Kirsten Furl who was with the Washington Rural Heritage project has been hired part-time to fill the vacant Ask WA position.

**WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- WSL's Budget
- Broadband
- Potential amendment to the current 5-Year Plan

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough*