

THE STATE LIBRARY



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Library Council of Washington

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Puyallup Public Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

LCW PRESENT

Barbara Arnett, Special Libraries
Nancy A. Bunker, Academic 4-Year
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries
Lillian Heytvelt, Rural Libraries
Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology
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 Grant Manager

SPECIAL GUESTS

Gary Bortel, WSL
Beth Swartzbaugh Puyallup Public Library

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Priscilla, as Chair, opened the meeting. Mary Jo, Director, welcomed Council to the Puyallup Public Library.

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed. A new agenda item was added—Ananaomi Sam's resignation from Council.

APPROVAL MARCH 29, 2011 MEETING NOTES

The March 29, 2011 meeting notes were reviewed. Nancy moved and Joan seconded that the notes be approved as written. The notes were approved.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand gave his report as Acting State Librarian:

- **Budget**

WSL is in the black in General Fund – State (GF-S), and has some positive variance which will be used for the following:

- Pre-purchase of subscriptions for the ILS branches, newspapers and serials, newspapers on microfilm, miscellaneous legal materials, US Code
- Computer replacements and upgrades (CPUs) and RAM upgrades for some computers to stave off replacement (Technical and public services, WTTBL recording computers)
- Replacement of copier for Airway Heights branch
- Purchase of 2 microfilm reader-printers for genealogical research

- Purchases for special collections
- Purchase Order shopping for the branch libraries

We continue to wait for the state House and Senate to reconcile differences in their budget and arrive at a compromise budget (the Senate budget has no cuts for the Library; the House Budget cuts the library by 22%). A second special session is likely.

There will most likely be a 3% salary cuts for state employees; however, they will receive 5.2 hours per month of leave in exchange.

- **National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)**

WLA paid Rand's way to attend NLLD along with Julie Miller, Associate Dean of Libraries at Eastern Washington University who coordinated the trip. Their areas of concern were:

1. Funding for the LSTA at the authorized level of \$232M
2. Funding for the Improving Literacy through School Libraries Act at the previous funding level of \$19.1M
3. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA – formerly No Child Left Behind)
4. Ensuring that both public libraries and school libraries are included in designated funding lines in the LEARN Act (Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation Act – the literacy piece of ESEA that Senator Patty Murray is sponsoring in the Senate)

Rand and Julie met with congressional staff. Where they couldn't schedule a visit, they left packets. The congressional offices expressed gratitude for being able to see the use of LSTA at the congressional district level with the WSL factsheets.

- **COSLA**

Rand attended a meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). The first half of the day focused on the role of COSLA in the national/international conversation regarding e-Books. The vision developed was: Through libraries, America seamlessly accesses comprehensive content in any format.

The second half of the day was a business meeting.

- **State Librarian Position**

SOS Executive Management is waiting to see what the budget holds to determine if they will do a national search or not. A decision will be made by July 1.

- **Ten Squared Tea, May 7, 2011**

The Washington Talking Book and Braille Library honored its 100+ year old patrons at a special tea. Two new members were inducted into the group and two others, honored last year, attended

- **Library Snapshot Day, April 12, 2011**

WSL joined with academic, public and school libraries in celebrating and documenting Library Snapshot Day. Photos were posted on the WSL Facebook page: <http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2011/05/photos-from-washington-library-snapshot-day/>.

- **Broadband Report**

Monthly webinars were held

- January: Planning for Success
- February: Know Your Stakeholders
- March: Outreach Opportunities

Diane Hutchins is helping with project management

- **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

The Foundation is holding an Opportunity Online Pre-Conference in New Orleans on June 24, 2011. The objectives are to:

- Celebrate progress to-date in the Hardware program and discuss lessons learned
- Set the stage for further sustainability of technology services in libraries
- Discuss developments in the national Broadband conversation

The foundation will cover the cost of travel, ground transportation, and two nights of hotel accommodations.

2011 / 2012 LSTA FUNDING LEVEL

Jeff reported that the 2011 LSTA funding level is estimated to be \$200,000 less than the 2010 funding level. However, as of the end of June, we anticipate a \$300,000 variance from 2010 which can help to offset the expected cuts.

A partial 5/12 award was received in February; we are still waiting for the final award letter. IMLS is waiting for the census figures before determining the amount of that award. Jeff explained that we take the conservative approach—we don't incur any costs until the award arrives.

AMENDING THE LSTA FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2008 – 2012

Jeff reported at the last Council meeting that we have an opportunity to amend the current 5-year Plan (2007–2012) to reflect the new flexibility of the re-authorization of LSTA. Jeff provided the suggested wording that would allow more flexibility in providing training for trustees, managers, and supervisors.

Following discussion, Nancy moved and Mary Jo and Valerie seconded that the recommended changes be approved. The changes were approved.

The deadline for submission is the end of June. The amendment would go into affect Oct. 1, the start of the next fiscal year. That's too late to offer a WILL conference for trustees this year due to time restraints; however, we could start to pre-plan. The probably date for a WILL Conference would be 2013.

BROADBAND

Gary Bortel provided a report on the Broadband project.

Broadband Stimulus funds were awarded to NoaNet to provide installation of fiber to hospitals, schools, and libraries through the State of Washington. Gates provided 1.5 million towards the required match. Local providers were then to bid on contracts for connection and service, subsidized in part by E-rate. However, so far only two library systems have received affordable bids (\$427–\$800) from service providers and have signed contracts:

- Timberland Regional Library at four locations

- Kitsap Regional Library at nine locations

Several library systems chose not to participate during the initial year of fiber installation.

TOUR OF HOST FACILITY

Mary Jo gave Council a tour of the Puyallup Public Library.

REPORT ON USE OF GRANT FUNDS BY PUYALLUP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beth Swartzbaugh reported on their 2009 Renew WA grants, funded by LSTA and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and on their Renew WA Communication grant, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Renew Washington grant funds were used to upgrade their computer lab to accommodate 12 students (previously 8); purchase and install a retractable screen and project system; and develop a Real Resumes tutorial for teaching the use of the Resume Maker software. Although not as many patrons took advantage of the resume classes as they had expected, they have experienced an increase in the number of students in their Basic Computer, Basic Word, and Introduction to Excel classes as a result of this project.

The Communications grant funds were used to develop and distribute a promotional piece on the value of the library; conduct a library card drive within city departments and the community; and conduct a city wide survey that helped them to develop their strategic plan.

UPDATE ON 2011 GRANT CYCLES

Anne gave an update on the 2011 grant cycles: Supporting Student Success (SSS), Washington Rural Heritage (WRH), and Connecting Libraries through Resource Sharing (CLRS).

The SSS and the WRH grant cycles are in their 4th year; 30 SSS and 10 WRH applications were received. This is the first year for the CLRS grants. Only one application was received; however, it included 7 partnering libraries.

The CLRS grant has been awarded to Ritzville Public Library. The SSS and WRH grant applications are currently under review by committees that will make their recommendations in June.

RESIGNATION

Ananaomi Sams notified Council that she was resigning due to her inability to get away from work to attend the meetings.

Council reluctantly agreed to accept Ananaoimi's resignation and then discussed how to fill her position as representative for Special Libraries. Barbara suggested we have someone from a library that is eligible, unlike herself, for LSTA grants. There was also discussion about finding applicants from tribal libraries. It was agreed that the position would be advertised over the summer and a nominations committee would provide a recommendation for Council at the September meeting; the new member could then start at the November meeting. A nominations committee was formed to review the applications.

Assignment: Barbara, Ana, and Priscilla volunteered for the nominations committee. They will meet via phone conference and bring their recommendation to the September meeting.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeff referred Council to the materials in the handout packet:

- Statewide Database Licensing Factsheet
- Library Development Summary Report and Connecting the Dots Summary
- IMLS Primary Source Newsletters
- ALA Factsheets for Washington State
- Library Council Brochure

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Next meeting—Eastern Washington University, Sept. 28, 2011
- Election of the Special Libraries representative

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough