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Eastern Washington University

JFK Library

816 F Street

Cheney, WA 99004

LCW PRESENT

Benita Brown, School Libraries
Nancy A. Bunker, Academic 4-Year
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries
Eliza Dresang, Ex-Officio, iSchool
Geoff Fitzpatrick, Information Technology
Lillian Heytvelt, Rural Libraries
Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology
Valerie McBeth, Special Libraries

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 Grant Manager

SPECIAL GUESTS

Rayette Sterling, EWU
Kendra Selle, EWU
Richard Wilson, EWU

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Priscilla, as Chair, welcomed Council and introduced the new Special Libraries representative, Valerie McBeth, from Lummi Library, Northwest Indian College. Roundtable introductions followed.

Eliza announced that the UW i-School has been awarded a 3-year IMLS National Leadership Research grant of \$635,000, with matching funds that bring the total project funding to \$1,215,213. *Project VIEWS2: Valuable Initiatives in Early Literacy that Work Successfully* will focus on measuring early literacy outcomes for children from birth to kindergarten related to library programming and will leverage innovative public library and school partnerships; the methodology can be replicated by libraries across the country. The State Library is a named partner in the grant.

APPROVAL MAY 19, 2011 MEETING NOTES

The May 19, 2011 meeting notes were reviewed. One minor correction was made. Joan moved and Nancy seconded that the notes be approved as amended.

ACTING STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided a report on the current budget. The governor asked agencies to prepare budgets with a 5% and 10% cut due to the September economic forecast. Sam is offering 5% and telling the governor that the agency cannot take a 10% cut.

Part of the funds we are currently using are from the Heritage Center fees; we may not receive those funds in a future biennium.

Proposed cuts include:

- Leaving several current vacancies unfilled.
- Eliminating the WTBBL Evergreen Radio Service. Although this is a great service, not many are using it. Some of the savings will be used for other WTBBL operating expenses.
- Eliminating library service to Walla Walla Correctional Center, East Complex. WSL only provides services to medium security prisons and the East Complex has recently been changed to a minimum security facility.
- Giving up the \$100,000 of the funding that was set aside for a new integrated library system planned for 2013.
- Other cuts as needed.

Some cuts are being done this fall. Cuts will affect our MOE (Maintenance of Effort) required to receive IMLS funds.

Mary Jo moved and Geoff seconded that LCW contact all WLA, WLMA members and other constituents to advocate for WSL and to encourage individuals to contact their state legislator before the special session is called. The motion passed.

Assignment: Priscilla will prepare and send out talking points that Council can use to support WSL.

Valerie McBeth asked if WSL could charge a fee for any of the services it provides. Rand answered that we would need permission from the legislature. One possibility would be to charge fees for obituary requests from out of state

2009/2010/2011/2012 LSTA FUNDING LEVELS AND MOE

Jeff provided a report on funding levels and MOE from 2009 through 2011 and the anticipated funding level and MOE for 2012. Funding increased slightly from 2009 to 2010 and then dropped \$231,131 in 2011. The 2012 award is expected to be less than 2011, but the exact amount is unknown. One source suggested there would be 1.5% cut across the board which would equal approximately \$50,000 less for WSL. MOE is becoming more difficult to meet. Based on anticipated costs, WSL could be short approximately \$120,000 of the amount needed for 2012.

LSTA 2012 WORKPLAN

Jeff gave an overview of the proposed budgets for projects and programs in Library Development based on the 2011 awards. Adjustments will be made accordingly once the final award amount is known.

Priorities for these budgets are:

1. Protect staffing levels needed to implement services and projects
2. Maintain ongoing projects
3. Reduce increasing budgets to 2011 levels or lower unless needed to protect staff or ongoing project commitments
4. Allow grants funded out of 2010 variance to continue at a minimum level

Rand asked for feedback on the value of Wayfinder. Priscilla said there are other ways to get this information so her library decided not to participate.

There was a philosophical discussion on independent libraries and the use of LSTA funding. Jeff suggested that this discussion could be continued when preparing the 5-year plan.

Rand asked if Council thought a project manager for Broadband should be hired now or later. It was agreed that hiring should wait until the roll out of Broadband is finished before filling the position.

Jeff asked if LSTA funding was reduced, which projects/programs should be on the chopping block. The response was:

- Wayfinder, Broadband, eBooks, resource sharing, TLA50
- Wayfinder should be cut before Broadband
- Between CRLS versus TLA50, there's more bang for the buck with CRLS
- SDL continues as an important project since it impacts more libraries throughout the state than any other project; however, a change in the cost share might be considered someday

Kate stated that she would like to see at some time a K-12 and community college project.

It was agreed that Council will send the workplan information out to their constituents and bring back input for the November meeting.

Assignment: Jeff will find a format that works for general distribution and send to Council.

TOUR OF HOST FACILITY

Rayette Sterling, Outreach and Inclusion Librarian and former LCW member, provided a tour of the EWU JFK Library.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: EWU's 2009 RENEW WASHINGTON GRANT

Kendra Selle, Associate Director, Career Services, provided a report on the EWU's 2009 Renew Washington grant. The grant was used to develop a wiki site that provides a one-stop shopping experience for students and alumni looking for career-related information online; the wiki is also available to those outside of EWU. A smart phone interface was used as the graphic design and was a great hit with the students. In addition, the grant provided 15 Web cameras for circulation to use with the InterviewStream Web tool for students to practice interviewing techniques.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council was referred to the memo in the handout packet from Samantha Becker from UW with whom WSL has contracted with to prepare the 5-year evaluation. Samantha will attend next meeting to interview LCW as part of the evaluation process.

Regarding amending the LSTA Five-Year Plan 2008 – 2012 plan, Jeff contacted Michelle Farrell at IMLS and let her know that we would be broadening the training focus.

A nominations committee was formed to recommend the 2012 Chair and Vice-Chair and if needed, also serve to recommend new members. Jeff will contact the individual

members that have first terms ending in December to see if they want to continue for a second term.

Assignment: Geoff, Kate, and Benita volunteered for the committee; Geoff will act as Chair.

Rand thanked Council for the collaborative discussion on the 2012 workplan.

Rand announced that finally, after 9 months of planning, the Seattle Sounders' Fredy Montero from the Seattle Sounders will be featured in the next *Washington Reads* poster. Sea Mar Community Healthcare Centers is paying the printing costs for posters to be distributed to kids in Colombia schools where Fredy is from. The poster will be available digitally through WSL. In October, Rand will announce the poster at the October Sounders game.

Jeff directed Council to the Library Development summary report to an introduction of Ross Fuqua, a new WSL staff member who started work in mid-July as a Digital Projects Librarian with the Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) Project.

Richard Wilson, EWU Dean of Libraries, stopped by to say hello to Council and thank them for coming to Cheney.

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Next meeting is November 10, 2011 at Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's Preservation Program Library & Archives
- Election of officers
- Samantha Becker focus group session
- Wrap up discussion on 2012 workplan

Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough