

## WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY



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**Secretary of State**  
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### **Library Council of Washington September 13, 2012**

**Raymond Library and Media Center  
Yakima Valley Community College  
South 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nob Hill Boulevard  
Yakima, WA 98902**

#### **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  
Pam Nyberg Kiesner, Public Libraries  
Under100,000

Cynthia Lucas, Special Libraries  
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  
Joan Weber, Academic 2-Year  
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

#### **WSL PRESENT**

Jeff Martin, Acting Program Manager  
Bobbie DeMiero, Administrative Assistant

#### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Liz Mills, iSchool

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Priscilla, as Chair, welcomed Council and opened the meeting. She introduced iSchool graduate student Liz Mills, and Bobbie DeMiero who filled in for Anne Yarbrough taking meeting minutes. Council members introduced themselves.

#### **APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2012 AND JUNE 12, 2012 MEETING NOTES**

Notes from the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved with a minor correction.

The notes from the June 12, 2012 online meeting regarding the 5-Year Plan were not available for review; they will be sent by email at a later date.

#### **REVIEW MEETING AGENDA**

Council reviewed the agenda in the packet.

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

Rand provided his State Librarian's report:

- Washington State Library staff are anxiously awaiting the results of the November 6, 2012 elections which will determine who will be the next head of the agency. Whether it is Republican candidate Kim Wyman or Democratic candidate Kathleen Drew, the new Secretary of State will set the direction for the agency, will determine the approach to legislation, will select the next Administrative team, and will set priorities for support of divisions, programs, and

activities within the agency. We need to start considering strategies for working with both Kim and Kathleen. Also, the Washington State Library will need to educate the new Secretary of State on our needs and services in order to gain their support.

- The State Library took a 12.5 percent cut from the November–December 2011 Special Session. This amounted to a nearly \$1.4 million budget reduction. No further reductions were asked of us during the 2012 legislative session. However, the Legislature swapped \$4 million in state funds for \$4 million in Heritage Center funds. The 2011 Legislature gave us \$1.028 million in Heritage Center funds for the 2011–2013 biennium. This means that the State Library currently has received \$5.028 million (about 52 percent) of its funding for the biennium from Heritage Center funding. There is no guarantee that we would continue to receive Heritage Center funding in the future.
- Representing Washington’s public libraries, WSL staff members Martha Shinnors and Diane Hutchins are working with the Department of Early Learning (DEL) staff to partner in their Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT) federal grant. Currently, WSL is surveying public library directors to determine how they see their libraries participating in RTT. By the end of September, WSL plans to have a proposal submitted to DEL. WSL is asking for funding; however, the final figure has not been determined.
- A State Book Festival planning committee co-led by Senator Nick Harper and Rand met in early July at Seattle Public Library. Rand thanked Library Council members Benita Brown, Valerie McBeth, and Ana Cristina Romero-Figueroa for their participation. Rand noted that the planning progress is delayed by the November elections.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Book Festival will be held in Washington D.C. on September 22–23, 2012 on the National Mall. Crystal Lentz, newly named Head of Public Services at the Washington State Library, will represent us at our booth in the Pavilion of the States. We have chosen *Envy* by Gregg Olsen as our state book. It is the first in Olsen’s *Empty Coffin* series.
- November 29, 2012 is the date for the Poet Laureate event at the Washington State Library.

### **LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013 — 2017 and LSTA Evaluation 2008–2012**

Jeff referred to the letter from Susan H. Hildreth, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services verifying the receipt of WSL’s LSTA Evaluation 2008–2012. He said that he has not received approval yet on the LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013 - 2017, but assumes it will be approved.

### **LSTA and MOE**

Jeff shared the document about LSTA and MOE found in the agenda packet, explaining that MOE is one of several conditions that a state is required to meet to be eligible to receive federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding. He shared that the actual numbers for MOE will not be available until November; however, it appears that a significant shortfall in MOE should be expected associated with the use of the 2012 LSTA award. Should an application for a MOE waiver be denied when we report on the use of 2012 LSTA funding, we will need to figure out a way to move forward.

Rand said "If you want to deliver a message to your state Representative or Senator about MOE, also let Jeff and I know and we will follow up with a visit to them."

### **LSTA WORK PLAN 2013**

Jeff provided information on each of the LSTA (Federal) Projects for FFY13 (10.1.12 through 9.30.14). Council members agreed they are comfortable moving forward with this work plan.

After discussion, Council members agreed that now is the time to begin planning ahead to "soften the landing" should an anticipated large drop in funding come into play.

Future discussions about downsizing will be held with the new Secretary of State, State Library managers, Library Development staff, and Library Council.

### **TRANSITION OF ASK WA**

AskWA is a program of considerable value to the library community. If LSTA awards are significantly reduced is there a way to keep the project under a different management and funding model.

During discussion on moving AskWa to another management and funding model and implications for other projects, Jeff shared that on October 9, 2012 there will be a meeting of the AskWA Advisory Committee and, at that time, there will be a discussion on possible approaches to transitioning.

Jeff will also be meeting with program supervisors to discuss approaches to dealing with reduced funding in general. He asked Council members if this approach sounded reasonable; they responded that it did.

Rand asked Council members if we could continue to pay software costs and not have a project manager; Council members responded that libraries would like the opposite.

Pat Partovi commented "The State Library's role that is the most valuable service is consulting, convening, coordination, facilitation, and negotiation."

Benita Brown commented that we should not start anything new (project) without an exit plan.

### **APPOINT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Priscilla asked for volunteers for the 2013 nominations committee.

**Assignment:** Valerie Wonder will be the Chair of the committee; Joan Weber and Pam Nyberg Kiesner volunteered to be members of the committee.

In addition to giving consideration to four positions – information technology, public libraries serving over 100,000, rural libraries, and school libraries, Priscilla noted that Council needs to nominate officers (a Chair and Vice-Chair) for next year.

### **TOUR OF HOST FACILITY**

Joan Weber gave Council a tour of the Yakima Valley Community College Raymond Library facility.

### **TRAINING AND CE**

Joan Weber gave a presentation on Library as an Instructional Leader, an LSTA-funded project of Washington Community and Technical Colleges.

**WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Next meeting is November 9, 2012 at Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Vancouver, WA
- Election of new members
- Election of 2013 officers
- Continue discussion on dealing with reduced LSTA awards

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Bobbie DeMiero*