

Library Council of Washington September 20, 2013

**Moran Prairie Library, Spokane County Library District
6004 South Regal Street, Spokane, WA 99223**

LCW PRESENT

Nancy Bunker, Academic 4-Year
M. Kate Burton, School Libraries
~~Kyle Cox, Public Libraries Over 100,000~~
Eliza Dresang, Ex Officio, iSchool
Trish Henry, School Libraries

Priscilla Ice, Information and Technology
Pam Nyberg Kiesner, Public Libraries Under
100,000
Jim Loter, Information Technology

Cynthia Lucas, Special Libraries
Valerie McBeth, Special Libraries
Christine Peck, Rural Libraries
Ana C. Romero-Figueroa, Cultural Diversity
Rand Simmons, Ex Officio, State Librarian,
WSL (via Skype)
Joan Weber, Academic 2-Year
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

WSL PRESENT

Jeff Martin, Program Manager

Bobbie DeMiero, Administrative Assistant

GUEST

Nancy Ledeboer, Executive Director,
Spokane County Library District
Mary Ellen Braks, Spokane County Library
District

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joan, Chair, welcomed Council and opened the meeting.

Priscilla introduced the Executive Director for the Spokane County Library District, Nancy Ledeboer. Nancy welcomed everyone and shared how happy she is to return to the northwest after having been away for 15 years. Council members introduced and shared something interesting about themselves.

APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2013 MEETING NOTES

The May 17, 2013 meeting notes were approved as written.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided the State Librarian's report:

Budget

The legislature passed the budget on June 30th. The agency budget contained a \$632,000 cut for the State Library as well as moving the Library from general state funds into the Heritage Center account. That account was money originally set up to build the Heritage Center containing the Washington State Library and Washington State Archives. The enacted budget reduced staffing by 5 positions. Three took vacant

positions at the State Library and two left state service. Rand noted that the leadership of the Office of the Secretary of State is watchful of the Heritage Center account in the event that there may not be enough in it to sustain the State Library through the next biennium.

160th Anniversary

On October 15th the State Library will have an Open House to celebrate the 160th year of service to Washington, first as a territorial library and then as the Washington State Library. Congress set aside money to create the library. The first shipment of books and other materials arrived in Olympia in October 1853. Everyone is invited to this celebration.

Library 21: Empowering 21st Century Washington

Secretary of State Kim Wyman stated that the perception of the legislature is that the State Library is “old fashioned and not forward-thinking.” She asked library management to work on changing that perception. Library staff are working to send out messages and developing stories around messages to send to legislators to show off what we have and what we can do to make our services real for legislators, within legislative districts, and to the residents of Washington.

MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

Jeff provided a document Washington State Library IT Academy and additional information. Discussion followed. Jeff stated that the first face-to-face training event will take place at Moran Prairie Library on September 30th. Media events will take place on November 12th in Bellevue and November 13th in Spokane. Microsoft will be present along with Secretary of State Wyman and other dignitaries. Invitations will be sent from the State Library to gain library staff attendance.

LSTA 2014 WORKPLAN

Jeff shared the LSTA (Federal) Projects – FFY14 Workplan document. He explained how LSTA funds are dispersed by project. Jeff stated that in November it should be appropriate to talk about any unassigned funds that are remaining.

DISCUSS CHANGES IN 2013 WORKPLAN

Jeff suggested that in November there be a discussion of funds that have been freed up. Members should share ideas for that discussion.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The nominating committee for Chair and Vice Chair of Library Council will be Priscilla Ice and Kate Burton. The nominating committee to make recommendations for two Library Council positions will be Christine Peck and Ana Romero-Figueroa. The nominating committee to make recommendations for the single Library Council position with the most applicants will be Trish Henry and Cynthia Lucas.

PRESENTATION – Training and CE: Love Talk Play Soup

Mary Ellen Braks presented a session on Early Learning at the Spokane County Library District from programs to grants.

LIBRARY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

There was discussion on Library Council members who are unable to attend meetings regularly. It was felt that council members should consider their attendance at meetings as a commitment made to their constituents.

In a specific instance, it was suggested that a letter be written by the State Library to a member asking their attendance at the next meeting. Not attending will result in council discussion about replacement. Council members are concerned that constituents are not being represented as they should be.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Jeff shared about participating in the IMLS pilot annual reporting process. This will give more opportunity for states to see what other states are doing in similar areas. As a pilot state, we'll start report development in December and finish in March.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Workplan Review
- Topics for Continuing Education

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held November 8, 2013 at Seattle Public Library