

Library Council of Washington November 8, 2013

Seattle Public Library, Central Library
1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

LCW PRESENT

Nancy A. 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
Joan Weber, Academic 2-Year
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

WSL PRESENT

Jeff Martin, Program Manager
Leanna Hammond, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Elizabeth Mills, University of Washington
iSchool for Eliza Dresang
Korissa Fitterer, University of Washington
iSchool

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joan, Chair, welcomed Council. Round table introductions were made. Jim welcomed the Council to the Seattle Public Library.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING NOTES

Correct Priscilla Ice's name – minutes approved.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided the State Librarian's report:

Budget

Current Heritage Center (HC) funds: Washington State Library's (WSL) state money comes from this account, and continues to receive funds through filing fees from marriage licenses, property transactions, business license, etc. Private donations for the HC are in a private trust.

In the future: Secretary of State Kim Wyman believes WSL should be moved back under the general state fund. Kim is trying to redesign the HC concept; no facility centrally located on the Capital Campus, no museum, and no additional conference center – only a Library/Archives Building. (Library and Archives would merge and become one.) Any possible merger is several years away. This coming legislative session Kim will be asking for pre-design money.

Library 21 Initiative

Some people consider WSL to be old-fashioned; these perceptions are not in our favor. This initiative is to show the library's stakeholders that we are striving forward and meeting the needs of 21st Century people. All types of library stakeholders need to be aware that WSL is working with libraries in their area, and WSL directly affects their residents/tax-payers/constituents – demonstrating this helps WSL stay funded.

Public Libraries

Library 21 is an opportunity for public libraries to share WSL's story to their stakeholders as well; district media, local officials, community groups, etc.

Changing Identity

Kate Burton shared:

- University of Sheffield calls their library, Information Commons – which helped them obtain more funding.
- Suggested a name change to "LIT" – Library, Information, Technology. Using "information" in the title can leverage more interest and funding.

School Libraries

School libraries are told they are also out-dated. Idea: Keep teacher-librarian designations, but consider integrating more technology into teacher-librarian job descriptions.

THE EDGE

[The Edge](#) is an online tool to aid libraries and local governments work to achieve community goals. Every library can pull its own data, but WSL could pull the data at a state level for legislators, state and local agencies and community groups. The Edge is funded by [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#). Pilot testing has been done with five state libraries, and will go live in January 2014. The service comes at a cost (unknown at this time), but fees will not be implemented until next year.

USE OF 2014 LSTA FUNDING

Council's ideas for the use of unallocated [Library Services and Technology Act](#) (LSTA) funds:

- Re-establish programs that were cut for budgetary reasons
- Provide more grants to libraries
- Supply seed money for beta-testing new projects and expanding successful ones
- Fund grant and project assessments (as a component of the second year of a grant's funding)
- Provide specific program and project outreach
- Fund innovative and new projects so the state can continue to advance in terms of its development of libraries.
- Put out a call in January/February for ideas from around the state. At the March 2014 meeting, the Council could prioritize ideas and share them with the library community to weigh-in on. Final recommendations could be confirmed at the May 2014 meeting.

Jeff shared the 6 priorities agreed upon in 2009:

1. Easing statewide access
2. Increasing applied literacy
3. Enhance libraries as relevancy in a democratic society
4. Serving traditionally underserved, un-served and promoting culture diversity

5. Evolving skills/knowledge of library staff
6. Preserving library collections

COUNCIL TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION: LIVING VOTER'S GUIDE

Presentation on [Living Voter's Guide](#) – a partnership between the Seattle Public Library (SPL) and Seattle [CityClub](#) to create civic engagement and community. The Living Voter's Guide is a statewide, online information and resource sharing site that includes information on all ballot measures (statewide, regional, and local). The site does no background checking; uses the honor system for log-ins and comments.

Contact Diane Douglas (ddouglas@seattlecityclub.org) for information regarding service enrollment.

(The PowerPoint of the presentation is available upon request to CityClub.)

NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Cultural Diversity recommendation to replace Ana Romero-Figueroa:
Patricia Cutright – approved
- School Libraries recommendation to replace Kate Burton:
Marci Howells – approved
- Two-Year Academic recommendation to replace Joan Weber:
Jane Blume – approved

NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

- Chair recommendation:
Valerie McBeth – approved
- Vice-chair recommendation:
Nancy Bunker – approved

MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

- [Microsoft IT Academy](#) is in the process of repairing technical issues, and is continuing a slow roll-out.
- IT Academy's main talking points – great project, great partnership, and great investment by the Legislature.
- Microsoft created enrollment codes for everyone who has not created them for the E-learning component. Microsoft sent participating libraries information for enrollment codes so a person who comes in can see all E-learning courses available.

INFORMATION SHARING

- Electronic agenda packets will be sent to Council members in the future, rather than paper packets.
- Joan, Ana, and Kate are “retiring” from Council; thanks to them for their years of service.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Microsoft IT Academy
- The Edge Benchmarks
- Ideas for Unallocated Funding

Adjourned

TOUR OF SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY