

Library Council of Washington March 27, 2014

Washington State Library
Room 413
6880 Capitol Blvd. SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

LCW PRESENT

Jane Blume, Academic 2-Year
Nancy A. Bunker, Academic 4-Year
Kyle Cox, Public Libraries Over 100,000
Patricia Cutright, Cultural Diversity
~~Eliza Dresang, Ex-Officio, University of
Washington iSchool~~
Trish Henry, School Libraries
Marci Howells, School Libraries
Priscilla Ice, Information Technology
Jim Loter, Information Technology

~~Cynthia Lucas, Special Libraries~~
Valerie McBeth, Special Libraries
Pam Nyberg Kiesner, Public Libraries
Under 100,000
Christine Peck, Rural Libraries
Rand Simmons, Ex-Officio, Washington
State Librarian
Valerie Wonder, Disadvantaged

WSL PRESENT

Jeff Martin, Program Manager
Allyson Ruppenthal, LSTA Grant Manager
Leanna Hammond, Administrative Assistant
Staci Phillips, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Iaukea, Project Manager, Microsoft
IT Academy

SPECIAL GUESTS

Elizabeth Mills, University of Washington iSchool
(on behalf of Eliza Dresang)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Valerie McBeth, as Chair, welcomed Council, and opened the meeting. Those attending introduced themselves. This is the first meeting for new members Jane Blume, Patricia Cutright, and Marci Howells.

APPROVAL NOVEMBER 8, 2013 MEETING NOTES

The November 8, 2013 meeting notes were reviewed. Jeff reviewed changes to the notes he had made prior to the meeting. Pam moved and Priscilla seconded that the notes be approved as presented at the meeting.

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed. *No changes were made.*

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Rand provided his State Librarian's report in which he discussed:

- Library 21 a project to promote the Washington State Library as a 21st Century Library meeting the needs of 21st Century Washingtonians
- State Library Budget
 - A general discussion about the nature of the Heritage Center account from which the State Library draws its operations funds
 - A question about what is included in Maintenance of Effort
- Oso mudslide relief and charitable giving

LSTA AND OTHER NEWS RELATED TO THE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Jeff reviewed the 2014 LSTA award with the Council. He contrasted the level of this award with previous awards focusing on the relative increase in funds from 2013 to 2014.

Jeff also gave a short report on participation in the IMLS Grants to States Pilot Reporting process. Also known as the "annual report," the pilot reporting process strives to build a better annual report process for communicating what has been accomplished with an award. This new process also hopes to create more transparency for IMLS staff in reviewing how funds have been expended.

GATHERING IDEAS

Twenty-three ideas were reviewed and discussed. Seven ideas will move forward for further discussion at the May meeting. These are:

- 14-GI-002. Libraries as Open Education Leaders
- 14-GI-010. Leadership Training
- 14-GI-013. Programming Boxes
- 14-GI-016. All Aboard For Kindergarten
- 14-GI-017. STEM
- 14-GI-020. Living Voters Guide
- 14-GI-022. Trustee Training

LIBRARIES TOUCHED BY LSTA

Jeff spoke to the table contained in the agenda as tab 4. This table shows how the Washington State Library's use of LSTA funding in federal fiscal year 2013 has directly benefited libraries of all types throughout the State of Washington. This table also shows which libraries are benefiting from the legislative appropriation given to the Washington State Library for implementation of the Washington State Library Microsoft IT Academy. Finally the table provides a list of projects that provide statewide benefits to many libraries.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW STAFF

Three new staff were introduced. These Washington State Library staff members joined the State Library since the last meeting was held in the Olympia area. These new staff are Elizabeth Laukea, IT Academy project manager, Nono Burling, Ask WA coordinator, and Staci Phillips, administrative assistant.

MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

Elizabeth talked about implementation of the Washington State Library Microsoft IT Academy and the progress to date. Roughly 5,500 residents of the state are now registered through their local library for the IT Academy. These numbers have been

increasing at the rate of approximately 1,000 per month since the mid-November launch of this project. Elizabeth spoke briefly about the next steps and outreach to other organizations and agencies.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Jeff talked about the Edge Initiative as it is being introduced to libraries within the state. The Urban Libraries Council is managing the project and the Washington State Library has agreed to be a conduit for information to local libraries. The first step was to invite pre-identified public libraries to participate in the role of peer comparison libraries. All accepted and will contribute to the development of a national data set such that public libraries of all configurations and sizes may compare themselves to a peer group.

The next step is to invite 15 additional public libraries to participate as preview libraries.

All participating libraries will be able to access and complete the Edge assessment and the other parts of the Edge toolkit. Participation in Edge during 2014 is free. A pricing model for 2015 and beyond has not yet been announced.

2014 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Meeting dates were previously identified by State Library staff as Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Thursday, September 25, 2014, and Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Sites for these meetings were discussed. Mid-Columbia, either the Kennewick or Pasco branch, were identified as a possible location for the May meeting. The new Lummi Library was identified as a possible location for the September meeting, and a Tacoma School District, rural Timberland library, and UW iSchool were identified as possible locations for the November meeting.

INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Library Development Report
 - A new format for the library development report was introduced and discussed. In general, the Council found the new format to their liking and suggested small changes to make the report even better.
 - A public summary which fronts the full library development report was also introduced. This summary represents only the highest level of work for Services to Libraries. If more detail is desired, the reader may simply follow the link to the full report.
- IMLS Newsletter
 - A new format for the IMLS newsletter and other similar topics was also introduced. Instead of re-printing the newsletter as had been past practice, links are provided along with a short synopsis to the top stories.

WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Gathering Ideas will again be discussed at the May meeting. The remaining seven ideas will be ranked given discussion and the feedback received from the library community.

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