

## Library Council of Washington October 11 - 12, 2017 Meeting Notes

Walla Walla Police Department Community Room
54 E Moore St
Walla Walla 98188-8698

Present: Patricia Cutright, Chair; Cindy Aden, Beth Hudson, Kyle Cox, Patricia Devine, Laura Dushkes, Lynn Kanne, Jeff Martin, Lorena O'English, Elizabeth Partridge, Christine Peck, and Maura Walsh

Not attending: Susan Hildreth, Ann Lally, and Susan Whitford

Guests: Rob Mead, Washington State Law Librarian; Toni McKinley Camp, OSOS Legislative Relations Director; Laura Sherbo, WSL Branch Library Services Manager; Elizabeth laukea, WSL Digital Inclusion Librarian; and Mary Campbell, WSL Training Coordinator and Consultant

October 11, 2017 9:00 – Noon	Field Trip: Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)  The visit to the WSP library was hosted by Jean Baker, Branch Librarian, and Laura Sherbo, Branch Library Services Manager. Library Council members and guests learned about branch library operations with the session ending with questions and discussion.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Working Lunch – follow-up on DOC library visit  Facilitator: Laura Sherbo, WSL  Laura Sherbo talked in more depth about the prison library program and the new activities which are taking place. Reentry of those incarcerated back into their communities, support by branch library staff, and the program to ensure that access to a public library card was discussed.
	Prisoners who participate in education while in prison are 43 percent less likely to recidivate. Second Chance Pell Grants offer an associate degree. We have three colleges in the state participating in offering these grants to prison populations: Centralia College at Cedar Creek Corrections Center, Seattle Central Community College at the Monroe Reformatory and Tacoma Community College at the Washington Corrections Center for Women and Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women.
	Laura talked about the donation program for Institutional Library Services and its branches. This program includes donation of books, CDs, or funds to support branches in general or a specific branch.  Question and answer followed.
1:00 – 1:20 p.m.	Welcome to Walla Walla Beth Hudson, Executive Director Welcome Recognition of guests Facilitator: Patricia Cutright, Chair

1:20 – 1:30 p.m.	Approval November 18, 2016 Meeting Notes Review Meeting Agenda Facilitator: Patricia Cutright, Chair  Meeting notes were reviewed. Lorena made a motion and Elizabeth seconded the motion. Meeting notes were unanimously approved.
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	LCW Recommendations for Chair/Vice-Chair and new members Facilitator: Patricia Cutright, Chair
	The LCW review committee recommended Lorena O'English as Chair and Beth Hudson as Vice-Chair.
	The LCW review committee made recommendations for the four Council positions which were to open in January 2018 with the understanding that the Washington State Librarian would take those recommendations under consideration.
	Lorena O'English presented the committee's recommendations for new LCW members to be considered by the Washington State Librarian:
	<ul> <li>Debbie Schultz as the second School Library member</li> </ul>
	Kim Hixson as the Underserved Populations member
	Andrew Chanse as the second Technology member
	Erin Rance from Lane Powell as the second Special Libraries member.
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Legislative Activities Facilitator: Toni McKinley-Camp, Office of the Secretary of State
	Toni McKinley Camp talked about the legislative process and how important it is to build relationships with our legislators by keeping them informed about what activities the libraries are doing, inviting them to programs, sending them newsletters and updates, and having them visit the library when they are home in your district.

## 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

An introduction to the Washington State Law Library Facilitator: Rob Mead. State Law Librarian

An overview of the State Law Library was presented along with information on the Law Library's Civic Learning initiative and the Law Library's outreach to public librarian activities.

Rob Mead, State Law Librarian presented. He said the WA State Law Library's mission is "to promote reliable access to legal information and to provide expert legal reference assistance." To that end he is focused on more digitization; WA legal material and the federal is still in print. Digital copies aren't considered reliable for cite-checking. His staff is focused on outreach and reference.

He is focused on digital outreach to the courts of appeals in Tacoma and Spokane. Also reaching out to city and county attorneys and public defenders. He estimates that their service gets 20 percent of its inquiries from the courts; 40 percent from lawyers; 40 percent from the general public. Half the service in walk-in and the other ½ comes in via phone, chat and email.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a civic awareness institute symposium; he wants to get a librarian on the panel (he did; Cindy was a speaker with Kim Wyman).

Rob is super engaged in civics. He also is trying to get librarians embedded, as a service to the court—getting librarians onto commissions and committees—court works through committees. Minority justice is another important focus: bail reform is a huge issues. Not having poor people trapped in jail because they are poor. How do we change things to assess risk and to not impact the poor disproportionately

## 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## Workforce Development

Facilitator: Elizabeth laukea

Elizabeth laukea presented on her work with the Workforce Development Board and how it is the convener of state players: employment security, DOC, SBCTC, and others. The state is divided into 12 areas which have local Workforce Development Councils: Pacific Mountain, Benton-Franklin, Eastern, etc.

Libraries are a natural fit as Workforce Development sites; they promote STEM, provide a comfortable and supportive place to work with free connectivity. Libraries are in fact mentioned in the Workforce Development Act: Innovation & Opportunity Act, newly renewed and nicknamed WIOA.

All Snohomish county libraries are designated as Workforce Development sites, as connector sites which is the lowest level and guarantees that a patron can get connected to WDC. Affiliate sites have most of the services available, and the full Workforce Development sites have all services available

Talent and Prosperity for All, TAP, is the new Workforce Development plan. Barriers and Access Solutions Committee identifies 14 populations that have barriers to employment, like veterans, immigrants, the disabled. Libraries are often already thinking about how to effectively support these communities. Elizabeth invited the board to talk more to her about WDC and how libraries can get involved locally.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	My experience working at the Washington State Library  Facilitator: Mary Campbell
	Mary Campbell talked about her experience working at the Washington State Library during the previous four months. She also handed out the 2017 – 2018 Training Plan for Library Staff and Trustees. She highlighted the five upcoming trainings scheduled from November 2017 through May 2018.
	Mary also talked about the Center for Creative Leadership model. Learning related to any position is 70% on the job training, 20% from others, and 10% formal education.
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Tour of the Walla Walla Public Library
October 12, 2017 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Washington State Librarian's Report Facilitator: Cindy Aden, WSL
	Cindy Aden indicated that federal library funding is again threatened. She also indicated that the federal government is operating on a continuing resolution which expires well before the end of the federal fiscal year.
	At the state level, the capital budget was not able to be passed with the other parts of the biennial budget. Funding to begin the process of planning for our new library/archives building is therefore held up. We are hopeful that the capital budget will move forward quickly when the supplemental budget legislative session begins in January 2018.
	Cindy discussed the upcoming Virtual Reality pilot with Oculus which will initially involve a pilot project with research provided by the iSchool and then will result in 50 total VR stations being available for distribution around the state.
	The State Library is working with Newsbank on a plan to offer its statewide newspaper database to all libraries in the state for a year paid trial. We are still working on details.
	Linked data is the way library collections can be more discoverable on the open web. The State Library is also working on a project collect about 100K records from several institutions around the state and see if we can give unique Washington materials more exposure.
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	LSTA Work Plan for the use of the 2018 award Facilitator: Jeff Martin, WSL
	The LSTA Five-Year Plan 2018 – 2022 uses five of the seven strategic goals developed for the Washington State Library Strategic Plan.
	Jeff Martin reviewed the 2018 LSTA workplan with Library Council members. Three new projects were included: 1) the VR Research Program for public libraries; 2) the Newsbank pilot; and 3) Action Research in the Library project being implemented through the Library Leadership Council and two-year community and technical colleges. Each of the three new projects include both a 2017 and 2018 LSTA funding component. Funding of the projects within the workplan may need to be adjusted after we know the 2018 LSTA award level.
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Items for next agenda Facilitator: Patricia Cutright, Chair

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Sharing and Unfinished Business Services to Libraries Report Facilitators: Patricia Cutright, Chair; Maura Walsh, WSL
	The library passport idea was brought before the Council.
	It was noted that approval of the LSTA Five-Year Plan 2018 – 2022 had been received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
	The meeting concluded as the room was needed for another activity scheduled at noon.