

## THE STATE LIBRARY



# Library Council of Washington

April 29, 2003

**Lewis D. Cannell Library  
Clark College  
1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd., MS #26  
Vancouver, WA 98663-3598**

### **LCW PRESENT**

Carol Cahill, Public Libraries  
Eve Datisman, School Libraries  
Lisa A. Oberg, Special Libraries  
Lethene Parks, Rural Libraries  
Nola Sterling, Special Libraries

Leonor Ingraham-Swets, Academic –2 Year  
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL  
Sharon Winters, Information Technology  
Bruce Ziegman, Public Libraries

### **WSL PRESENT**

Rand Simmons, Library Development  
Program Manager  
Jeff Martin, LSTA Administrator  
Karen Goettling, Consultant  
Anne Yarbrough, Secretary Administrative

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Matt Saxton, iSchool  
Willem Scholten, The Learning Access Institute  
Tamara Georgick, WSL

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Library Council of Washington meeting was called to order by Sharon Winters, Chair. Leonor Ingraham-Swets, Director, welcomed the Council to Clark College's Cannell Library.

### **APPROVAL MARCH 6, 2003 MEETING NOTES**

The March 6, 2003 meeting notes were approved without changes.

### **REVIEW MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed; updates on the status of FY2003 initiatives and the ERIC Clearinghouse were added.

### **UPDATE ON WSL**

Jan Walsh, State Librarian, gave an update of the Washington State Library and the possible effects of the proposed state budget.

- Since the legislative session ended without adopting a final budget, it is still uncertain just how much the cuts will be. The special session convenes on May 12. Jan stated that whatever the cuts are, the Library would move forward and be the best "skinny" library it can be, and pointed out that other libraries are suffering too. WSL will focus on its primary missions such as digital imaging, historical collections, a

children's history web page, electronic access to state documents, stabilizing the branches, migrating GILs to a better platform, WTBBL, and policies.

- Sharon thanked Jan for all her efforts and positive attitude throughout the last year, Jan praised the WSL staff; and Lethene added her thanks to the staff as well.
- There is new signage on Capitol Boulevard providing directions to both Tumwater's Timberland Regional Library and the Washington State Library.

### **UPDATE ON THE FFY2003 LSTA AWARD, PROPOSED FY2004 LSTA FUNDING LEVELS, AND LSTA RE-AUTHORIZATION**

Jeff provided an update on:

- FFY2003 LSTA Award  
The FY2003 funding has finally arrived so FY2003 initiatives can now proceed.
- Proposed FFY2004 LSTA Funding  
President Bush proposed an increase of 15% for the FY2004 LSTA funding.
- LSTA Re-authorization  
The LSTA reauthorization has not passed yet. The latest version, S.888, still needs co-sponsors.

Sharon asked if the FY2002 LSTA funding had been under spent. Jeff answered that it was difficult to tell at this time since many grant recipients wait until the end of the grant before filing any claims.

### **STATUS OF NEW FY2003 INITIATIVES**

Marketing initiative is moving forward. The CQ is finalized, advertising for the position will begin within a couple of weeks, and Karen is gathering names for the advisory committees. Volunteers are needed to represent all geographical areas, sizes, and varieties of libraries; and should include PIOs of big libraries, directors, and past LCW members. Eastern Washington rural libraries especially need to be represented. Jan suggested that trustees and customers should be involved in some way, maybe by participating in a focus group.

**Assignment:** Send suggested names for the advisory committee to Karen.

Susan Barrett, WSL consultant, has been in contact with Gary Menges, UW, on the Washington Preservation initiative and will work with him to develop the FY2004 proposal.

Rhona Klein, WSL consultant, has been assigned to work with the Connecting Libraries and Schools Through Information Literacy initiative and has a list of people interested in serving on the advisory committee.

### **ASSESSMENT**

There was a discussion on the need for assessment and evaluation and whether or not to apply for IMLS assessment training. One of the reasons assessment training is important is that assessment is part of IMLS requirements. Also, if the Library staff and Council were trained, they could then provide technical assistance to Washington libraries which would find it helpful when applying for other grant sources which also may require assessment. There was some concern expressed about sustainability and the need to keep the assessment process simple.

Phase one would be a day and a half day session. The half day session would provide a general overview for the LCW members and WSL staff. The next day would focus on OBE related to a specific project. WSL and staff would be the target of the full day session. IMLS would conduct the trainings and pay for the trainers. WSL would provide the space.

There was consensus that assessment training would be helpful and that we should move forward and submit the request to IMLS for consideration. IMLS will decide which states participate in the training.

**Assignment:** Eve and Leonoor will work with Jeff and Rand to finalize the proposal.

Phase 2 and 3 will be considered at a later time. It was noted that if we plan to continue with assessment, that we need to begin informing the library community that this will be a requirement in future grant applications.

### **STATEWIDE INITIATIVE PROPOSAL PROCESS UPDATE**

Jeff presented the timeline for the statewide initiative proposal. The announcement will go live on the Web page May 1, 2003. The deadline for submission is June 13, 2003, which allows six weeks. The proposals will be reviewed at the July LCW meeting; recommendations will be made at the Sept. LCW meeting; and then Jan Walsh, State Librarian, and Sam Reed, Secretary of State, will give final approval by the end of September.

Jeff passed on two requests he received from libraries regarding start-up of new library districts and gap funding for the time between when a district is voted and when the funding begins. This led to a discussion on what the Council's priorities are and how small libraries can be helped. The small libraries subcommittee is working on this and other issues, but is not ready yet to present an initiative. Jeff pointed out that gap funding, while allowable with LSTA funds, could not be done under Washington's Five Year Plan. The Plan however, could be revised. Amending the Plan will be discussed at the July LCW meeting. Providing gap funding could be a very useable, concrete way to share with the library community that WSL is meeting their needs.

### **PRESENTATION ON OPENBOOK PROJECT**

Tamara Georgick, WSL consultant, and Willem Scholten, The Learning Access Institute (LAI), gave a presentation on the OpenBook Project. WSL partnered with LAI to provide equipment, software, training, and documentation to small libraries that could not afford commercial systems. The libraries participating in this pilot project were Castle Rock, Kalama and Roslyn public libraries and Oakesdale School library. The goal was for the libraries to share their collections with other local libraries once they had access to high speed, low cost Internet connections. The project has been a great success. Project costs were covered by \$20,000 in LSTA funds.

### **TOUR OF HOST FACILITY**

Leonoor Ingraham-Swets provided a tour of the Cannell Library. The Lewis D.Cannell Libray provides services to Clark College's 12,000 students, its faculty and staff, as well as local residents with either a Ft. Vancouver or Camas library card.

### **WLA CONFERENCE – WHAT WE LEARNED**

Jan reported that WSL had a highly effective presence at the conference and most seemed happy with the changes at WSL. Jeff reported that a number of people commented on the value of WSL to their library's operation and expressed their continued support of WSL. He also said he had several inquiries about the continued availability of Continuing Education grants. Tamara reported that there was a lot of

interest in the training WSL provides. Council members who attended the conference commented on the quality of the various WSL presentations.

### **DEVELOPING FUTURE LIBRARY LEADERS: ADDRESSING THE NEEDS & REALITIES OF MID-CAREER LIBRARIANS**

Matt Saxton led a discussion on the development of future library leaders, and the possibilities for "mid-career" professionals. There is a need for leaders with vision, who are able to use technology effectively, manage diversity, apply research to real-life situations, and most important, who are passionate about what they do. Washington produces 100-120 library graduates a year. About a third of these graduates go into non-traditional information work: special libraries (health-care related & research work primarily), academic and government libraries (web design & communications primarily), and private sector (database administration, web design for companies like amazon.com). The remaining go into traditional library work in schools, academic and public libraries.

It was noted that leadership and management are not the same; leadership requires vision and the ability to attract followers.

Carol expressed concerns that some jobs advertise for recent graduates, i.e., within five years, and asked if mid-career librarians can compete with new graduates. Matt felt they could, if they were motivated and kept their technology skills updated.

### **THE PRIORITIES OF COUNCIL (PROMOTING LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON STATE)**

There was a discussion on the Council's priorities involving recruitment, diversity, the type of consulting that should be done, and then the need to translate discussion into action.

### **LOCATIONS AND AGENDAS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR – COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEETINGS**

Future meetings locations and dates were reviewed. Two of the last 3 meetings have had to be rescheduled due to dates conflicting with members' other obligations. The Council was reminded that when they represent other organizations, they need to inform those organizations of the Council meeting dates and keep WSL informed so there is no conflict.

The next meeting, July 10, will most likely be at the Issaquah High School. Nancy and Eve will finalize the location and notify Council.

### **INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The WSL bi-monthly project reports, IMLS Primary Source Newsletter, and the March Council happenings newsletter were pointed out in the agenda packet.

There was a discussion on the status of ERIC, and the privatization of government information in general. There is a strong business lobby that wants to take over for profit what the government used to provide for free.

### **WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Jeff reminded Council members that the proposal process requires a sponsor, so they should be prepared to be contacted.

**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Review of FY2004 proposals
- Report on final results of the customer survey
- Recruitment for the next vacancies of Council
- Revisions to the LSTA 5-year Plan

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Yarbrough*