

THE STATE LIBRARY



Library Council of Washington

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Room 420
Mary Gates Hall
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

LCW PRESENT

Eve Datisman, School Libraries
Mike Eisenberg, Ex-Officio, Dean, iSchool
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries
Leonoor Ingraham-Swets, Academic 2-Year
Lisa A. Oberg, Special Libraries
Linda Pierce, Academic 4-Year
Lethene Parks, Rural Libraries

Deborah L. Reck, Disadvantaged
Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under100,000
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity
Kevin Stevens, Information and Technology
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL
Jan Weber, School Libraries

WSL PRESENT

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

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Betty Marcoux, UW
Martha Shinnors, WSL, Consultant

Welcome and Recognition of New Council Members

The Library Council of Washington meeting was called to order by Eve Datisman, chair. Eve welcomed the Council's three new members, Sherry Ann Hokanson, Fairchild Base Library; Chris Skaugset, Longview Public Library; Rayette Sterling, Spokane Public Library. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Approval November 16, 2004 Meeting Notes

The November 16, 2004 meeting notes were approved with a few minor changes.

Review Meeting Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed; no changes were made.

State Librarian's Report and Legislative Update

Jan Walsh reported that the Qwest funds, which currently fund public library connections to K-20, will end in 2009, even if the funds are not fully expended. Governor Locke wanted to use the remaining money for a digital project; it's uncertain what Governor Gregoire will want to do.

Jan provided a summary of Governor Gregoire's budget proposal.

- The budget does not specifically target the Library, but we are required to take the across the board cut in General Fund-State and our share of the proposed elimination of 1,000 middle management positions.
- Federal funds were also reduced. Although we may not actually lose much because of the way those funds are appropriated, Jan was concerned because IMLS doesn't want us to return any money—it sends a bad message to Congress.

Jan reported on the status of the 2005 Decision Packages submitted to the legislature.

- New State Library and Archives Building (spending authority) remains intact.
- Electronic State Publications was opposed by OFM. However, we are going to assume that the existing RCW can be used to request electronic copies of all state publications.

The Department of Information Services (DIS) believed that special technology would be required; but it is really just a matter of providing links. DIS wants WSL to talk to their customer advisory board.

Eve asked if there was anything Council and their constituents could do to support this proposal. Jan said to wait and see what happens at the end of this session, i.e., an executive order. We may need to do something next year.

- When the legislature saw the price tag on the Washington ELibrary (WELL), they said we need to come back with a smaller package.
- Restore Staffing to Institutional Branches failed because the legislature felt their constituents wouldn't support it, and DSHS and DOC didn't support it because they considered their large caseload a higher priority.

2005 Statewide Database Licensing Project Activities

Rand Simmons reported that the cost for the new ProQuest contract will be \$500,000, half the previous cost, and includes 3 new databases.

The Statewide Database Licensing Committee (SDLC) recommended that the annual LSTA subsidy of \$500,000 be reduced to \$250,000 and the \$250,000 savings be used towards the purchase of additional databases. The Library Media Directors Council sent a letter urging the Library Council to retain the savings from the ProQuest contract and continue to invest it in statewide database access.

After much discussion by Council, Linda Pierce moved that the SDLC's first recommendation that the annual LSTA subsidy of \$500,000 be reduced to \$250,000 be approved. Leonor Ingraham-Swets seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Eisenberg moved that the \$250,000 saving be set aside until a small study could be conducted and a proposal can be drawn up for the purchase of additional multi-type, statewide electronic resources. Leonor seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Council agreed that the proposal would be based on the needs and desires of the library community to participate, that the SDL committee be included as part of the process, and that the proposal be returned for the May 2005 Council meeting.

Open Book Project Revisited

Jan Walsh reported that one of the library participants of the Open Book project thought they were getting a fully integrated library system and were, therefore, unsatisfied with what they did receive. Although that was not the intent of the pilot project, staff reviewed the contract and determined that the wording was unclear and could be construed that way. Staff met with the OpenBook software designer, Willem Scholten, and he indicated that he would continue working with the original participants to provide them with a fully integrated library system. Council cautioned against further expansion of the OpenBook Project but did indicate that work with the original OpenBook libraries should continue as necessary.

Initial Review FY2006 Ideas

Jeff gave an overview of the new process for gathering ideas.

Jeff presented each of the 15 proposed ideas. Discussion followed in light of how each related to the three Council priorities: 1) Increase information access for the people of Washington; 2) Advance literacy in the state of Washington; and 3) Advocate and market for Washington's libraries. Four general themes emerged: children, training, health information, and digitization. See attachment for details on the discussion of each proposed idea.

After this initial review, the following decisions were made:

- Ideas 001 LETTRS and 014 Statewide Distance Education were dropped.
- Ideas 005 Kids Safe Libraries and 006 Services to Incarcerated training ideas were dropped from consideration as initiatives but will be referred to the training coordinator as possible subjects to be provided under the general training program.
- Ideas 004 Early Learning Training, 007 Reading Achievement, and 015 Every Child Reads will be combined into a single idea.
- Idea 010 Digital Asset Management did not qualify as a statewide initiative since it only addressed a local need; however, 011 Statewide Digital Repository would accomplish the same goal statewide and will move forward in the process.

Staff will develop the ideas that passed today's initial review for Council to consider at the May meeting.

Tour of UW iSchool

Mike Eisenberg took Council for a short tour of the UW campus.

2003 – 2004 K-12 Training: Report on School Participation

Martha Shinnors, WSL, presented the results of the K-12 Training: between 2003 and 2004, 42% of Washington school libraries' staff had been trained.

The 2005 training schedule is:

- April: One-day update training for 2004/2005 trainers at Burien, Shoreline, Olympia, Medical Lake, and Pasco
- June: Two-day training for 2005/2006 trainers at Shoreline, Centralia, Clover Park, Medical Lake, and Pasco
- August: Two-day training 2005/2006 trainers at Bellingham, Burien, Bremerton, Vancouver, and Selah

Martha announced that WLMA will host the www.k12library.info website; and a proposal for a 2006 IMLS National Leadership Grant, if successful, will expand the project to Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Dr. Betty Marcoux, UW iSchool, presented the results of the K-12 Library Initiative Research Study (Principal survey).

- K-12 principals have mixed perceptions of the roles and responsibilities of the professional in the school library.
- There is evidence that the school library professional is gaining in recognition of their role and responsibility in curriculum development.
- In all cases, there was evidence of certain responsibilities that were attributed to the professional in the school library over others. The top ones were in the areas of library collections management, instructional technology integration, and teaching.
- Over half of the principal respondents believe that their school library professional is essential to their school's curriculum and learning goals.

Ex-Officio iSchool Position on Council

At the November Council meeting, there was a discussion of amending the by-laws to make the Ex-Officio iSchool position a voting position and possibly rotate this position. This discussion continued.

Council decided that the position already represented all library education and would remain a non-voting position. Mike named Allyson Carlyle as his designee, which is allowed under the existing by-laws. Both Mike and Allyson will be listed on the Council brochures and web page under the Ex-Officio iSchool position.

OCLC Group Services

Rand reported on the current OCLC Group Services offering of cataloging services and prices. The primary services offered are: FirstSearch WorldCat_Unlimited; Group Catalog Unlimited; Unlimited Cataloging; Unlimited ILL; and 24/7 Cooperative & QuestionPoint Reference Management Services. We don't have to buy all services, but can pick and choose. If this becomes a true collaborative effort, it should result in a cost savings.

Assignment: Lisa questioned the figures listed for academics; Rand will check on those figures.

2005 Meeting Schedule

Council discussed holding a meeting in Eastern Washington, possibly in September. Council felt that although it would be more expensive than holding a meeting in Western Washington, they owed it to their constituents to meet at least once in Eastern Washington. This issue will be discussed further by email.

Eve asked if we needed to confirm the tentative July meeting. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Information Sharing and Unfinished Business

Jan reported that the Washington Electronic Library (WELL) package did not get much support from the library world. We need to work with our constituents for next year.

Wrap Up; Items for Next Agenda

- 2006 Gathering Ideas, cont.
- VR Summit