

# THE STATE LIBRARY



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## Library Council of Washington May 18, 2005

Room 413  
Washington State Library  
Olympia, WA

### LCW PRESENT

Kevin Comerford, Information Technology  
Eve Datisman, School Libraries  
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries  
Leonoor Ingraham-Swets, Academic –2 Year  
Linda Pierce, Academic 4-Year

Lethene Parks, Rural Libraries  
Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under100,000  
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity  
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

Buff Hirko, WSL, Consultant

### WELCOME

The Library Council of Washington meeting was called to order by Eve Datisman, chair.

### APPROVAL MARCH 22, 2004 MEETING NOTES

The March 22, 2004 meeting notes were approved with minor changes.

### REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was reviewed and amended.

### STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Washington Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL)  
Jan reported on the administrative options for WTBBL. Since 1971, the State Library has contracted with the Seattle Public Library (SPL) for the provision of WTBBL services. A study jointly commissioned by WSL and SPL found three administrative options for the provision of this service:
  - 1) Remain in Seattle and continue to contract with SPL or contract with the Department of Services for the Blind.

- 2) Remain or relocate and contract with another public library system, the State School for the Blind, or a newly formed non-profit organization; or administer through WSL.
- 3) Relocate and contract with another state library or administer through a multi-state consortium.

Remaining in Seattle means higher labor costs. Moving outside of Seattle means lower labor costs; however, it presents problems with finding/leasing space, negotiating disposition of the current WTBBL building, and having to rebuild staff and volunteers/partners.

After Council discussed the various options, Lethene moved that the Council formally recommend a two-year contract with SPL to provide adequate time to consider options and if needed provide for a transition. Leonoor seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- K-20 Project  
Jan provided an update on the K-20 project. The Qwest funds, which currently fund public library connections to K-20, will end in 2009, even if they are not fully expended. Suggestions for the use of the remaining money have included a digital project and the use the funds for other projects; but the Attorney General's Office ruled that these funds can only be used for the original purpose. There will be a presentation on the benefits of K20 for public libraries at the K20 board; Eve will be part of that presentation.
- WebJunction  
Jan reported that WebJunction has two new grant programs that are supported by the Gates Foundation:
  - 1) Spanish Language Program: WebJunction will provide a coordinator and curriculum; pay for train-the-trainers; and provide \$3,000 for administrative costs. WSL will provide a coordinator and arrange trainers and sites.
  - 2) Two-year Rural Library Sustainability Project: WebJunction and WSL will both provide a coordinator: Gates will pay \$300 per participant. "Rural" will be defined as a population under 25,000.

### **COUNCIL NOTE TAKER**

Eve asked for a volunteer to take short, simple notes that Council members could send to their constituents immediately following Council meetings. Jan Weber volunteered, starting next meeting. Eve said she would do the notes for this meeting and Linda Pierce indicated that she would assist.

### **2006 STATEWIDE DATABASE LICENSING PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

Rand Simmons reported on the results of the informal survey conducted to determine the needs and desires of the library community to participate in the purchase of additional databases. This additional purchase would be funded with the \$250,000 savings from the new ProQuest contract. The two-part survey question was, "Should available SDL funds be used for additional database purchases and would the local library match the SDL funds at the current level?" Of the 45 responses received, 40 said

“yes”, 4 gave no response, 1 said “no”; 33 said they would match at the current level; 2 said “maybe”; 4 gave no response, and 1 said “no”.

Council further discussed the options for additional databases and group services.

**Decision:** It was agreed that the SDL committee would solicit comments regarding the purchase of additional databases or using available SDL funds to subsidize OCLC group services rather than adding databases. A recommendation on the use of these 2006 funds will be held over until Sept. 2005.

**Assignment:** WSL will prepare a one-page informational piece on group services answering the question, “What’s in it for me?”

## SECOND REVIEW OF FY2006 IDEAS

Jeff gave a brief overview of the new process for gathering ideas and the results of the initial review at the March 22, 2005 Council meeting. There were 3 tasks for this meeting; 1) flesh out the key concepts of ideas 04, 07, and 15 and merge into one idea; 2) look at all ideas again in light of the nine principles (see attached); and 3) make a recommendation by prioritizing the ideas.

After discussion, it was decided that 04 Reading and 15 Early Learning should be treated separately.

<u>Ranked Order</u>	<u>Idea #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Total Score</u>
1	06/GI/011	Statewide Digital Depository	13
2 (tie)	06/GI/004	Reading	10
2 (tie)	06/GI/015	Early Learning	10
3	06/GI/012	Health Info	8
4	06/GI/013	Tribal Training Conference	7
5	06/GI/009	One Book	6
6	06/GI/002	District Formation	1
7 (tie)	06/GI/003	Wireless Network	0
7 (tie)	06/GI/008	Access to Library Materials	0

WSL staff will take this list and flesh out the ideas, assign staff, and develop project and budget to the extent that resources are available to support project implementation. Staff will bring this information back to the September Council meeting for further discussion.

Lethene reminded Council that the library community is looking for grant opportunities so grants should be a component of some of the ideas.

## VR SUMMIT REPORT

Buff Hirko provided information on the February 9, 2005 VR Summit held at the Seattle Public Library. The purpose of the Summit was to develop proposals for replacing the LSTA-funded Statewide Virtual Reference Project (VRS) with a mechanism that will provide continuing coordination and support in areas such as training, marketing, evaluation, user group facilitation, and related concerns. Sixty representatives from academic, public, special, and K-12 libraries from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia attended.

## LCW POSITIONS

Eve announced Leonoor's retirement. Jan presented Leonoor with a certificate of appreciation for her dedicated service on the Council.

Bruce Ziegman has asked for a leave of absence for the remainder of the calendar year due to an upcoming November bond measure and a number of other local initiatives. There is nothing in the by-laws addressing this, so after discussion, it was decided to approve Bruce's request. Eve and Jeff will keep Bruce informed of Council matters until his return. Chris Skaugset will work to keep all of the public library directors informed of Council activities during Bruce's absence.

In addition to Leonoor's vacancy for the remainder of her term, 4 other positions will end in August: 1) Linda's second term representing 4-Year Academics; 2) Lisa's first term representing Special Libraries; 3) Deborah's first term representing Disadvantaged; and 4) Kevin Comerford's first term representing Information Technology. Kevin agreed to serve a second term; Lisa and Deborah will be asked if they would like to continue for a second term. A nominations committee was formed to review applications and will bring their recommendation to the September meeting.

**Assignment:** Kevin Comerford, Jan Weber, and Linda Pierce volunteered for the nominations committee.

## INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2005 Meeting Schedule

It was decided that a July meeting wasn't needed; the next Council meeting will be Sept. 27, 2005 at the State Archives in Cheney.

**Assignments:**

- Sherry Ann will check on the availability of base lodging to reduce travel costs.
- Linda will arrange a B-B-Q/reception for the night before.

- Marketing Update

Karen G. provided an update on the marketing project. There is a survey of library staff coming up. So far, there have been ads in 100 plus newspapers, numerous radio stations, including NPR, radio, and 5-6,000 posters and 30,000 bookmarks have been distributed;

- WSL Budget

Jan Walsh provided a brief summary of the Library's budget for the upcoming year:

- WSL will take an across the board cut in General Fund-State; the exact amount is unknown at this time.
- One WMS position will be returned to a classified position as a result of Governor Gregoire's plan to eliminate 1,000 middle management positions.
- One FTE will be eliminated from the Library division as a result.

- IMLS

IMLS will have a new director beginning in mid-July. Dr. Martin has served his four-year term and will be stepping down.

- LSTA funding for FY2006

Senators Cantwell and Murray were among the 37 Senators who signed the "Dear Colleague" letter in support of President Bush's request of \$221.33 million for the LSTA and \$100 million for the Improving Literacy through School Libraries program for FY 2006 .

**WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- LCW Vacancies
- FY2006 Ideas