

THE STATE LIBRARY



Library Council of Washington

WSL, room 413

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LCW PRESENT

Harry Bruce, Ex-Officio, Dean, iSchool
Allyson Carlyle, Ex-Officio designee, iSchool
Kevin Comerford, Information Technology
Eve Datisman, School Libraries
Tim Fuhrman, Academic –2 Year
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries
Lisa A. Oberg, Special 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
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

Lynn Olson, Pierce College
Buff Hirko, WSL Consultant
Elizabeth Iaukea, WSL Consultant

Introduction of New Member

Eve Datisman, Chair, welcomed Council's newest member Harry Bruce, the new Dean of the University of Washington iSchool. Eve also welcomed Bruce Ziegman and Jan Weber back to Council after extended absences.

State Librarian's Report

Jan Walsh presented the State Librarian's report.

- Legislative update: The Electronic Publications bill and the School Media bill both passed; the Community College Database bill did not. The Heritage Building received additional funding for pre-design.
- Discussion continues with Seattle Public Library about the WTBBL transition. The WTBBL building is still an issue that needs to be resolved. WSL FTE caps will need to be raised to sustain 20 additional FTEs. Jan stated that the service to the blind needs to not only survive, but to thrive.
- WLA included the Washington State Library, the Community College Databases, and School Media bill as top priorities in their state agenda. Jan was very pleased with this; it brings us closer to one library community.

- Letters About Literature: Students were invited to write a personal letter to any author, living or dead, telling how that author's work changed their thinking about themselves and the world. This was Washington State's first year of participation in this national contest and we had the 7th highest total of letters submitted. WLMA talked it up to the schools and made a big impact. Jan was one of the judges, and found it very tough because of the number of high quality entries. One student from each of the 3 levels—grades 4-6, grades 7-8, and 9-12—were chosen to continue on to the national competition. Jan and Secretary of State Sam Reed will participate in the award ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda on April 18. This project really showed the importance reading is to students and it was a great collaboration with OSPI.
- US National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences (NCLIS) Health Award: Kittitas Valley Community Hospital was chosen as the library with the most outstanding consumer health information program in Washington State. They did a good job of describing their partnerships—very much a community collaboration. The national NCLIS Health Award will be announced in May 2006.
- Jan referred Council to the handout, *Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources, a report to the OCLC Membership*.
- Anne-Imelda Radice, Ph.D., has been appointed the new Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This position rotates every four years between a Library person and a Museum person.
- Jan referred Council to Sam Reed's electronic newsletter in the handout packet. Jeff asked if Council would like these newsletters forwarded to them in the future; all responded they would.

Approval December 1, 2005 Meeting Notes

Deborah moved the December 1, 2005 meeting notes be approved; Jan Weber, Tim, and Bruce Z. all seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without correction.

Review Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed; no changes were made.

Should WSL Add a 0.5 FTE VRS Coordinator to Library Development Staff?

Rand Simmons presented the VRS Steering Committee's request to 1) fund a .5 FTE VRS Coordinator to provide statewide leadership facilitation and to coordinate schedule coverage; 2) provide a central Web portal as other states provide; and 3) pay for 2 pieces of software, Basic Management Environments, for an academic site and a public library site. The idea came out of last year's VRS Summit. The estimated cost would be approximately \$39,150.00 in 2007.

Concerns and options were discussed:

- What about sustainability? Sustainability is currently one of LCW priorities, but at the time VRS project began, it wasn't anticipated that the project would continue beyond its projected termination date.
- This position could possibly be absorbed into the SDL position:

- One of the current SDL staff is leaving soon; the position may be downsized to .5 FTE at that time.
- An intriguing idea that makes a lot of sense.
- WSL's FTE cap is a consideration and an internal problem.
- What happens if we don't have this position? If we don't have someone in charge of this, we may miss an opportunity. What will happen if WA State doesn't have a presence?
- Could participating libraries pitch in and pay for this person rather than use LSTA funds? Chances are zero: besides, such a person might lose neutrality if some libraries paid more than others.
- There are other opportunities the State Library is wondering how to staff.
- Potential here is to make us into a good solid community—library doors open 24/7—that's what patrons want. There are costs in all these pieces, but to be able to build these communities is a #1 priority.
- There are some services we provide better with economy of scale.
- VRS has not been a statewide project in the sense that a number of libraries have yet to implement the service in their area.

Following discussion, consensus was reached that this was too important to drop—meets our #1 priority—but it needs to have specific goals/criteria for the next 2 years. After two years, review of progress will take place and another recommendation will be made on whether to continue support.

Is the 2006 One Book Project Still Viable?

Jan Walsh reported that she took the One Book Project to the Public Library Directors' January meeting and it was not well received. In addition, the FTE cap was more limiting than originally thought. Therefore, the proposed idea was revised using a competitive grant approach, allowing local libraries to fund author appearances, materials, and other activities working with local partners, or where applicable, with other libraries. The grants could also provide each grant recipient a copy of ALA's *One Book One Community* planning guide to libraries.

Bruce Z. moved that LCW approve the revised proposal; Jan Weber seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Group Services Update

Rand Simmons gave an update on Group Services.

- In January 2006, thirty attendees heard Bruce Newell talk about Montana's experience with Group Services.
- Will Stuvenga, WSL Consultant, and Rand met with Paul Cappuzzello at ALA Mid-Winter conference.
- Jan Walsh took Group Services to the Public Library Director's meeting and received a positive response.
- Rand submitted a Group Services project idea for 2007.

Review of 2007 Ideas

Jeff Martin provided an overview of the 2007 Gathering Ideas process. Today's purpose is to do an introduction and discuss the ideas submitted, especially in light of the LCW principles and priorities. At the May meeting, Council will develop a ranked recommendation list to take to Jan Walsh and Steve Excell, Assistant Secretary of State, for

their final approval. Over the summer, WSL staff will develop a workplan for both the continuing projects and the new proposed projects.

Sixteen ideas were submitted:

- 07-GI-01 Lincoln County Library Collaboration Demo
- 07-GI-02 Competitive Grant Cycle for Preservation Projects 2007
- 07-GI-03 *eliminated (this number was originally assigned to a proposed idea that was more in support of another idea, rather than a stand alone idea)*
- 07-GI-04 Traveling Exhibits
- 07-GI-05 Competitive Sub-Grants
- 07-GI-06 Group Services
- 07-GI-07 National Digital Newspaper Project (NDNP) in Washington: A Planning Process
- 07-GI-08 Cooperative World Language Materials Selection, Acquisitions, and Cataloging
- 07-GI-09 Support for Micro Libraries
- 07-GI-10 Digitizing the Backfiles of the Seattle Times
- 07-GI-11 Training for Staff of Washington State Libraries
- 07-GI-12 Ready to Read Grants
- 07-GI-13 Reaching Out to Daycare Children
- 07-GI-14 Connecting Learners to Libraries (CLL)
- 07-GI-15 Promoting Student Success
- 07-GI-16 Outreach to Small and Remote Libraries in Washington State
- 07-GI-17 Library Access for Native Americans in Washington State

Jeff gave a brief description of each proposed idea; discussion followed (see attachment B for details of discussion).

Council was impressed with the ideas submitted—the new process is working!

The ideas will be posted on the LCW web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/library/libraries/dev/council. Council is encouraged to discuss these proposed ideas with their constituents.

Information Literacy in WA CTC Project

Lynn Olson, Pierce College, provided an update of the project, Information Literacy in Washington Community and Technical Colleges, and thanked Council for the funding to support this project.

The LSTA Five-Year Evaluation

Buff Hirko, WSL Project Manager and lead of the project, presented Council with the activities timeline for the Five-Year Evaluation.

Buff asked Council for feedback on “lessons learned”; discussion followed:

- The simplified ideas proposal process is a success.
- WSL is more visible (result of branding) than a few years ago and more approachable (building bridges).
- Really helped to focus on Council priorities.
- LCW is taking on self-education projects
- WSL training was most effective.
- There is real value in strong advisory committees—projects have found good people for these committees.

- WSL grant recipients are going on to apply for other grants (outside of WSL)
- Strong personal contacts
- Council has struggled over the years on how to effectively communicate with constituents—the WSL Updates has really helped.

Buff asked if there were any ideas or preferences of what they wanted to see in the evaluation:

- More quotes and stories (relate to outcome)
- Graphs/tables
- Need good balance of anecdotal and data
- Be mindful there are new people to the state; repeating previous messages is okay.
- Anything that can be done to make the process open and transparent is good
- Define fiscal year, federal and state

There was a discussion on whether Council should have a session at WLA as a way to communicate—maybe have a “table talk”. LCW members could come to the 3:15 p.m., Thursday, April 20 session on the development of the next Statewide Plan and LSTA Five-Year Plan.

Buff asked that Council email her with any additional comments.

Assignment: Jeff will forward Buff’s email address to Council.

¿Hablan español @ su biblioteca? Spanish Language Outreach Training

Elizabeth Laukea provided an update on the Spanish Language Outreach training funded by a grant from WebJunction. WebJunction’s goal for this training is for libraries to begin offering computer classes to the Spanish speakers in their community; WSL’s goal is for libraries to take their *next* step towards outreach to their Spanish speaking community. The grant allows the State Library to hire 3 trainers to provide 9 workshops statewide, using curriculum provided by WebJunction. Four workshops have been conducted; two are scheduled for Spring 2006; three have not yet been scheduled.

WebJunction also plans to provide a diversity online course for all Washington library staff. The course will be announced on WSL Update as soon as it is online.

K-12 Wrap Up

Eve presented a wrap up on the K-12 project:

- The project was recently featured on the IMLS site
- Project was done by working librarians
- Lots of partnerships
- 53% of WLMA membership was involved
- 165 of the 296 Washington State school districts were involved
- Focus was on WASL data—schools can have a 10% improvement on test scores with good library services
- Librarians keep administration informed with a 10-week memo and a final report (some were included in school district report cards)
- Differences can be tracked
- WLMA lobbied for K-12; they were instrumental in formulating the language of the WAC, Chapter 80

- Led to Washington (in partnership with 4 other states) submitting an IMLS National Leadership Grant to spread the project across the northwest.
- Outgrowth of library summit—real collaboration effort

2006 Meeting Schedule Part III — Discussion on Locations

The 2006 meeting schedule was reviewed; one date may need to be changed; Kevin C. offered the Microsoft Studios for the November meeting.

Wrap Up; Items for Next Agenda

- Review the 2007 Ideas
- LCW self-education

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Yarbrough*