

THE STATE LIBRARY



Library Council of Washington

September 14, 2006

Heritage College Library, Toppenish, WA

LCW PRESENT

Eve Datisman, School Libraries
Tim Fuhrman, Academic 2-Year
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries
Elizabeth Knight, Academic 4-Year
Lethene Parks, Rural Libraries
Deborah L. Reck, Disadvantaged

Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under 100,000
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

Colleen Veomett, Heritage University
Heather Muller, Online Services Consultant
Will Stuvenga, SDL Project Manager
Chris Peters, Technology Consultant

Welcome

Eve Datisman, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Approval of May 16, 2006 Meeting Notes

Sherry Ann Hokanson moved that meeting notes for May 16, 2006 be approved; Jan Weber seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without change.

Review Meeting Agenda

The agenda was slightly revised to allow time to travel to the Yakama Nation Cultural Center for lunch.

State Librarian's Report

Jan Walsh presented the State Librarian's report:

- Heritage Center:
 - Part of the Executive Office Complex that would be built in three phases; the Heritage Center will be built in phase one
 - This will be submitted to the Legislature as part of the GA's legislative packet
 - This will be the first building on campus since 1959
 - A favored plan requires the complete demolition of the current GA building
 - It would be built *into* the hillside, not on the hillside. This would protect archives and library materials from the sunlight. The hillside would have to be stabilized, but it needed to be stabilized anyway. Architects will be looking at the Weyerhaeuser building which is also terraces into a hill.

- Jan is excited it is moving so fast; completion date is 2011.
- It will be a destination building, i.e., students will come to the building to learn about Washington State history.
- WTBBL transition:
 - Jan directed Council to the Frequently Asked Questions sheet, and to a copy of a letter Gloria Leonard, Director of WTBBL, sent to patrons, volunteers, and supporters.
 - The State Library is asking that the WTBBL building be sold with the funds dedicated only to services for the blind, including the cost of another building (possibly closer to Olympia). The disposition of the Seattle building is under discussion.
 - A Transition Advisory Board (TAB) has been formed to guide the process and work on the issues.

Review 2007 Workplan

Jeff gave an overview of the 2007 LSTA Project workplans that Library Development prepared over the summer, including budgets and staffing. Two project budgets were difficult to plan for since they were startup projects in 2006, so a placeholder amount was used to set aside approximately what was needed; these amounts can be adjusted later. Three projects were new for 2007.

2007 LSTA Project Title	<i>Continuing or New</i>	<i>2007 Project Est. Budget</i>
Administration – Reserved for fiscal & admin services support	Continuing	\$136,000
Allocated Support Costs	Continuing	\$61,000
Connecting Learners to Libraries	Continuing	\$40,000
Continuing Education Grant Program	Continuing	\$75,000
Digital Repository Project (Small and Rural Libraries)	Continuing	\$161,000
DOC Library Materials Support & Branch Policy Group	Continuing	\$120,000
Information Literacy in WA Community & Technical Colleges	Continuing	\$30,000
IT Continuing Education	Continuing	\$30,000
IT Services	Continuing	\$30,000
Library Science Materials for the Library Collection	Continuing	\$3,000
LSTA Operations	Continuing	\$126,655
One Book Reads in Washington	Continuing	\$190,000
Organizational Memberships	Continuing	\$35,000
Promoting Student Success	New	\$30,000
Staff Operations - Special Populations	Continuing	\$349,835
Staff Operations – Technology	Continuing	\$344,727
Statewide Database Licensing	Continuing	\$373,350
Statewide Health Information Outreach Project	Continuing	\$150,000
Statewide Library Marketing Initiative	Continuing	\$150,000
Targeted Competitive Grants	New	\$100,000
Training	Continuing	\$20,000
VRS	Continuing	\$60,000
Washington Group Services	New	\$200,000
Washington Preservation Initiative Grants	Continuing	\$100,000
Washington Talking Book & Braille Library	Continuing	\$328,000

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library Transition	Continuing	\$44,000
Workshop in Library Leadership (WILL)	Continuing	\$31,050
Youth Services	Continuing	\$12,500
		\$3,331,117

Council expressed appreciation for the easy to read format and the level of information provided.

LSTA Five-Year Evaluation and Development of Statewide Plans

Jeff reported on the status of the Five-Year Evaluation and Statewide Plans.

- Five-Year Evaluation:

Buff Hirko, WSL Consultant, has been working on the draft evaluation. It is descriptive in nature with lots of information on output and good anecdotal information; however, we have been struggling with outcomes. After Buff's retirement at the end of Sept., Jeff, Rand, and Karen will continue the development of the evaluation. WSL sent out a survey evaluating progress made toward the goals of our previous Five-Year Plan. In the 1 1/2 days since its release, 104 responses have been received. So far, most of the comments have been positive.

Assignment: Jeff will send the survey link out to Council so they can also participate in the survey. WSL staff will send Council the results.

- Statewide Plan:

An RFP has been issued for a consultant to complete the statewide plan. Eight letters of interest and one phone call were received in response to the RFP; four proposals were submitted. The selected consultant might attend the November 2006 and the May 2007 LCW meetings.

It was agreed that this was a good decision to hire a consultant, rather than having WSL staff try to add it to their current workload.

Selecting a Nominations Committee – Review of Applications and the Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

The deadline for applications for the Rural Library Services position is Friday, Sept. 22, 2006. At this point, only one application has been received. Eve asked for volunteers for the nominations committee to review the applications and make a recommendation. This committee will also nominate next year's Council chair and vice-chair.

Assignment: Lisa, Lethene, and Sherry Ann volunteered and will meet by email or phone. Sherry Ann will chair the committee.

2007 Meeting Schedule

There was a short initial discussion on November's and next year's meeting dates and locations. The Nov. 14, 2006 date was changed to Nov. 15, 2006 and will be held either near Olympia or SeaTac for the travel convenience of the RFP consultants hired.

Everyone was encouraged to check their calendars for commitments in March, May, September, and November of 2007.

Library Tour

Colleen Veomett, Reference and Technical Librarian, provided a tour of the Heritage University's Donald K.D. North Library. The library is styled after a traditional long house, including a story telling pit, with 14 ceiling timbers representing the 14 tribes of the Yakama Nation.

Colleen introduced Jerry Meninick, of the Yakama Nation, who spoke briefly about a historical project he is working on. He was hired to research the 1855 Treaty of the Yakama Nation; his research is based partly on oral history as well as written history.

Library Advocacy Continuing Education – SDL and Electronic Resources

Chris Peters, WSL Technology Consultant, and Heather Muller, recently-hired Online Resources Consultant, were introduced to Council.

Will Stuiivenga, WSL consultant, gave a presentation on funding trends and related issues of the Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) program throughout the nation.

- In the most recent RFP process, ProQuest cut its price in half, from \$1 million to \$500,000 and the LSTA subsidy was cut to \$250,000, with participating libraries still paying half the cost. The market value of the package, if purchased individually by libraries, is over \$12.3 million. The current contract ends June 30, 2007 with four optional one-year extensions available.

A study showed that three states plus the District of Columbia have no statewide database licensing projects. There is a trend towards diversification of funding sources for statewide database licensing; Washington State uses federal funding only.

- A recent survey was conducted to find out how many state libraries offered an information portal and a federated search across multiple sources, especially databases from different vendors. The results were that 35 states have portal-like sites; 6-7 states have portals that provide federated searching. The Washington State Library was not among these.

Chris gave a presentation on Web 2.0 (the network as platform, spanning all connected devices) and Lib 2.0. Chris's PowerPoint on his presentation can be found at:

<http://wa.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=14156>

Wrap Up; Items for Next Agenda:

- 2007 Meeting Schedule – second discussion on meeting dates and locations
- Election of Officers
- Election of representative for Rural Library Services position
- LSTA Five-Year Evaluation and Development of Statewide Plans (w/RFP consultant)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough