

Secretary's Council on Library Development

Kirkpatrick State Information Center
Secretary of State Conference Room
Jefferson City, MO

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Members present: Bacon, Buthod, Carr, Darst, DePriest, Ellinger, Gage, Sanders, Schmitt

Absent: Curls, Hancox, Keeney, McCampbell, Munzlinger, Mullaly- Quijas, Watts, Wilke

Guests: Tracy Byerly, Amigos Library Services
Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet

Staff present: Conroy, Reading, Steinman, Morrisroe, McHenry, Smith, Wingo, Musselman

Darst called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Council members and guests were introduced. Morrisroe introduced Renee McHenry, who replaced A. J. Million as the MoDOT Librarian.

Secretary of State Transition – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

New Secretary of State Jason Kander takes the oath of office on January 14, Inauguration Day.

Secretary of State-Elect Kander has met with the senior directors individually for an overview and introduction to the work of their various departments.

Secretary Carnahan has deferred the submission of the budget to Secretary-Elect Kander.

The council serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

Amigos Update – Tracy Byerly, Amigos Library Services

Byerly gave a brief background on the July 1 merger of Amigos and Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC). Amigos has kept the old MLNC office in St. Louis. The main headquarters is in Dallas, TX. Due to the merger, a wider range of training is now available to

Missouri member libraries. Amigos offers four online conferences for members, and discounts on electronic resources are also offered.

Missouri Evergreen Update – Donna Bacon, MOBIUS

Bacon gave a brief history of Missouri Evergreen, a consortium of public libraries in Missouri. MOBIUS has a contract with the State Library to host and manage a shared open-source automation system for the consortium. The system facilitates resource sharing for member libraries. As of Monday, there will be seven libraries live on the system. Six more libraries are scheduled to go live in 2013.

Wolfner Talking Book & Braille Library Update – Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Library

Wolfner sent out an RFQ (a request for quote) in May for assistance in developing a strategic plan for the library. The contract was awarded to Avant Marketing. Avant mailed surveys and conducted telephone interviews. Patrons were randomly selected to participate in the survey along with the Wolfner Advisory Council. Wolfner staff were also interviewed. Smith read the highlights of the survey and the executive summary submitted by Avant.

LSTA Projects – Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development

Reading gave background information on the annual state program report for use of LSTA funds, and reported on some of the strongest projects.

Springfield-Greene County Library's work on Civil War materials has been outstanding. This year the library focused on scanning collections from new partners. The library has made a significant contribution in developing a best practices guide for use by other libraries.

This past spring the State Library conducted a program using Gates Foundation funds to purchase e-readers and conduct trainings around the state for library staff on how to use the various devices. This was followed up with an LSTA grant to libraries that sent a staff member to one of the trainings for e-reader devices for staff and patron training.

Truman University's Pickler Memorial Library was awarded a Spotlight on Literacy grant in support of its children's literacy festival. After three years of grant funding, the library will host this event on its own in the future. This event has had a lasting impact on the students in the community.

Two of the summer reading program grants were awarded to Kirksville Public Library and Springfield-Greene County Library. These libraries made outstanding outreach efforts targeting daycares and day camps, and developed partnerships with local park authorities.

MOREnet Update – Margaret Conroy and Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet

Conroy gave a brief overview of MOREnet. MOREnet staff recently proposed to the MOREnet Council the use of reserve funds to conduct twin research projects, one for schools and one for libraries. Each project would extend over a period of three years and would help determine the 21st century technology needs of a library or school.

Sullivan gave a brief update of MOREnet's internet connection upgrades for libraries.

MoBroadbandNow Report and Connect2Compete – Margaret Conroy

The second MoBroadbandNow Report has been released and focuses on the role libraries have in serving the broadband needs of citizens.

A national project called "Connect2Compete" supports broadband deployment and internet access in communities. The project has three components:

- Provide low income families with cost-effective internet access in their homes
- Provide low-cost laptops for qualifying families
- Promote digital literacy training in communities.

An ad campaign for the project will promote libraries as sources of digital literacy training.

Library Development Topics – Margaret Conroy and Barbara Reading

The State Library received a request from a library to replace its aging videoconferencing equipment. Due to historical low use of the equipment by that library, the request was denied. Staff is reviewing whether to replace videoconferencing equipment as the need arises or let the equipment phase out and look for other ways of conducting training and conferencing.

There have been several new library districts created in Missouri. New districts have five years from the date of formation to pass a tax levy. The State Library's goal is for every Missourian to have tax supported public library service.

In August, a sub-district of Marion County passed a tax for Palmyra to become a tax supported library. The Caldwell County Library District became tax-supported. Brentwood passed an increase in its tax levy. Missouri River Regional Library asked for an increase in the operating levy; it did not pass. St. Louis County Library was successful in passing a 6 cent increase. Jefferson County, however, tried and failed to create a Hillsboro sub-district. Gentry County failed to convert its 10 cent debt service levy to its operating levy.

Taney County does not have tax supported library service. A county library district has been established by the county commission; a tax levy election is pending.

The St. James Foundation has asked the City of St. James to take over the library and park. Discussions are underway for a county-wide tax supported library service. Rolla is currently the only tax supported library in Phelps County.

Conroy asked the Council for input on how involved should the State Library should become in developing new library districts and service. Rep. Ellinger suggested getting area community leaders involved and showing their support for the libraries.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

Conroy asked if there were any questions on the report. Hearing none, Darst moved to the approval of the minutes from the August 3, 2013 meeting.

Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2012 Council Meeting

Darst asked for any questions and/or corrections of the August 3, 2012 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Darst called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Carr so moved. DePriest seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Darst adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

2013 Meeting Dates: To be announced at a later date.