

Attachment E

Secretary's Council on Library Development

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

December 9, 2011

Members present: Buthod, Byerly, Carr, Darst, DePriest, Fuchs, Gage, Hancox, Watts, Wilke

Absent: Keeney, McCampbell, Mullaly-Quijas, Sanders, Staines, Talboy

Guests Attending: Donna Bacon – MOBIUS
John Gillispie – MOREnet
Jeanne Sullivan – MOREnet
Jazy Mihalik – Springfield-Greene County Library

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Richard Smith, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Abbey Rimel, Debra Musselman, Heather Richmond, Naphtali Faris, Megan Lusk, Carl Wingo

Observers: Sharla Lair, Ann Roberts, Brenda Allee-Bates

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Council members and guests were introduced. Carr thanked the members for their service over the past year and announced this would be Byerly's last meeting and thanked her for service to the Council.

Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development, introduced three new staff members to the Council. Naphtali Faris, Youth Services Consultant, Megan Lusk, Technician I and Heather Richmond, Digital Collections Coordinator.

SHELF Project – Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Wolfner is in the second year of the transition to digital media. Eighty-two percent of Wolfner's circulation is now digital as compared to cassette.

The National Library Service (NLS) does not currently make locally recorded books available through the BARD system because some of the books do not meet NLS quality assurance standards. To address this, Wolfner Library has purchased a service from its automation vendor that enables patrons to download locally recorded books from a hosted server. The program is called "SHELF", for Shared Electronic Files. The books are available for download through the WolfPAC catalog. Currently three other states' locally recorded books are also available to

Wolfner patrons through SHELF, with more states expected to join. There are 910 titles available for download. Smith gave a demonstration of the system.

Reference Services Weeding Project – Abbey Rimel, Collection Development Librarian

Rimel gave a brief history of the Missouri State Library's collection and how it has evolved over time from serving public libraries around the state to the current focus on meeting state government research needs.

Reference Services began a major weeding project in 2008. The collection held around 38,000 volumes at the beginning of the project; 21,000 volumes have now been weeded. The items were offered to other tax supported libraries in the state and 37 libraries took advantage of the offer.

The benefits of the weeding project are:

- Collection now better reflects the mission of the State Library
- Collection Development Policy provides current guidance
- Attractive and organized library shelves

MOREnet and MoBroadbandNow Updates – John Gillispie, Executive Director, MOREnet and Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

Gillispie gave a PowerPoint presentation on MOREnet's status. The rates for network connectivity are decreasing in FY13. The cost for bandwidth is a fixed rate and bandwidth has seen a 42% growth rate this year. The REAL program has seen an 18% growth rate in the past 12 months.

MOREnet has added several new services, such as learning management system hosting powered by Moodle and mobile videoconferencing powered by Vidyo. MOREnet also recently helped educational licensees preserve educational broadcast service licenses issued by the FCC by offering to sublease the frequencies. This should enhance access to broadband for some customers in the leased frequency ranges.

Looking forward, MOREnet plans to bolster organizational capacity for member relations, product development and marketing. MOREnet will continue to aggressively seek ways to lower connectivity costs to members. MOREnet will develop and introduce products that solve business challenges for members. Gillispie also discussed the MOREnet Council reconfiguration, which became more broadly reflective of membership on July 1, 2011.

Conroy reported on the MoBroadbandNow program, the Governor's program for promoting broadband deployment in the state using federal ARRA funds. MOREnet did not receive an ARRA grant, but is working with some of the awardees on projects. The broadband summit held last month focused on planning efforts.

LSTA Evaluation – Barbara Reading, Director, Library Development and Debbie Musselman, LSTA Grants Coordinator

Reading reported that the IMLS is requiring an independent evaluation of state five year LSTA plans for the current plan cycle. The State Library has engaged the Assessment Resource Center (ARC) at the University of Missouri to conduct the evaluation of the 2008-2012 LSTA Plan. The evaluation is due to IMLS by March 31, 2012. Work has also begun on the five year plan for 2013-2017, due to IMLS by June 30, 2012.

Reading and Musselman read a draft of the sections from the evaluation which have been completed by ARC. The first draft of the full evaluation should be received later this month.

Reading reported that the State Library has held the first of five town hall meetings to gather information to help formulate the five year plan. Tom Peters of TAP Information Services is the facilitator for the meetings.

Conroy asked for volunteers from the Council to assist with the new five year plan formation. She expects a half day working session will be held in either late February or early March. The following Council members volunteered: Valerie Darst, Sharla Buthod, Jacque Gage, Sallie Hancox and Melissa Carr.

Public Library Automation Consortium Update – Carl Wingo, Technology Consultant and Donna Bacon, Executive Director, MOBIUS

Wingo reported that the State Library has received a recommendation from the Public Library Automation Task force to fund a consortium using the open source Evergreen software hosted by MOBIUS. The original automation task force convened in late 2010 has transformed into a steering committee for the new consortium.

The State Library plans to fund the implementation costs for the first five years of the consortium, salaries for two staff at MOBIUS, and the server hosting cost for one year. The members of the consortium will pay a percentage of the administrative overhead costs for the staff and any fees to their current vendors for data extraction costs. After five years, members joining the consortium will be responsible for all costs to join the consortium. The State Library will continue staff support as long as the project meets LSTA goals and funding is available.

LSTA Exemplary Grant Presentation – Jazy Mihalik, Springfield-Greene County Library

Mihalik is the Director of the Edge Community Knowledge Center which offers basic computer skills training, basic internet skills, and library resource training for the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Since starting in 2002, the attendance at the center has topped 32,000. Mihalik described the program developed with grant funds known as “Edge to the Rescue”.

The Edge to the Rescue program was started as a mobile extension of the cooperation grant for the original Edge project. Staff took training on the road to senior centers and other locations. The program was such a success that when the grant funding ending in June, the library board voted to continue Edge to the Rescue by funding a full time staff position.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

Conroy said the State Aid payments for FY12 have been calculated using the 2010 Census information. Katina Jones verified boundary information with library districts affected by the 1965 district law for purposes of distributing state aid.

At the Missouri Public Library Directors' meeting on December 4th, Conroy asked the directors how they would like to proceed with revising the Missouri Public Library Standards. The library directors decided to continue to work through the Missouri Library Association, which originally established the Standards. A MOSL staff member will be on the committee.

Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2011 Council Meeting

Carr asked for any questions and or corrections of the July 8, 2011 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Carr stated the minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business - None

Announcements – None

Adjournment: Carr adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

2012 Meeting Dates: To be determined