

Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

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Minutes

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

March 20, 2009

Members present: Baker, Buthod, Byerly, Carr, Darst, Fridley, Gage, Hancox, Hogerty, McCampbell, Sanders

Absent: Quijas-Mullaly

Guests Attending: Bill Mitchell, Executive Director of MOREnet  
Beth Fisher, Executive Director of MOBIUS  
Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet  
Margaret Booker, Executive Director, MLA  
Mark Reading, Governor's Stimulus Task Force

Staff present: Conroy, Reading, Steinman, Wingo

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Council members and guests were introduced.

Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development introduced Merideth Rice. Merideth is the new Technician I in Library Development. She replaces Julie Dudenhofer.

Susan Morrisroe, Director of Reference Services introduced A. J. Million. He is the new transportation librarian.

## **Legislative Update – Margaret Conroy**

Conroy discussed several budget issues with the Council. Currently the Secretary of State's Office has not been asked formally to cut back any of its fiscal FY09 appropriations.

The Out of State Athletes and Entertainers (A&E) funds are fully appropriated at the beginning of each fiscal year. The State Library draws funds every quarter then makes one annual payment to the public libraries in April or May. This year's third and fourth quarter payments have not yet been released, but it is hoped the remainder of the funding will be released towards the end of the fiscal year.

The first state aid payment and the equalization payments have been made.

For fiscal year 2010, the Secretary of State asked for flat funding for all of the budget line items except for the A&E funds, for which she requested full funding. In the Governor's budget, state aid, REAL and A&E funding were sent to the legislature as a flat request. The House further reduced the A&E funding by \$102,500.

Conroy discussed several bills which have an effect on Missouri's public libraries.

SB 174 was filed to correct some of the problems caused by Senate Bill 711 last year, and it seems to be gaining some traction.

HB 591 would allow voters to petition their local political subdivisions to lower the tax rate. It has had a hearing in committee and no one has testified in favor of this bill.

Senate Joint Resolutions 4 and 18 (identical) and SB 99 filed by Senator Cunningham freeze assessed valuations to no more than 2% growth, which could have a severe impact on public libraries' tax income over time.

Several bills have been filed which affect the Athlete and Entertainers' tax. One would remove the \$10 million dollar cap which goes to the Arts Council; another would take \$2 million of the Arts Council's portion and dedicate it to a Juneteenth celebration.

Three bills specifically affect libraries and Chapter 182. They are:

- HB 824, which moves back the date of audit report filing for consolidated libraries. This may pass on consent.
- SB 266 filed by Senator Mayer on behalf of the Poplar Bluff Public Library would allow libraries to levy up to a half-cent sales tax based on a local vote. The committee hearing has been held, and the language has also been added to SB 7, a political subdivision omnibus bill. In the hearing, it was suggested that mandatory property tax language be inserted; if it is, state aid eligibility requirements in Chapter 181 would require amendment also.

- SB 450, filed by Senator Cunningham, would require public libraries to adopt written policies consistent with contemporary community standards to restrict minors from gaining access to materials considered obscene or pornographic for minors. Among other provisions, libraries may instead choose to prominently display a sign that the library may contain such materials.

President Obama has signed the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which contains an increase in grants to states program of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. Missouri should receive approximately \$200,000 more. The digital talking book transition has also been fully funded.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act which regulates lead content in children's toys is under a stay of enforcement until February 10, 2010. As originally written, CPSIA would apply to library books. It has now been determined that books printed after 1985 are exempted. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is currently reviewing CPSIA for other possible exemptions.

### **State FY10 LSTA Project Plan – Barbara Reading**

Reading presented the proposed FY2010 LSTA plan for Council consideration. The plan does not yet reflect the \$200,000 increase in LSTA funding. Projects are arranged by the goals in the LSTA Five Year Plan.

Under Goal 1:

- Technology Workshops
  - 2/3 of Missouri's public libraries need to write new technology plans next year in order to be in compliance with E-rate requirements and for MOREnet to be able to apply for E-rate discounts on the connections in libraries. Jean Morrison will conduct a series of workshops to assist libraries in writing their new technology plans.
- WebJunction
  - The plan allocates monies to move forward with subscribing to WebJunction as submitted to the Council at the December 2008 meeting.

Under Goal 2:

- Statewide Online Resources Expansion
  - A statewide committee has been working to identify online resources appropriate for purchase through a shared cost pool with funding partly from participating libraries and LSTA funds. At this time, the committee is working out the funding model and addressing other questions related to a statewide buying pool.

Under Goal 3:

- Show Me the World Courier Service
  - The State Library will fund a one-day per week courier service for every tax-supported public library in Missouri. Libraries with an existing contract for this service will be able to increase the number of deliveries per week. Providing state funding for the courier service will improve turn-around time for interlibrary loan requests, streamline and improve library staff workflows, increase the number of loans and requests, lower the cost for each ILL transaction and help to equalize access to resources for medium-size and small libraries. The State Library will solicit a statewide project grant proposal to provide the service.

Under Goal 5:

- Adult and Senior Services
  - Conduct training for library staff to improve services to adult and senior populations. During this fiscal year there will be three major emphases:  
  
Spanish Speakers: Topics will include *No Comprendo: Spanish Health Information Resources for English Speaking Librarians*. This is a four hour course for learning basic, library, medical, and Internet Spanish vocabulary, which will help librarians evaluate and identify health websites in Spanish.  
  
Seniors: Topics will include *Savvy Senior Health* provided free of charge by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.  
  
Adults: This project will offer a series of nine three hour workshops via videoconference, in different subject areas that address the special needs of the adult population.
- Youth Services Workshops
  - Provides training in the development of library programs targeting youth from birth through grade 12. Topics include but are not limited to children's services, tween services and teen services.
- Identifying Your Local Community to Develop or Expand Library Services
  - Phase one of this project will create a survey template to be used by libraries to identify underserved user audiences in their service area. Phase two of the project is the development of workshop materials that introduce survey tools and important statistical resources available to public libraries and how to interpret the data obtained. Finally, six workshops will be held using the newly developed workshop materials.

Carr called for a motion to endorse the FY10 LSTA Project Plan. Darst so moved. Byerly seconded. Motion to endorse carried.

### **ARRA Update – Mark Reading**

Mark Reading was asked by the Governor's Office to manage a task force to oversee the stimulus bill. The task force consists of one person from each department of state government, with the exception of the Department of Conservation and the Department of Higher Education. The goal of the task force is to make sense of the actual stimulus bill with the demand for quick spending

The stimulus funds are varied and the task force is placing the requests for the funds into the appropriate groups and also ensuring all the documentation is submitted correctly to conform within the federal guidelines and regulations regarding the stimulus funds.

### **MOREnet Update – Bill Mitchell**

Mr. Mitchell gave a brief update of MOREnet's current budget appropriation. The House Appropriations Committee proposed a 10% reduction in MOREnet's core appropriation.

He announced MOREnet had lit up the fiber backbone this past weekend. This has been five years in planning and two years in building. The next 10 Gigabytes will be turned up for the University's four campus connections in April. In July the third piece, which will serve rural health care, will be lit.

### **Digitization Conference Report – Carl Wingo**

Wingo attended the Missouri Digitization Conference on March 10-11, 2009 hosted by MLNC. There were approximately 100 attendees. Key speakers included Liz Bishoff, OCLC Regional Network in Colorado, Rachel Hue, California Digital Library, and Roy Tennant, author of several books on digitization.

There were two half day sessions. Some of the main topics discussed were:

- How to present digital resources to the millennial generation
- User design and feedback
- How to advertise a project in a database and publish it on the web

The high point for him was the pre-conference, which described a Civil War planning project from Springfield-Greene County Library which the State Library funded with LSTA funds.

### **Summer Reading Program Update – Marge Kudrna**

The summer reading program planning is underway. She has conducted eleven summer reading program workshops.

The theme for the 2010 children's program will be *Make a Splash - READ*. The theme for the teen reading program will be *Make Waves@Your Library - READ*. The overall subject for 2011 will be world cultures and travel, but a theme has not yet been selected.

## **Electronic Resources Funding Pool Proposal – Barbara Reading**

A working group of staff from 15 libraries, MLNC, MOREnet, and state library has been working since last August to 1) investigate what additional database resources are desired by public libraries, and 2) develop a pooled purchase model and method for contracting.

The working group conducted a telephone survey of medium and smaller public libraries to determine level of interest in and preferred content for a pooled purchase of electronic resources. Based on survey responses, a genealogy database was selected as a first project. Of those on the market, only ProQuest's Heritage Quest provides remote access.

The working group also developed and discussed several possible models for allocating the costs among public libraries. They are trying to build a model that can be used for additional database purchases in future. The best model so far allocates the cost share in tiers based on the tier structure used for the REAL Program member fees to MOREnet.

Reading asked the Council for their input on how to handle the LSTA portion of the projected models. Gage said you tend to value what you pay for, and she feels that all the libraries should pay at least something. Reading said what she is understanding from the Council is that even if it comes down to a model that only has a \$50 dollar payment from a very small library, the Council would still like to see the library pay the \$50 dollar payment. Council members agreed.

## **State Library Report – Margaret Conroy**

She called for questions from the Council regarding the report. There were no questions from the Council.

## **Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2008 and December 19, 2008 Council Meetings**

Carr called for a motion to approve both sets of minutes as submitted. Hogerty so moved. Darst seconded. Motion carried.

## **Announcements**

Kathryn Sanders invited the Council to the Poplar Bluff Public Library on April 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the grand opening of the newly remodeled and expanded library.

Beth Fisher announced the upcoming MOBIUS Annual Conference to be held on June 2-4, 2009 at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks.

**Next Meeting Date:**

June 19, 2009 – Jefferson City

**Adjournment:**

Carr adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**Meeting Dates for the 2009:**

June 19, 2009  
September 18, 2009  
December 18, 2009