

# Secretary's Council on Library Development

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

January 24, 2014

Members present: Renee DePriest, Rep. Shelley Keeney, Jacque Gage, Darst, Hancox, Michelle Schmitt, Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, Kathryn Sanders, McCampbell, Cindy Leuthen, Sen. S. Kiki Curls

Absent: Donna Bacon, Sharla Buthod, Melissa Carr, Stephanie DeClue, Rep. Rory Ellinger, Sen. Brian Munzlinger, Sue Wilke

Guests: Nancee Dahms-Stinson, Megan Browning.

Staff present: Barbara Reading, Megan Lusk, Lisa Peters

The special meeting of Secretary's Council was held on Friday, January 24, 2014. Darst called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Council members and guests were introduced. No members were in attendance in person. The meeting was held via conference call and webinar.

## **Homework Help Update**

Reading gave an update on the Homework Help proposal, stating that an alternate proposal was being presented to the Council. She then introduced Nancee Dahms-Stinson, Youth Services Coordinator for the Springfield-Greene County Library to give a presentation about the alternative proposal.

## **Racing to Read**

Dahms-Stinson gave a presentation on Racing to Read, the Springfield Public Library's early learning program. There were no questions after the presentation.

## **State Libraries Early Literacy Proposal**

Lisa Peters spoke of the State Library's plan to implement an early literacy program in 2014 and discussed plans for staff training and an LSTA early literacy program grant. This program would take the place of the Homework Help Program.

Reading spoke about the long term vision of the grant for 2015 and beyond. The estimated budget is \$180,000. Reading asked for any reaction and questions from the council. She also explained that a vote of approval from the council was needed to implement the program.

Questions asked were: Does the proposal take the place of Homework Help? Reading responded that it does. Does the Homework Help program target school age children? Dahms-Stinson responded that it does not currently target school age children. Does this current program target early childhood? Yes, that is the target group. How supportive of this initiative is the Secretary of State's office? Reading responded that the SOS administration approves of the proposal. Would this program be a grant opportunity for schools? Reading responded there may be some opportunities for partnership with public libraries. Do any libraries in the state take a similar approach but moved it to school aged children so parents can help children who struggle to read? Reading responded that no programs like that were known to the State Library.

### **Vote on proposal**

Darst asked for motion to vote on the proposal. McCampbell motioned to proceed with proposal as presented. Mullaly-Quijas seconded. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed.

### **New Council Members**

Reading gave an update on appointment process for council members. There are two new members, Trevor Dawes representing academic libraries and Carla Geerlings representing Wolfner Library users.

**Adjournment:** Hancox moved to adjourn, DePriest seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.