Secretary’s Council on Library Development

James C. Kirkpatrick Building
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July 23, 2021

Members present: Jane Mulvihill-Jones, Patrick Wall, Rachael Grime, Peter Altschul, Melissa Hopkins, Katrina Stierholz, Rebecca Hamlett, Rebecca Parker, Rita Gulstad and Heather Hufstedler

Absent: Wicky Sleight and Beth Ann Caldarello

Staff present: Robin Westphal, Debbie Musselman, Kayla Collins, Kelley Kallmeyer, Trish Vincent, Leslie Bowman, Laura Kromer, Matt Butler, Merideth Johnson, Lysha Thompson, Terry Blauvelt, Cory Mihalik and Janet Caruthers

Guests Present: Martha Kyrillidou, Bill Wilson and Athena Salaba

The quarterly meeting of Secretary’s Council was held Friday, July 23, 2021 via Zoom. Rebecca Hamlett served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

Announcements: Rebecca Parker states that librarians are no longer required in the State of Missouri in schools.

Secretary of State Office Update; Trish Vincent
Vincent states that the Governor vetoed the Library Networking Fund but they will continue to try again because the Secretary will always fight for libraries. Vincent states that the Secretary will be starting to travel to libraries in the upcoming months.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library Update; Leslie Bowman
Bowman states that Wolfner has converted over 2000 patrons to the duplication on demand new system (DoD). Bowman gives an overview of statistics for Wolfner patrons, recording studio numbers, circulation numbers and more. Bowman states Wolfner will eventually be able to test out a new refreshable braille display in the future. Outreach travel is starting up and Wolfner will be attending several events including the Caring for the Elderly Conference, Missouri Healthcare Conference and Healthy Living Senior Fair. Bowman gives a list of several upcoming webinars including two author talk presentations as well as book clubs. Lastly, Wolfner Library is doing
their first Adult Summer Reading Program, which is funded by the Friends of the Library.

Reference Services Update; Laura Kromer
Kromer starts by displaying the Public Library Director guide on Reference Services website. The guide shows book titles available, several informational links, catalogs and more. State Library cardholders can request available books. Reference Services has also been working on the Leadership Library Collection, an online collection of State Documents, as well as the Bicentennial Guide. The website also highlights fun things to see and do in Missouri. Lastly, Kromer states that they are creating tutorials to teach state employees on how to use eBooks, Interlibrary Loan and more.

Library Development Update; Debbie Musselman and Terry Blauvelt
Musselman states that Library Development is beginning to travel again for new director and grant support visits to libraries. Library Development is also finalizing the continuing education professional development training for FY22, working on a new director orientation and a small library conference. She states that Library Development has mainly been working on launching all of the American Rescue Plan projects. Terry Blauvelt gives a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan, which included the three guidelines on how we were able to use the funds, the amount the Missouri State Library received to distribute and the projects the State Library will offer. Some of the American Rescue Plan projects include an American Rescue Plan and Pandemic Response Grants for qualified libraries, an eCollection Support program, an Online High School Program, Teen Digital Resources, a Missouri Evergreen Support program and more.

LSTA 5 Year Plan and Evaluation Process; Martha Kyrillidou
Kyrillidou starts by introducing herself and her Quality Metrics team, Athena and Bill. Kyrillidou and her team will be doing the Missouri State Library’s LSTA 5 year Evaluation. Kyrillidou gives an overview of the Library Services and Technology Act. As well as how the funds are distributed and the regulations/rules from IMLS. The Missouri State Library has to submit an assessment of the progress made on the goals set in the previous plan as well as create a new 5-year plan for 2023-2027 that is due to IMLS on June 30, 2022. This plan for the next 5 years will be how they intend to distribute the new funds and then will be reviewed/evaluated by the Quality Metrics team to make sure it meets the IMLS regulations and guidelines.

State Library Report; Robin Westphal
Westphal starts by reiterating a couple points Kyrillidou made with the LSTA 5 Year Plan. She also states that with the pandemic we have really been able to think of better ways to serve our libraries in the future within creating the new LSTA 5-year plan and that the Council has a very important role in the plan. Westphal states the goal is to reach every single Missourian and that they can use our resources in some way.
April Meeting Minutes
Hamlett asked for a vote and review of the April 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Wall made a motion to approve, Grime seconded. Minutes approved, none opposed.

Adjournment
Hamlett called for a motion to adjourn. Altschul made a motion to adjourn, Parker seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021