

Secretary's Council on Library Development

James C. Kirkpatrick Building
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May 13, 2022

Members present: Jane Mulvihill-Jones, Patrick Wall, Melissa Hopkins, Katrina Stierholz, Rebecca Hamlett, and Heather Hufstedler

Absent: Beth Ann Caldarello, Rachael Grime, Peter Altschul, Rebecca Parker and Rita Gulstad

Staff present: Robin Westphal, Kayla Collins, Kelley Kallmeyer, Clarissa Schmitz, Scott Clark, Laura Kromer, Lori Brown, Randy Wright, Matt Butler, Merideth Johnson, Lysha Thompson, Terry Blauvelt, Cory Mihalik, Janet Caruthers and Nora Wesselman.

Guests Present: None

The quarterly meeting of Secretary's Council was held Friday, May 13, 2022 via Zoom. Rebecca Hamlett served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

Announcements:

Westphal states that the SOS office will be filling the vacancies on the council as well as planning for an in person meeting on July 15, 2022. Hamlett states that EBSCO Users Conference is the 14th and 15th.

Secretary of State Office Update; Scott Clark

Clark states that the House Bill 3012, which funds the Secretary of State's office, passed an extra million for state aid funding. Clark also states that the Secretary continues advocating for funding as always.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library Update; Robin Westphal

Westphal states the Director of Wolfner Library resigned last fall and that the State Library did some reorganization by promoting managers to director level. The main project that Wolfner has been working on is Duplication on Demand. This process now allows patrons to get up to twenty titles on one cartridge instead of one title on one cartridge. In doing this the numbers in circulation have gone up by 40% since last year and are expected to continue increasing. Another upcoming project this year is the refreshable braille reader. Which is a device the size of a tablet that you can read braille

on. The National Library Service will provide this device. Lastly, Wolfner Library had a second recording studio installed in April to record more audiobooks for patrons. Randy Wright states that this new recording studio has double the volunteer hours.

Reference Services Update; Laura Kromer

Kromer states that Reference Services has also made some staffing changes in the last few months with a new Government Documents Librarian and are in the process of hiring a new tech position. A big project that Reference is working on is reviewing demonstrations from potential vendors for Mobius since they issued an RFP for a new ILS and their contract is up in 2024 with Innovative. Kromer also states that they have added OverDrive for state employee patrons, which has eBook and audiobook collection options. Reference is continuing to do trainings, webinars and tutorials for state employees as well as keeping the LibGuide up to date for library directors.

Library Development Update; Robin Westphal & Consultants

Westphal states that Library Development has been working on the project proposals for the new FY22 LSTA allotment that will run through October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. We will be wrapping up spending the FY21 LSTA funding that also includes the additional allotment of ARPA funds the State Library received. Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, talks about the big project she is working on which is the Teaching Books and Book Connection databases that are available to school and public libraries as well as every patron in the state. Merideth Johnson, Adult Services Consultant, mentions Vet Now, which is another very successful program the Missouri State Library has funded. A program for veterans by veterans and has many great resources for them. Johnson also states that the Excel Career Online High School program has been very successful and the first graduation came from Rolling Hills. Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, oversees the Missouri Evergreen and MALA Courier projects as well as the PLOUD website project which has helped out many small libraries. Nora Wesselman, Intern for the Missouri State Library, gives an overview of the PLOUD website project. PLOUD stands for 'Public Libraries in the Cloud' and it is a cloud-based website hosting service. It provides small and rural libraries an online platform to serve their communities digitally. Nora works one on one with the libraries to get the websites published for libraries. Cory Mihalik, Statistical Research Consultant, gave an overview of the Public Library Survey results from 2021. The PLS is filled out by all state aid eligible libraries and completed on the most recent fiscal year. These results include impacts on library services from pre-pandemic, mid-pandemic and late pandemic timeframes. Mihalik presented statistics on library closures, operating hours, visits, reference transactions, spending on materials, personnel expenditures and more.

LSTA 5 Year Evaluation Results; Robin Westphal

Westphal gives an in depth overview of the previous LSTA 5 Year Evaluation results, which ran from the years 2018-2022. The Missouri State Library had three goals for 2018-2022, which includes; Build and Sustain Information Resources (partially

achieved), Targeting Library and Information Services (partially achieved) and Strengthening the Library Workforce (achieved). Each of these goals targets specific grants, projects and continuing education/trainings the Missouri State Library offers. Using what we have learned from the 2018-2022 LSTA 5 Year Plan we are working on creating the 2023-2027 5 Year Plan.

State Library Report; Robin Westphal

Westphal states that the reorganization that has happened at the State Library has gone really well and wanted to reassure the council of that. We have been able to accomplish so many things in the last year and have a great team. More details on the State Library can be found in the 19-page report.

April Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2021 meeting minutes were not voted on due to no quorum. Will vote at July 15 meeting.

Adjournment

Hamlett called for a motion to adjourn. Stierholz made a motion to adjourn, Wall seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2022