

# Secretary's Council on Library Development

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**Members present:** Rebecca Hamlett, Melissa Hopkins, Rebecca Marcum Parker, Mary Beth Revels, Heather Hufstedler, Barbara Sheinbein, Katrina Stierholz, Beth Ann Caldarello, Wicky Sleight

**Absent:** Sen. Jamilah Nasheed, Rep. Tommie Pierson, Sen. Jeanie Riddle, Rep. Kathryn Swan, Susan Burton, Regina Cooper, Shirley Lawler, Rita Gulstad, Christie Lundy

**Staff present:** Nicole Kleffner, Trish Vincent, Donna Riegel, Robin Westphal, Jennifer Thompson, Waheedah Bial

**Guests:** Gerald Brooks, Erin Gray, Colleen Knight

The quarterly meeting of Secretary's Council was held on Friday, November 15, 2018. Revels served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

## **Votes on Meeting Minutes**

Revels asked for a vote and review of the July 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Parker made a motion to approve, Caldarello seconded. Minutes approved, none opposed.

## **Missouri and Federal Legislative Updates; Gerald Brooks, Erin Gray**

Library Advocacy Day will be February 26, 2019, at the Secretary of State's Office. Brooks, explained that National Library Legislative Day will not be the same as it has been in the past because they will not have each state attend, an invitation to attend this event in D.C. will only be sent out to a selected group of states. Brooks, explained at this point we are just waiting to find out where we stand with the state funding, and should know more in January. Gray talked about the MLA task force they developed because of their strategic plan, this will help allow them to reach out to libraries that are needing training.

## **Library Development Update; Colleen Knight, Polk County Library, discussing Edge Initiative**

Knight explained that Edge is a national base tool kit that allows a set of bench marks for libraries to evaluate their technology services. This service includes recommendations for the

libraries. This kit allows you to review all the technology that is offered at the library and what types of technology might be missing to help improve technology at the library. Then the report will offer suggestions to help improve the services that are provided at the library. Westphal explained that they offered it to a select group of people so that they could test out the services. The State Library has decided to now roll Edge out as a state wide project next year, since the services were so helpful to the libraries. Knight explained how Edge helped Stone County Library know exactly what areas they needed to improve and which areas were most important.

### **Library Development Update; Robin Westphal and Jennifer Thompson**

Westphal explained that Short Takes for Trustee's are now available; there are ten of them out there. Last year the State Library put out a manual to help improve the roles that trustee's play in the administration of library districts.

Thompson explained that the State Library would be offering a new book club in 2019, with a focus on library leadership. Throughout the year, the State Library will offer four different library leadership book discussions. All library staff will be able to participate. Additionally, the authors will be invited for a virtual or in-person book talk. The first book will be Palace for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life by Eric Klinenberg.

Westphal talked about how broadband to libraries is something that is important, is something that we are working with MOREnet to help improve. Secretary Ashcroft is very interested in broadband and attended a conference to speak out about this. Vincent talked about how important it is for libraries to have this for helping students work on homework assignments.

Kansas City passed their levy in the November. De Soto, Washington and Barry Lawrence will be going for April levies.

Westphal talked about how well the Author grant is working out and that applications are coming in from all types of libraries.

### **Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library; Donna Riegel**

In FY2018 Wolfner had 400,940 individual readers, 12,604 institutions and 84,061 BARD. Wolfner Library will be adding a Spanish version of the early literacy program. To enhance collaborative efforts, Wolfner staff have developed and presented customized training sessions on topics of interest to patrons and libraries. These sessions are conducted via webinars. Wolfner Library has offered three webinars since November, 2017: two sessions doing an overview of Wolfner services, one session on the process for creating a book club program.

As part of outreach efforts, Wolfner Library continues to distribute large print stickers to libraries all over Missouri. Currently, 93 public libraries (in 85 counties) participate. This is a 38% increase over the previous year.

### **Reference Services Update; Waheedah Bial**

The Reference Services Librarians and Staff have been extremely busy during the past three months. They received instructions to end the news clipping service, Keeping Up, so there has been a flurry of activity planning the end of this service. Its last date for publication is November 16, 2018.

The Reference Services Missouri State Library is happy to announce a partnership with the Leadership Library. The State of Missouri recently launched the Leadership Library, a forum

where leadership from all divisions, at every level, share ideas to broaden decision-making to improve our teams and our organizations, which serve the citizens of Missouri. The Leadership Library's collection grows every week and many of the titles are available from the Missouri State Library. Links to the library catalog are included in each book review to make requesting them easier.

### **State Library Report; Robin Westphal**

Updated the protocols to show that the legislative representatives are now ex officio instead of voting members. Vincent would like the new legislative representatives to be known library supporters. Additionally, even if these representatives are not able to attend they would still receive the minutes and other materials for the updates.

Revels asked for a vote on the change on protocol. Caldarello motioned to approve, Hufstedler seconded. Protocols approved, none opposed.

Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COLSA) are supporting a resolution of \$1 per Capita for the Grants to States Program on November 6, 2018.

The State Library is looking into it adding the legislative library to be a part of the State Library. This would help serve people much better and there is room to improve on both sides.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

### **Adjournment**

Revels called for adjournment. Caldarello moved, Hufstedler seconded. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.