

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, May 21, 2012
Draft Minutes

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
May 21, 2012
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Present: Tom Viall, Chair, Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Kenneth Findlay, Ed Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, Phyllis Lynch, Mark McKenney, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Carol Terry and Ruth Sullivan

Members Absent: Bart Hollingsworth, Shirley Long, Mary Ann Slocomb, and Alison Peirce

Guests: Cathy McMahon, Rhode Island Central Business Office

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Howard Boksenbaum, Debbie Cullerton, Donna DiMichele, and Karen Mellor

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

Books Beyond Brochure

Plan for review of Minimum Standards for Rhode Island Public Libraries

Chair Tom Viall convened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tom welcomed all Library Board members present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the April 30, 2012 meeting were unanimously adopted with corrections.

Moved By: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded By: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tom Viall

Tom extended his appreciation to everyone reviewed the 5 Year Plan and participated in the spirited and healthy debate the Board had over that plan.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT - HOWARD BOKSENBAUM

DLT Collaboration – Karen Mellor

OLIS continues its collaboration with the DLT, including installation of DLT at a number of libraries around the state. The first three will be going into Mount Pleasant Branch of the Providence Community Library, Newport Public Library and Westerly Public Library as test sites. A second round will include Cranston Public Library and Rogers Free Library in

Bristol. The East Bay area is especially important to DLT, as they have little other coverage there. Round three will include the Jesse Smith Library in Burrillville and perhaps Harmony Library in Glocester. DLT is planning on publicizing the program once the first couple of phases are installed and working well.

SRRC Grant – Karen Mellor

OLIS has awarded the SRRC grant to the Providence Community Libraries. Karen is currently immersed in the transition from PPL. There are details on the OLIS website. <http://www.olis.ri.gov>

Biannual Conference of the Library of Congress – National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped – Karen Mellor

Library of Congress' National Library Service currently maintains a network of 56 regional and 86 subregional libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the US, including OLIS' NLS. The Library of Congress invited them all to a biennial conference at the Viking Hotel in Newport May 20 -24. Howard represented Governor Chafee in welcoming them to the Rhode Island. Karen told the Board she was impressed by how helpful and welcoming everyone was. The conference included much discussion about the analog to digital transition and the use of web technologies. Another major topic is outreach to eligible non-users. Karen estimates the Talking Books Plus is only reaching 10% of the people in Rhode island who are eligible for service.

Report on CFO Tour

Howard reported that he and Cathy McMahon, OLIS' accountant have visited 24 municipalities, meeting with the public library director(s) and the Chief Financial Officer. Cathy McMahon added that more than one of the visits has opened up dialog between the finance director and the library director.

Protecting the Past – RI – Donna DiMichele

Donna reported that Protecting the Past –RI held a successful COSTEP meeting at the Towers in Narragansett. 37 people participated. The Protecting the Past administration and the Steering Committee are continually tailoring the program to make more of an impact on participants. The project plans to exhibit at the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's annual Hurricane Conference at the Crown Plaza, where Lori Foley, a Protecting the Past-RI steering committee member will speak.

OLIS' 5-year LSTA evaluation of 2013 – 2017

The Library Board having approved the 2013-2017 5-LSTA year plan last month OLIS submitted it to IMLS on May 9, 2012, as soon as the Board's requested emendations had been made. Ironically, IMLS held a webinar on how to do your 5-year plan on May 10. In the webinar, IMLS requested state library agencies coordinate their plans with IMLS' new focus areas. Howard and Donna will create a matrix that does that and add it to the submitted plan.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted

Moved By: Rose Ellen Reynolds
Seconded By: Phyllis Humphrey

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

21st Century Committee – Bart Hollingsworth

Currently the 21st Century Committee is putting together a survey to discover what's going on in libraries vis a vis 21st century skills and what libraries might need from OLIS.

Legislation Committee- Rose Ellen Reynolds

No activity.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Plan for review of Minimum standards for Public Libraries

Tom introduced the need to review the standards as another very important task that will need the attention of the Board. Howard presented a plan for that review and requested direction from the Board.

A motion was made to except the plan as outlined by OLIS

Moved By: Ken Findlay

Seconded By: Ed Garcia

The plan was unanimously approved

VII. NEW BUSINESS

On May 15th CRIARL celebrated their 40 anniversary. As the Board had directed at its April meeting, OLIS put together a plaque that was presented to the consortium.

Tom and Howard made some announcements of upcoming meetings:

The RILA Conference will take place on May 31 and June 1 at Bryant University.

A kick off for the Summer Reading Program, "Reading Aloud in Rhode Island". will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Providence Children's Museum on June 1. There will be 10 local children's authors and illustrators talking about and showing there wares to and grades K-3, their parents and other interested people.

A showcase for the teen video contest winners will proceed at Roots Café in Providence on June 7.

Reading Across Island the other Summer Reading Program kickoff will be at the Rhode Island State House on June 16. Gail Carson Levine is the invited author and the featured book is Dave at Night.

More information at <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/krari/index.php>

Books Beyond

Ken Findlay spoke about the Books Beyond program at the ACI. Last year they received a LORI grant from OLIS for the Books Beyond program. The Program provides children's b0oks that inmates read with the help of volunteers and digitally record. The program sends the recording and a copy of the book to the inmate's children.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board will be held on June 18, 2012, at the Department of Administration, Conference Room B.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn

Moved By: Ken Findlay

Seconded By: Carol Terry

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.