

## LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on  
December 17, 2012,  
at the Department of Administration,  
Conference Room B - Second Floor,  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

**Members Attending:** Ken Findlay, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Ruth Sullivan, Carol Terry, Joan Retsinas, Tom Viall

**Members absent:** Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, Phyllis Lynch, Mark McKenney

**Attending for OLIS:** Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

**Reporting:** Donna DiMichele

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

### **Materials Distributed:**

OLIS Monthly Report for November 2012

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2012, MEETING**

The minutes from the October 15, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

**Moved by:** Joan Ress Reeves  
**Seconded by:** Rose Ellen Reynolds

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE November 19, 2012, MEETING**

The minutes from the November 19, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

**Moved by:** Rose Ellen Reynolds  
**Seconded by:** Shirley Long

### **III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

Tom Viall reported that he participated in a meeting with Linda Kushner, member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Community Library (PCL), and Steve Kumins, PCL

Development Office, about legislation for library fundraising. He also met with State Representative Deborah Ruggiero about the library legislation in the upcoming session of the RI General Assembly.

Tom thanked Ruth Sullivan for her years of service as representative for the Commissioner of Higher Education. Since the Board of Governors of Higher Education has been dissolved, Ruth will no longer attend LBRI meetings.

#### **Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA)**

The annual COLA Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the State House.

#### **National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)**

The 2013 NLLD is scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The Chair encourages members of the Board to participate.

### **IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Karen Mellor presented the Chief Library Officer's report on behalf of Howard Boksenbaum. Howard will be on medical leave until February 4, recovering from the hip replacement surgery he had on December 17. Matters usually brought to Howard's attention should be brought to Karen during that time. Telephone calls should be made to 401-574-9300.

#### **Grant in Aid**

Grant in Aid to municipalities is complete except for Central Falls. East Providence Public Library did not meet Maintenance of Effort and a waiver was granted by the Chief Library Officer. A review of the waiver process ensued and no action on the part of the Board is required at present.

OLIS is processing Grant in Aid to the Adult Correctional Institution and the School for the Deaf.

#### **OLIS move**

In the last two weeks Howard, Kelley Lima and Alicia Waters moved to new spots on the fourth floor.

#### **Iacono Library – Donna DiMichele**

The University of Rhode Island Library has agreed to take a large portion of the Iacono Library Collection. The catalog records for the materials will include a note field that states that the item is part of the Frank Iacono Library collection. Any RI resident can get a URI card and borrow materials from the URI Libraries, so the Iacono professional materials are still available for borrowing.

A small Iacono Library will be situated in Howard's former office.

For the present OLIS continues to be an Ocean State Libraries member and will process collection holds and receive delivery.

### **Protecting the Past - Donna DiMichele**

A tabletop exercise is scheduled for January. A tabletop exercise is led by a trainer who takes participants through various scenarios in a disaster. The objective is to see how well an institution's disaster plan will work.

### **OLIS Staff**

The position vacated by Debbie Cullerton (retired) has been upgraded from an Information Services Technician II to an Assistant Administrative Officer.

### **AskRI**

The Statewide Reference Resource Center staff at Providence Community Library is working on an advertising campaign for the AskRI services and databases. PCL has engaged a marketing firm to create materials, including updating the program logo. The advertising campaign will include outreach to the Spanish-language community. Social media is currently being widely used to promote AskRI.

### **RILA Liaison**

RILA is planning its annual legislative day at the State House for the first half of February. No date has been set.

### **Budget**

There was nothing to report on the status of FY 2014 budget.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

**Motion to approve:** Joan Ress Reeves  
**Seconded by:** Rose Ellen Reynolds

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Standards Committee**

#### **A. Standards Review Committee**

The Committee met twice since the November Board meeting. The Committee is giving the revision great consideration. It is in the process of mapping the current standards to proposed standards. There is emphasis on eliminating redundancy and creating measurable standards.

#### **B. Legislative Committee**

Tom Viall reported that Linda Kushner, member of the PCL Board of Directors and Steve Kumins, PCL Development Office, met with the Committee to discuss R.I.G.L.

29.6.2, specifically endowment-based Grant in Aid. The Committee clarified that changes in legislation should benefit all libraries.

The Chair and Chief Library Officer also met also met with Rep. Deborah Ruggiero about library legislation in the upcoming session of the RI General Assembly. Rep. Ruggiero proposed that public libraries would undoubtedly play an important role in assisting the public in using the proposed new online Healthcare Exchange. We agreed that it was important to educate the General Assembly to this added burden and the importance of funding libraries.

**C. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Committee**

No report.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2013.

**X. Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Joan Ress Reeves

**Seconded by:** Ken Findlay

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30