

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

**The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
April 28, 2014
at the William Hall Library,
Meeting Room (ground floor)
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905**

Members Attending: Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Lynch, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: Protecting-the-Past bookmark

I. WELCOME

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the March 17, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Phyllis Humphrey

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

A letter, regarding the underfunding of OLIS in FY2015, written by the Chair and previously sent to the RI House Finance committee, was re-sent to the new RI House Finance committee after the recent changes in the RI General Assembly. The letter was also sent to the new Speaker of the House, Nicholas A. Mattiello.

The Governor's office has released a press release about the LORI grants.

The Chair requested that LBRI members advise National Library Legislation Day attendees about upcoming RI library events so that information about the events can be shared, during the visits by the RI delegation of libraries to RI Congressional members, on May 6, 2014.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. LORI Grants

Nine LORI Grants totaling \$202,000 have been awarded and the Governor's office issued a press release about the grants. Various news outlets, including The Patch, WJAR, and the RI affiliate of National Public Radio, have reported on the grants. Twenty-nine grant

applications were received, requesting a total of over \$620,000; OLIS established a wait list for other high-scoring projects in the grant review process in the event that additional funds become available during this grant cycle. The Chief thanked LBRI members for their assistance with the grant process.

B. AskRI/Statewide Reference Resource Center RFP

The Statewide Reference Resource Center proposals are due today.

C. LORI Updates – Donna DiMichele

i. LORI Standards

A committee is being formed to determine if the LORI Standards will be rewritten or revised. The committee will be comprised of at least three public librarians, three academic librarians, a representative for school libraries, and a representative of special libraries. The first meeting of the LORI Standards committee will be convened the week of either May 12 or May 19. Since the LORI standard revision committee is a subcommittee of the LBRI, Tom will request a volunteer from the LBRI membership to serve on the LORI standards committee.

ii. Customer Service Survey

In March 2014, OLIS sent a delivery service survey to LORI libraries. The survey response rate was 63.2% with 75% of the overall responses coming from 53 public library staff. The academic libraries' response to the survey was 84% and 53% of school libraries responded. Rose Ellen Reynolds recommended that future surveys contain a section for libraries to communicate about specific delivery situations that may have directly had an impact on a patron.

D. Protecting the Past – RI – Donna DiMichele

The week of April 27 is ALA Preservation Week. Donna distributed Protecting-the-Past bookmarks, with preservation tips, to the Board. The bookmarks were mailed out to libraries with a one-sheet flyer about Preservation Week and May Day. The RI Historical Society did not apply for a grant from the RI Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation program to continue the Protecting the Past - RI program as the scope of the project did not fit the grant category and the amount of available funds was insufficient. Activities for the current grant will end in May 2014. Any plan to continue the work of Protecting the Past - RI will be addressed at the final Steering committee meeting in May.

E. Youth Services

i. Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Cheryl Space, OLIS Youth Services Coordinator, has been elected chair of the inclusion / diversity committee of the national CSLP.

ii. Kids Reading Across RI

Kids Reading Across RI kicks off on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the RI State House and marks the start of the Summer Reading Program. The book selected for this year's KRARI program is *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein.

iii. Fizz Boom Read, Spark A Reaction, Literary Elements

The theme for the children's Summer Reading Program is 'Fizz Boom Read', and 'Spark A Reaction' for the teens. The theme for adults at participating libraries is 'Literary Elements.'

F. Edge Assessment and Impact Survey

OLIS is promoting two national assessment tools for public libraries. The Library Edge initiative, underwritten by the Gates Foundation, the Urban Libraries Council, OCLC, and various library organizations, allows libraries to assess technology in their library and develop a plan of action to meet their community's technology needs. Five RI public libraries participated as sample libraries to help develop the benchmarks, and another 16 public libraries are part of the current round of assessment by invitation of the Edge initiative. OLIS hopes to eventually make the tool available to all public libraries.

The Impact Survey, developed by the University of Washington from a grant from the Gates Foundation, enables libraries to survey library users about their use of library technology. Libraries can deploy the survey by inserting a piece of code into their web site which leads visitors to a survey.

Both survey tools are available through the fall at no cost. OLIS will collect data from both surveys to create a report on the state of technology in RI public libraries and the use of that technology by Rhode Islanders. Data is also available to libraries at the local level to support advocacy efforts for libraries. OLIS is publicizing the Impact Survey with the hope that as many RI public libraries as possible will participate.

G. Ocean State Libraries (OSL) Kiosk

OLIS worked with OSL to place a virtual library, in the form of a touch-screen kiosk, in the atrium at the Department of Administration Powers Building. The kiosk allows library patrons to borrow e-books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

Motion to approve: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

- i. Rose Ellen requested that the LBRI remain aware of the current RI House Finance budgetary proceedings and changes to the RI House Finance committee membership.

- ii. Bill H7942: On Wednesday, April 30, 2014, there will be a hearing on H7942. The bill will exempt libraries from the Open Meeting law, with the exception of meetings of libraries' board of directors.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There is no update at this time.

B. Board Vacancies

Nominations for several LBRI positions have been submitted to the Governor's office.

C. LORI Standards

The LORI Standards committee will meet either the week of May 12 or May 19 to determine if the LORI Standards will be rewritten or revised.

D. Construction Reimbursement

The update or revision of Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities, regarding square footage reimbursement, will be reviewed following the LORI Standards revisions.

E. LORI Grant Review

With the successful award of LORI Grants, the LORI grant review agenda item is moved from unfinished business to finished business on the LBRI meeting agenda.

F. One Catalog

Final approval for funding the One Catalog is pending. The One Catalog agenda item will be moved from unfinished business to finished business on the LBRI meeting agenda.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The LBRI meetings for May and June 2014 will be moved from the Department of Administration Powers Building to either Cranston Public Library or William Hall Library.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

There was no public comment.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Moved by: Carol Terry

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds