

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
April 13, 2015
at the William Hall Library
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Members Attending: Cristina Amedeo, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Robert Sloan, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Rosita Hopper, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Alison Davis Maxell, Joan Retsinas

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

Guests: Eileen Dyer, Providence Community Library, Co-chair, Rhode Island Library Association Legislative Action Committee

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- Rhode Island Library Trustees Institute; A Resource Guide
- Library of Rhode Island Standards and Regulations Draft
- Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Interlibrary Loan Code Draft
- Draft of LBRI Letter of Support to University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library & Information Studies

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the March 16, 2015, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ed Garcia

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- A. The Chair attended legislative hearings at the House and the Senate for H5836 and S0705, to increase state aid to distressed cities and towns by an amount equal to their Ocean State Libraries (OSL) fees. The source of funding is not specified in the bills. Mr. Viall testified at both hearings that the funding should not be taken from grant-in-aid as money taken from that fund to support this initiative will reduce aid to other communities.

- B. National Library Legislative Day will be held on May 4-5. A briefing meeting for the RI delegation will be scheduled.
- C. Mr. Viall attended the Coalition of Library Advocates annual meeting on April 7. Robert Aspri of the HELIN consortium was given the 'Sweetheart of the Year' award at the event. Brian Jones, co-founder of the online Library Report, was the speaker. Mr. Jones posted his presentation on his blog, The Rhode Island Library Report. <http://www.rhodeislandlibraryreport.org/>
- D. Ms. Chin, of the Libraries of Foster, has submitted her resignation to the board; she has accepted a new position at a Massachusetts library.
- E. Board members should have received Ethics Financial Disclosure forms in the mail. They are due on April 24, 2015, and may be filed online.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. Department of Administration (DOA) Reorganization

Three high-level positions at the Department of Administration have been abolished, including the position to which OLIS reports. Ms. Mellor met with the head of the DOA, Mr. Michael DiBiase, and the head of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Mr. Jonathan Womer, to determine where OLIS will be placed within state government. It was determined that OLIS will report to the Office of Digital Excellence (ODE). The head of the ODE is Mr. Thomas Guertin, Chief Digital Officer.

B. Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service

The contract for the Interlibrary Loan delivery service with NOW Delivery expired on March 31, 2015. With the help of Mr. Viall, the NOW Delivery contract was extended to May 1. The new delivery contract will cost substantially more than the current contract. OLIS will review the delivery process to explore ways to make the process more efficient, and investigate funding options to cover the increased cost. Deliveries to public libraries comprise 95% of the service that circulates over two million items annually to Rhode Island library patrons.

C. Biennial Visit, National Library Service

A representative from the National Library Service will visit OLIS on April 15-16 to review Talking Books Plus. The National Library Service provides services to the blind and physically handicapped through regional libraries such as Talking Books Plus; OLIS receives reading materials and talking books machines from the Library of Congress through this agency.

D. Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP)

The CSLP, a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children, teens, and adults, will meet in Newport on April 14-17, for its annual meeting. All fifty states and some US territories will be represented at this gathering of children and young-adult librarians. Ms. Mellor will welcome attendees at the opening luncheon on April 15; OLIS Youth Services Coordinator Danielle Margarida will represent RI at the conference.

E. Library Day

The Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) sponsored Library Day on March 28. Ms. Mellor visited four libraries on this day to view the variety of programs that libraries are offering. The Chief of Library Services extended thanks to Ms. Eileen Dyer for conceiving Library Day in Rhode Island. Held in conjunction with Library Day, Library Amnesty Day gave patrons an opportunity to return overdue materials without penalty; all public libraries in the state participated in the amnesty program.

F. Continuing Education

Fifty people attended the Trustees Institute on March 21 at Cranston Public Library. Rick Blain of Richard R. Blain & Associates gave a presentation on fundraising techniques.

G. Grant-in-Aid

It was reported previously that, in accordance with new procedures, municipalities were required to invoice the state for grant-in-aid payments through the state's online financial system. This procedural change has been rescinded and all state aid payments will continue to be entered by the state's Central Business Office.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

Ms. Reynolds reported that two legislative hearings were held that affected libraries. Ms. Reynolds has contacted Senator Goodwin to state the position of the LBRI about the bills.

Mr. Viall inquired about the proposed change to the Rhode Island Constitution. Ms. Reynolds reported that there has been no movement on the proposed change.

B. Review of LBRI By-Laws and Vision Statement

Mr. Viall reports that the review team has made good progress and a proposed draft will be forthcoming to the board.

VI. REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Amedeo reported that grants for after-school programs are being offered in the amounts of \$10,000-\$25,000. Interested parties may apply at UWRI.org.

Ms. Amedeo reports that 211 and United Way held very successful 211Connects events at Warwick Public Library and East Providence Public Library.

Mr. Garcia reported that an article was published in the Providence Business News about the technology labs created at Cranston Public Library and Providence Public Library with the All Access grant.

Ms. Mellor reported that she is awaiting communication from the Institute of Museum and Library Services about OLIS' grant application for All Access 2.

Ms. Mellor reported that Congressman Langevin wrote an affirming article about libraries that was posted to the Congressman's Facebook page. The article was also posted to the Rhodarian website.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Libraries of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards

- i. The Library Board of Rhode Island voted to unanimously approve the proposed Libraries of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards and Regulations.

Moved by: Phyllis Humphrey

Seconded by: Louise Herrington-Bright

- ii. Ms. DiMichele reported on the steps required to formalize the approved LORI Standards. The Office of Management and Budget approves and vets the approved Standards; the approved standards are then filed with the Secretary of State.

B. Construction Reimbursement: Caps and Priorities

Ms. Mellor reported that there was no activity on this item.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

At the last LBRI meeting, Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Garcia volunteered to draft a letter on behalf of the board that expressed the board's concern about the accreditation of the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. The letter is submitted to the board for review and approval. If approved, Mr. Viall will sign the letter on behalf of the board.

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Bob Sloan

The University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies letter was unanimously approved by the board.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Garcia reported that the kick-off for the RI Library Association’s Money Smart Week will take place on Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m., at William Hall Library. RI State Treasurer Seth Magaziner and Cranston Mayor Allan Fung will be speakers at the event.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2015, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. at William Hall Library 1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

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