

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on

June 15, 2015

at the William Hall Library

1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Members Attending: Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Rosita Hopper, Phyllis Humphrey, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Cristina Amedeo, Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Alison Davis Maxell, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Robert Sloan

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

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- Photographs of the new Tiverton Public Library

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the May 18, 2015, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

Moved by: Mr. Garcia

Seconded by: Dr. Hopper

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

A. Appointments

Mr. Viall read the press release from Governor Raimondo about the nominees to the Library Board of Rhode Island. The nominees are John Bucci, Melody Drnach, Annette Feldman, Sister Joyce Flowers, Mary Moen, and Doug Norris. Nominees will need to be confirmed by the RI Senate. If selected for appointment, they will replace Kristen Chin, Ed Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, and Joan Retsinas. All the members replaced had served their limit of two terms. Members serve on the board until they are officially replaced. The nominees were announced in the Providence Business News: <http://pbn.com/Raimondo-nominates-individuals-to-Executive-Climate-Change-Science-and-Technical-Advisory-Board,106448>

If approved by the Senate, new members will join the board at the beginning of the 2015-2016 LBRI session in September. The Chair will write formal thank you cards to the outgoing members.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. Delivery

Interlibrary Loan delivery resumed on May 26. The new delivery vendor, Optima Shipping Systems, Inc., is working from a temporary location and will be relocating to a permanent location by the end of the summer. The delivery schedule is based on the permanent location so current deliveries may not always be within the time frames established by the schedule; the schedule should be accurate when Optima moves to the permanent facility. Libraries are reporting good interactions with the new vendor.

B. OLIS Budget

The RI State budget was approved by the House Finance committee on Tuesday, June 9. The budget includes \$316,000 in new funding for the statewide delivery service and funds 12 FTEs for OLIS, which includes the currently vacant position of State Data Coordinator (Library Program Specialist 1). The delivery funding increased the state side of OLIS' budget by 35%. The total OLIS budget for FY16, including state and federal funds, is \$2.4M.

C. OLIS Highlights

i. Rhode Island Library Association Annual Conference (RILA)

RILA held their annual conference at Salve Regina University on May 27-28. OLIS sponsored a keynote speaker at the event, novelist Julia Quinn, and a session on the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) to assist libraries in their efforts to improve access for people with disabilities. Scott Bonner, of the Ferguson Public Library in Missouri, spoke at the keynote session on the second day of the conference about the Ferguson library's response to the events that unfolded in Ferguson, MO, in the fall of 2014.

ii. Summer Reading Program (SRP)

The Summer Reading program will begin on June 22 at RI public libraries. There is a full schedule of performers planned for activities in libraries. The SRP activities will culminate in the final event to be held on August 18 at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket.

iii. Tiverton Library Grand Opening

Ms. Mellor attended the grand opening of the new Tiverton Public Library on June 13. The board reviewed the handout with the pictures of the new library, and Mr. Viall reported that there are pictures on the Tiverton Library website. Brian Jones, of the Library Report, wrote an article about the library opening. <http://www.rhodeislandlibraryreport.org/news-blog>

iv. AskRI Contract Renewal

The AskRI contract will be renewed with the Providence Public Library (PPL) for FY16. PPL has done an outstanding job with the Statewide Reference Resource Center (SRRC) in the past year.

D. OLIS Staff

The State Data Coordinator position is in the OLIS budget for FY16. The position was originally posted in March but was rescinded by the State due to the increased cost of the delivery contract.

E. Annual Report Process

The State Data Coordinator coordinates the annual Grant-in-Aid process for public libraries. With this position unfilled, existing OLIS staff will complete the responsibilities normally completed by this position. The Annual Report opens on July 15.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

Mr. Garcia reported that there is no movement on current bills in the legislature. Ms. Mellor is monitoring the RI State Budget proceedings for items of concern to libraries.

B. Review of LBRI By-Laws and Vision Statement

The LBRI By-Laws subcommittee has been unable to meet since the last board LBRI meeting. This item will be reviewed in the 2015/2016 session of the Library Board of Rhode Island.

VI. REPORTS OF THE BOARD

No reports from board members were submitted.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Libraries of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards

The LORI Standards were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Once the LORI Standards are returned to OLIS, a hearing will be scheduled thirty days from the date of receipt. If there are no changes required, the LORI Standards will be filed with the RI Secretary of State and become law.

B. Construction Reimbursement: Caps and Priorities

Ms. Mellor reported that there is no new information on this item. This item will be reviewed in the 2015/2016 session of the Library Board of Rhode Island.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Future of RI Library Consortia, Networked Services

Dr. Hopper, the immediate Past-President of HELIN, reported on the news from the HELIN academic library consortium. The University of Rhode Island, Bryant University, and Brown University are leaving HELIN. The HELIN Board has voted to not increase

membership rates for current members and to discontinue funding for the INN-Reach software for self-initiated patron borrowing between OSL and HELIN. INN-Reach bridges the Innovative catalog systems used by Brown University, HELIN and OSL, and was initially purchased by HELIN to facilitate access to Brown's catalog for HELIN libraries.

Ms. Mellor recommended that a study be made of library systems in Rhode Island and around the country to discover opportunities for improvement or alternate approaches to resource sharing in Rhode Island.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no public comments or announcements.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2015 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. at the Department of Administration, Conference Room B, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Moved by: Ms. Hopper

Seconded by: Mr. Garcia