

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

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

May 21, 2018

At the Department of Administration,

2nd Floor, Conference Room C,

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Melody Drnach, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Doug Norris, Thomas Viall

Members Absent: Cristina Amedeo, John Bucci, Alison Davis-Maxell, Annette Feldman, Rosita Hopper, Phyllis Humphrey, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Robert Sloan

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

Guests: Dr. Dzialo

Materials Distributed:

- 2018 RILA Legislative Briefs
- Updated Regulations for State Aid to Institutional Libraries

I. WELCOME

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the April 16, 2018 meeting

Moved by: Mr. Garcia

Seconded by: Ms. Dzialo

The meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

A. National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

National Library Legislative Day was held in Washington, DC on May 7-8. Jack Martin, Executive Director of Providence Public Library, Cheryl McCarthy, Chair of the Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA), Sarah Hunicke, Past President of School Librarians of RI (SLRI), LBRI members Mr. Garcia and Mr. Viall, and Ms. Mellor, attended the event to represent RI libraries and discuss library issues. The delegation met with Senator Whitehouse and his staff, and with congressional staff members for Representative Langevin, Representative Cicilline, and Senator Reed.

Primary issues addressed at the meetings were the reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act, and fully funding the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Other topics discussed included staffing for RI school libraries, and the roles that RI libraries will take to facilitate the test of US Census 2020 in Rhode Island.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Garcia reported on programming in RI libraries, and updated Senator Whitehouse about the Marrakesh Treaty on which the Judiciary Committee will soon vote.

At the May 7 NLLD reception, Ms. Mellor accepted an award from the American Library Association on behalf of Joan Ress Reeves, LBRI Member Emeritus, for Ms. Reeves' 35-year commitment to library advocacy. Senator Reed presented the award.

B. Mr. Garcia, Alumni of the Year

Mr. Viall congratulated Mr. Garcia on his recent honor of being named the University of RI (URI) Graduate School of Library and Information Services 'Alumni of the Year.'

C. Rhode Island Futures Conference

OLIS will host a Futures Conference on June 7 from 8:30-4:30 at URI; Mr. Viall encouraged LBRI members to attend the event.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. Ongoing

i. OLIS Staffing

Alicia Waters has been selected to fill the new position of Library Services Coordinator, which includes supervision of the Talking Books Library (TBL); the position will also include responsibility for the OLIS Library. Ms. Waters has worked in various capacities at OLIS for 31 years, including Talking Books, the OLIS Library, and the Library of Rhode Island delivery service.

ii. Vacant OLIS Positions

The now vacant Library Program Specialist II position (formerly held by Ms. Waters) will be redefined to align with OLIS' current needs, as articulated in the strategic plan. The position of Library Program Manager is also vacant, but in process in the state hiring system.

B. Kids Reading Across RI (KRARI)

The annual KRARI event was held at the RI State House on May 19. Celia C. Pérez, author of the 2018 KRARI selection *The First Rule of Punk*, was the keynote speaker; 225-250 people attended.

Governor Raimondo, Honorary Chair, was unable to attend the celebration, and her Director of Communications, Mike Raia, spoke on her behalf. The West Warwick High School Jazz Band performed for the attendees, and nineteen RI public libraries and other organizations were on-hand to offer activities and promote summer library programs.

C. RI Summer Reading Program

KRARI is the kick-off event for the Summer Reading Program held in Rhode Island's 48 public libraries. The theme for this summer's program is 'Libraries Rock!'; the program focuses on music, geology, and the natural world.

D. Futures Conference

OLIS will host a Futures Conference at URI in the Galanti Lounge of the Carothers Library on June 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The conference is a collaboration between OLIS, the RI Office of Innovation, the RI Library Association (RILA), the Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA), and URI's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. Funding for the event is provided by the Office of Innovation.

Miguel Figueroa from the American Library Association's Center for the Future of Libraries is the keynote speaker for the conference, which will include speakers from both inside the library world and beyond. The goal of the conference is to encourage librarians and library staff to consider trends both in and outside of libraries that will impact the delivery of library services now and in the future. As part of the conference, Mr. Figueroa will facilitate an exercise to allow attendees to apply their newly-acquired knowledge, and conference presenters will participate in a closing panel to synthesize the day's discussions.

E. Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA)

After the conclusion of NLLD events, Ms. Mellor attended the COSLA meeting in Washington, DC.

- i. Ms. Mellor has been working with the US Census Bureau, and facilitated a presentation by Census officials to address the COSLA meeting as to how libraries can assist individuals with Census self-responses. Providence County is the test market for Census 2020.

The next census will be available in print in 59 languages and online in 12 languages. The Census Bureau is especially concerned with accurately capturing the 0-4 age group; approximately one million people in this demographic were uncounted in the 2010 Census. Estimates determine that states lose \$1,100 in federal funding for each uncounted person.

- ii. Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant Cycles

IMLS staff attended the COSLA meeting and described changes to grant cycles for the discretionary National Leadership and Laura Bush grants. The current two cycle discretionary grants will be reduced to one cycle with a static September/October application date. A new grant program for small libraries (with awards of \$100-150k per grant) is being developed that will not require a monetary match, unlike the National Leadership and Laura Bush grants. This will make it easier for smaller libraries to apply for grant-funded projects with outcomes that could have a ripple effect to other libraries nationwide.

F. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Project

Ms. Mellor attended the Maine State Library's final STEM Project meeting in York, ME on May 14-15. OLIS and the Massachusetts State Library Board of Commissioners (MBLC) partnered with the Maine State Library on a STEM Literacy grant from the IMLS.

As part of the project, the Maine State Library and the MBLC each collaborated with three libraries in their states to promote STEM literacy. One of the outputs of the grant project will be a STEM Manual for state library agencies to assist public libraries with programming.

OLIS Youth Services Coordinator, Danielle Margarida, is investigating STEM literacy kits for OLIS purchase that can be distribute to libraries.

G. Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Certification

Ms. Mellor reported on the 2018 LORI Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Statistics and Technology Scan. Data is collected annually from libraries to certify their participation in the LORI network. Delivery service is supplied to 180 library systems and 209 library locations; school libraries comprise 59% of LORI libraries.

Cranston Public Library is the leading lending library in the state, followed by Lincoln Public Library. Providence Community Library is the top borrowing library, and Cranston is second. ILL circulation increased for this reporting period, with school hubs contributing to the increase. School hubs were created for some communities to allow schools within a hub to receive more deliveries per week.

The technology scan was updated for 2018 to include more detailed information, specifically about newer technologies available to patrons. Data from the full library technology scan is on the OLIS website.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Federal & State Legislative Updates

Mr. Garcia reviewed items from the RILA Legislative Briefs handout and reported that the Marrakesh Treaty will soon be scheduled for a vote by the Senate. The Senate recently approved a bipartisan resolution to restore Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Net Neutrality rules, and the resolution will move to the House for final approval.

Ms. Mellor reported that no library legislation has been acted on in the past month by the RI General Assembly, and that no bills were currently scheduled for hearings.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No board member reports were heard.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Regulations for the Construction Reimbursement Program

Ms. Mellor reported that the new Public Library Construction Reimbursement regulations have been submitted to the RI Office of Regulatory Reform for review. When the review is complete, OLIS will forward the regulations to the Legal Division for submittal to the Department of State's Rules and Regulations section. The proposed regulations will be open for public comment at that point. A public hearing will also be scheduled for the proposed regulations.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Updated Minimum Standards for Institutional Libraries

Ms. Mellor presented a draft of the new standards for state institutional libraries, and reported on the history of the standards. RI General Law 29-6-8 defines the requirements that state institutions must meet to receive state library aid, including meeting standards of service established by OLIS. The previous standards, written in the mid-1990s, were highly prescriptive, and contained outdated language and guidelines.

Ms. Drnach, Mr. Findlay, Ms. Reynolds, and Ms. Mellor comprised the standards review team. Along with a review of the prior standards, the current Public Library Standards were consulted to maintain consistency in the provision of public library service. The state's institutional libraries provide public library service to individuals who are unable to use their local public library, such as individuals who are incarcerated. The revisions were written broadly to accommodate variables among the state's residential and student institutions.

Ms. Mellor requested LBRI feedback about the proposed standards. Once feedback is received, the review team will meet to revise the draft. The final draft of the regulations will be presented to the LBRI for a vote at the June 18, 2018 meeting.

The Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) and the RI School for the Deaf meet current state requirements for library aid to state institutions.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018, from 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. at the Department of Administration, Conference Room C, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 02908.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mr. Garcia

Seconded by: Mr. Norris

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.