

**MINUTES**  
**STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**December 8, 2015**

The State Library Board met December 8, 2015 in Conference Room D of the State Library, 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The business meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Mr. John Myles, President; Ms. Jennifer McKell, Vice-President; Ms. Krista Taracuk; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Hayley McEwing, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County; Josephine Nolfi, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County; Theresa Schenk Webster, Ashland Public Library; Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Pam Jankowski, Cuyahoga County Public Library; Amy Dawson, Ohio Center for the Book; Suzette Burlingame, Stark County District Library; Sarah Murphy, The Ohio State University Libraries; Mary Frankenfield, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library; Jason Kucsma, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; Jamie Wiest; Stella Dickman; Christine Morris, OhioNET; and Jennifer Turner, OhioNET.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Anne Libby, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Kirstin Krumsee, Dianna Clark, Paula Bucu, Jen Johnson, Jamie Pardee, Andy Ingraham Dwyer, Dave Daiber, Ann Watson, Cindy Boyden, and Gregg Gassman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. McKell moved (M-35-15) that the minutes of the October 29, 2015 Board meeting be approved.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "aye."

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

Mr. Myles took a moment to recognize the passing of former State Librarian Richard Cheski. Mr. Cheski served as State Librarian from 1978-1995. His innovative leadership helped to bring Ohio's libraries and their catalogs online through many initiatives throughout his tenure. Mr. Myles offered condolences to his family and asked those in attendance to join in a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Cheski's memory.

**LSTA REPORT**

**LSTA Competitive Grants**

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented the Board with a short introduction to the competitive grants being brought before the Board for approval. Grants were offered in the categories of Outreach and Partnerships, Data Management, Literacy, and STEM for up to \$50,000. Seven proposals are recommended for funding with a total request of \$158,060.

### **Outreach and Partnerships**

Theresa Webster from Ashland Public Library presented the Board with a proposal to purchase laptops, a projector, software, and reference materials to provide outreach services to local businesses including education, reference, and research, as well as customizable training. The library will partner with businesses to strengthen the economic capacity of the community and strengthen the role of the library as a core component of the broader community. They will market the services to local businesses through community partners and provide outreach to local business partners by an on-demand business librarian.

Josephine Nolfi from the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County presented the Board with a proposal to purchase a book hauler that will be devoted to transporting materials for the Pop-Up Library service, started in 2013, which creates a temporary library within existing facilities or at outside events. Items for check-out, card registration, instruction on digital resources, and referrals to branch services are provided. Having a dedicated vehicle to deliver the services and materials will enable staff to increase the number and frequency of offsite visits. The library hopes to visit all grade K-3 students on a regular basis. The library provides children with a READ card, which allows them to check out two books with no parental signature required. It is the hope of the library to increase the number of customer contacts from 8,195 to 12,000.

Jason Kucsma from Toledo-Lucas County Public Library presented the Board with a proposal to purchase iPad Air 2 tablets to be used to introduce thousands of at-risk children and their parents to the digital resources that strengthen children's pre-and early-literacy skills and their interest in books and reading. The library hopes to increase the use of the library's digital resources by children and their families to help close the digital divide.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-36-15) that Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from FFY15 funds be awarded to the following libraries in the specified amounts for Outreach and Partnership projects for the period of January 1, 2016–September 30, 2016:

Ashland Public Library	\$13,344
Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County	\$50,000
Toledo-Lucas County Public Library	\$50,000

Ms. McKell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "yes."

### **Data Management**

Sarah Murphy from The Ohio State University Libraries presented the Board with a proposal to purchase training courses that will allow two library employees to train a team that will provide customized instruction on Tableau, a rapidly emerging analytics and data visualization software. The instruction will be given to academic, public, school, and library personnel throughout the state of Ohio. This will help libraries to be able to create engaging and dynamic visualizations that inform library decision-making or demonstrate the impact libraries have.

Suzette Burlingame from Stark County District Library presented the Board with a proposal to purchase consulting services to align the library's strategic planning and performance dashboard

with individualized branch business plans. The library's goal is to improve the customer experience and increase library use through data-informed branch business plans.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-37-15) that Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from FFY15 funds be awarded to the following libraries in the specified amounts for Data Management projects for the period of January 1, 2016–September 30, 2016:

The Ohio State University	\$11,398
Stark County District Library	\$16,500

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting “yes.”

### **Literacy and Other Topics**

Pam Jankowski from Cuyahoga County Public Library presented the Board with a proposal to underwrite the cost of two presenters who will facilitate a two-day training on media and early literacy to librarians in CCPL as well as libraries from other regions. These librarians will implement this knowledge within their systems and train other librarians from across the state.

Mary Frankenfield from Mansfield/Richland County Public Library presented the Board with a proposal to purchase digital devices to lend to library customers. This access to digital technology through the library will narrow the digital divide for low income customers and provide a more positive reading experience for older adults with vision impairments and physical limitations.

Ms. Deters moved (M-38-15) that Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from FFY15 funds be awarded to the following libraries in the specified amounts for Literacy and Other Topics projects for the period of January 1, 2016–September 30, 2016:

Cuyahoga County Public Library	\$7,538
Mansfield/Richland County Public Library	\$9,281

Ms. Arp seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting “yes.”

Mr. Myles thanked the grant recipients for their presentations and asked Ms. Lodge to pass along thanks to the LSTA Review Committee for their work.

### **STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

#### **New Employee Introduction**

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced a new State Library employee to the Board. David Daiber joined the State Library in October as a Library Assistant 2 in the Circulation and Special Services department. He came to the State Library from the Ohio Public Defender's Office where he worked for fifteen years as a librarian assisting with legal research.

#### **Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Board Proclamation**

Ms. Cain read the following proclamation from the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Board honoring Floyd Dickman and presented it to Stella Dickman:

WHEREAS, Floyd Dickman was a founding member of the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Board when it was established in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Dickman was recognized both in Ohio and nationally as an expert on and advocate for children's literature; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Dickman worked tirelessly as an advocate for children's literature and Ohio libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that on this day, December 8, 2015, the State Librarian of Ohio and the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Board wish to honor and recognize Floyd's contributions to the Ohio library community by establishing a special CTRO title selection to be known as "Floyd's Pick," which will be selected annually, and will represent an outstanding title in Ohio children's literature for that year.

Ms. Dickman thanked the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Board and the State Library of Ohio for the Proclamation.

#### **Retirement Resolution**

Mr. Myles presented Ms. Buco with an Acknowledgement of Service from the Governor's Office and the following Resolution from the State Library:

WHEREAS, Paula Buco has provided the State Library of Ohio with 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Paula Buco has successfully adapted to new services and technologies with the growth of the SEO Consortium over her career worked; and

WHEREAS, Paula Buco has spent many tireless hours of planning and creating memorable meetings and events for the SEO Library Center and SEO Consortium with her creative ability, organization skill and talent; and

WHEREAS, Paula Buco has coordinated and facilitated the Talking Book Service in the five county service area of Southeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Paula Buco contributed behind the scenes to the success of numerous services offered by the State Library and the SEO Library Center and consortium;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, December 8, 2015, the State Library of Ohio and its customers hereby thanks Paula Buco for her efforts, appreciates her contributions to the services and programs of the State Library of Ohio, congratulates her on her retirement, and wishes her the best in the future.

#### **DPLA Update**

Ms. Cain thanked the Digital Public Library of America in Ohio Steering Committee for the work they did in putting together the DPLA Ohio Symposium last week. The first day of the

Symposium was a meeting of the partners who had good discussion and were able to interact with staff from DPLA and Empire State Digital Network and receive information from them. The second day brought librarians and interested parties from all over the state for a day of information sharing and discussion about DPLA and why it's important for Ohio to participate and how that can happen. After it became clear that the project needed a leadership from an organization that touched all types of libraries, Ms. Cain suggested the State Library of Ohio lead the project, possibly in a three-year pilot program. Funding may come from LSTA funds or a mix of LSTA funds and funds from other partners.

Mr. Myles thanked the staff who was involved with the tour of the State Library for the American Association of School Librarian Conference attendees. He also shared a thank you letter from Dr. David Loertscher and Dr. Blanche Woolls thanking the Board for the resolution they received at Treasure Mountain.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **State Library Board Nomination**

Mr. Myles yielded the chair to Ms. McKell.

Ms. Cain reviewed the nomination process for Board Member appointment. The State Board of Education asked the Board to submit two names with a stated preference. In response to the call for nominations, Judge Michael Merz from Dayton, Ohio was nominated in addition to Mr. Myles. The Board expressed that Judge Merz was a highly qualified candidate. However, the Board agreed that Mr. Myles should be the preferred nominee because of his excellent leadership, qualifications, and experience as a Board member. The Board also expressed concern about ensuring representation from the northern half of the state and having adequate rural representation. They felt that Judge Merz would make an excellent candidate for future openings on the State Library Board.

Ms. Deters moved (M-39-15) that John Myles and Michael Merz be recommended to the State Board of Education for appointment to the State Library Board and that the State Library Board prefers John Myles for reappointment.

Ms. Taracuk seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "yes" and Mr. Myles abstaining.

Ms. McKell yielded the chair to Mr. Myles.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Development Topics for 2016**

Ms. Cain proposed to the Board the following development topics for 2016:

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| January 2016: | ILEAD USA<br>Evan Struble will give an overall evaluation of the program.<br>Cindy Boyden and Shannon Kupfer will present the impact on their professional growth and development |
| May 2016:     | Board Retreat   |

Plan A – Newly Renovated Columbus Metropolitan Library with tours of the Main Library, a branch, and possibly a nearby school library (timing may not work due to construction)

Plan B – OCLC with a tour of the OCLC facility as well as local libraries  
Library Leadership Ohio – Holiday Inn Worthington

July 2016:

October 2016:

Update on the status of the DataOhio Legislation and the impact it could have on the State Library and/or Ohio and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-40-15) to adopt the presented Board Development topics for 2016.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "aye."

### **LUNCH**

The Board and staff ate lunch and informally discussed matters related to the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 12:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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