

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
April 16-17, 2015

The State Library Board met April 16-17, 2015 in the Board Room of the Akron-Summit County Public Library at 60 S. High St., Akron, OH 44326.

Thursday, April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015. 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: David Jennings, Director, Akron-Summit County Public Library; Melissa Lattanzi, Senior Continuing Education Specialist, NEO-RLS; Holly Klingler, Emerging Technologies Librarian, NEO-RLS.

State Library staff members present were: Missy Lodge, Bill Morris, Jamie Pardee, Dianna Clark, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, and Ann Watson.

TOASTMASTERS AND ADVOCACY FOR LIBRARIES

Melissa Lattanzi, Senior Continuing Education Specialist, NEO-RLS gave a sample presentation she developed as part of her participation in Toastmasters that libraries could customize to give to local community organizations to highlight the important functions being carried out by libraries. The short presentation focused on cutting edge technology available at the local library, entertainment available at the library and resources available for small businesses and job seekers. NEO-RLS is planning to establish its own Toastmasters club that will be open to members of the library community as well as representatives from local businesses.

WELCOME

David Jennings, Director of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, welcomed the State Library Board and staff to the library and provided a brief overview of the library's history and service statistics.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Holly Klingler, Emerging Technologies Librarian, NEO-RLS, gave an update on emerging technology in public libraries noting that the goals of introducing emerging technology in the library should include making sure it is relevant and trending, within reach, easily implemented, affordable and versatile, educational and creative, accessible to any skill level and universally useful and as applicable as possible. She then conducted a hands on demonstration of several emerging technologies from augmented reality to drones to a virtual reality headset (Google Cardboard) made from cardboard cutouts.

SERVICES TO RURAL POPULATIONS: LSTA GRANT UPDATE

Bill Martino, Director of the Holmes County District Public Library and Paula Cicconetti, Fiscal Officer presented an update to the Board on the Library Services and Technology Grant the library received in 2012 to provide increased services to their Amish patrons by placing book drops in various locations around the county. The new book drops allow individuals to return

materials between bookmobile stops without travelling the considerable distance to one of the libraries branches. Mr. Martino shared that from some rural areas of the county, the trip to the nearest library by horse and buggy might take 2 ½ - 3 hours.

TOUR

Mr. Jennings then rejoined the State Library Board members and staff around 3:30 pm and conducted a tour of the library while providing an overview of the library's history, programs and services.

DINNER

The State Library Board members and staff went to dinner.

Friday, April 17, 2015

BUSINESS MEETING

The State Library Board members continued the meeting in order on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:17 am in the Board Room of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

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.

State Library staff members present were: Missy Lodge, Bill Morris, Jamie Pardee, Dianna Clark, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, and Ann Watson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McKell moved (M-6-15) that the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Board meeting be approved.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation.

LSTA REPORT

Digital Public Library of America Planning Grant

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented to the Board a proposal for \$39,916 in LSTA funding to the Columbus Metropolitan Library to conduct a Digital Public Library of America Planning Project. The project will develop a plan for Ohio libraries and cultural heritage institutions to participate in the Digital Public Library of America through creation of an Ohio Service Hub. Founded in 2010, the DPLA is the nation's digital library with the goal of bringing together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and making them freely available to the world. Participation in the DPLA will make material from Ohio's libraries, museums and archives accessible to millions of users who search the Digital Public Library of America (<http://dp.la/>).

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-7-15) that a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$3,500 from FFY2014 funds and \$36,416 from FFY2015 funds be awarded to the Columbus Metropolitan Library for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Planning Grant for the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, contingent upon the release of SFY 2016 appropriations from ALI 350-601.

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

IMLS Update

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, reported that several weeks ago the U.S. House of Representatives passed their proposed budget recommendations which included defunding the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The recommendation indicated that the loss in funding could be made up for with charitable contributions. She indicated that charitable contributions to libraries generally make up only 1-2% of most library budgets. The U.S. Senate did include funding of IMLS in their budget recommendations. Ms. Cain indicated that in a conference call with Emily Sheketoff, Executive Director of the ALA Washington Office, she did not appear to be exceptionally worried about the House proposal. However she did suggest that we be prepared to discuss the issue during National Library Legislative Day visits in May.

Ms. Cain also indicated that Senator Sherrod Brown signed onto a letter circulated by members of the Senate asking the Committee on Appropriations to include funding for the Library Services and Technology Act in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. She also indicated that the Senate is currently going through the confirmation process to appoint a new director of IMLS.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Facility Update

Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services, reported to the Board on work she has been doing to refresh the look of the State Library. She indicated that our lease has been renewed and that Ohio Equities is now the property manager. The previous owner is in receivership. We are trying to get a commitment on new carpeting in the public areas but the bank is working on major repairs now and would like to sell the property as soon as possible. Ms. Watson has formed two committees to work on the entryway and reference and circulation areas to make them more inviting to patrons. She noted that since the installation of a counter at the front door in January, there have been 10,000 people entering and exiting the building.

Ethics Training E-Courses

The Board watched ethics training e-courses on the Ohio Ethics Law and Gifts and the Ohio Ethics Law and Post-Employment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the proposed budget cuts to INFOhio and OhioLINK in the House passed version of the State Budget Bill, HB 64, and decided to pass a resolution in support of reinstating the funding to the levels proposed in the Governor's budget as introduced.

Mr. Myles moved (M-8-15) adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, OhioLINK creates a competitive advantage for Ohio's higher education community by cooperatively and cost-effectively acquiring, providing access to, and preserving an expanding array of print and digital scholarly resources in order to advance teaching, learning, research, and the growth of Ohio's knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS, INFOhio supports and enriches teaching and learning by providing equitable access to quality resources for Ohio's PreK-12 community of students, educators and parents. INFOhio's components include digital resources for schools, instructional development for teachers, and school library automation—all promoting information literacy and media literacy through the use of technology; and

WHEREAS, The State Library of Ohio is a founding member of OhioLINK, a partnership that enables the State Library to make the collections and electronic resources of the academic library community available to state employees, including the nearly 50 million books and other library materials in the collections of 91 of Ohio's academic libraries and the State Library of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State Library of Ohio, OhioLINK, INFOhio, and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) are partners in making a collection of thousands of digital publications and research materials available to all Ohio libraries, schools, universities, and residents, at no cost to them and a reduction in funds for any partner could eliminate access to these resources; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding to support the essential resources and services provided by libraries is crucial to the seamless education and lifelong learning of all Ohioans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the State Library Board, respectfully request that members of Ohio's 131st General Assembly support funding OhioLINK and INFOhio at the levels recommended in Governor Kasich's Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 2016-2017.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting "aye".

LUNCH

The State Library Board and staff ate lunch and informally discussed matters related to the library tours and the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 12:40 p.m.

President

Secretary

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