

Secretary's Council on Library Development

James C. Kirkpatrick Building
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November 20, 2020

Members present: Regina Cooper, Mickey Coalwell, Melissa Hopkins, Mary Beth Revels, Beth Ann Caldarello, Wicky Sleight, Katrina Stierholz, Rebecca Hamlett, Rita Gulstad and Heather Hufstedler

Absent: Sen. Jamilah Nasheed, Rep. Tommie Pierson, Sen. Jeanie Riddle, Rebecca Parker and Rep. Kathryn Swan

Staff present: Robin Westphal, Debbie Musselman, Kayla Collins, Kelley Kallmeyer, Trish Vincent, Leslie Bowman, Laura Kromer, Lysha Thompson, Matt Butler, Terry Blauvelt, Cory Mihalik and Janet Caruthers

Guests Present: Jodie Borgerding and Miguel Figueroa

The quarterly meeting of Secretary's Council was held on Friday, November 20, 2020 via GoToTraining. Regina Cooper served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

Announcements:

November Meeting Minutes

Cooper asked for a vote and review of the July 17, 2020 meeting minutes. There was one correction to be made on the attendance chart. Revels made a motion to approve, Sleight seconded. Minutes approved, none opposed.

Secretary of State Office Update; Trish Vincent

Vincent remarked about the positive impact libraries have had in their communities during the pandemic. Vincent reported that there is another legislative year coming up and that Secretary Ashcroft will continue to fight for funding for libraries. She asked Council members to contact any new senators or house members in their area and stress how libraries have been lifelines in their communities. Lastly, she remarked that the Secretary's office is grateful for library assistance with the Census and the 2020 Election.

Library Development Update; Debbie Musselman Team Members

Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant, presented the Missouri Digital Heritage website. The site has been updated and has enhanced features. Terry Blauvelt, Grants Officer, gives an update on CRF grants funded by the Department of Economic Development and the new grant

management system, Foundant. Blauvelt remarked that Technology Mini Grants are in the review process and Summer Library Program Grants are now open for applications. The 2021 long term grants: Technology Ladder, Digital Imaging and Spotlight on Literacy, will be ready by December. Bicentennial Program grants are now available for applications, as well. Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, gives an update on Ploud for libraries. She shows how the website template looks and how it can be personalized by libraries. Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, gives a brief update on the Summer Library Program grant and the Children and Teens Services Forums that are held monthly. Cory Mihalik, Research and Statistics Consultant, gives an overview of statistics on the previous year's Summer Reading Program survey. He also talked about trends from the 2019 Public Library Survey including visits to library, total print and eBook materials as well as expenditures over the years.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library Update; Leslie Bowman

Bowman starts with an update on Wolfner Library's patron services. There are currently 8,505 active patrons and 780 institutional members of Wolfner. Bowman also gave an overview of outreach events which includes author talks, podcasts and informational workshops for patrons. The Duplication on Demand (DoD) system will be coming soon. There also has been lots of staff development going on throughout Wolfner and the National Library Service (NLS) is also working on a refreshable braille display for patrons.

Reference Services Update; Laura Kromer

Kromer gives an overview on projects conducted by Reference Services including collecting and making government documents accessible, circulation and Inter Library Loan for state employees and library staff and reviewing online resources to make sure they are accessible to state employees. They have also added many new books with timely topics thanks to LSTA funding. Kromer states that they have been doing more outreach methods including a welcome email to new library directors about what Reference Services can provide. Kromer states that her goal is for every library director to have a library card. Lastly, Kromer states that Mobius began resource sharing again.

State Library Report; Robin Westphal

Westphal starts off saying how amazed she is by what the State Library has been able to accomplish during COVID. She states that the State Library is doing better than pre pandemic times. Westphal states that the State Library is continuing several Bicentennial projects such as utilizing Missouri Digital Heritage with scavenger hunts for all ages, a read across Missouri passport program using Beanstack, and the Bicentennial grant program. The State Library continues to reevaluate programs that are offered and are constantly looking at ways to improve. Westphal state that the State Library is going to start working on the 5 year LSTA plan for 2023 and that the Council has an important role in reviewing the plan. Lastly, Westphal states that we have Council vacancies and several terms expiring at the end of the year for existing members that will need to be filled.

Other Updates; Miguel Figueroa (Amigos) and Mickey Coalwell (MALA)

Figueroa introduces himself as the new CEO of Amigos. He then highlighted and gave updates on Amigos programs and services, such as administering courier services, hosting online events

and helping support Simply-E for libraries. Coalwell, Director of Mid America Library Alliance, states that the courier service has been responsive to library closures and other adaptations due to COVID. Coalwell also provided updates regarding professional development opportunities offered by MALA.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2021

Adjournment

Cooper called for a motion to adjourn. Revels moved, Sleight seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.