

Discussion Summary
NEVADA STATE COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES AND LITERACY
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

The Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy (SCLL) meeting was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at via videoconference at the following four locations: Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, Videoconference Room 110, University of Nevada, 1664 North Virginia Street, Reno, NV; Reynolds Building, Room 101, Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV; Main Building, Room 2638, College of Southern Nevada, 3200 East Cheyenne Blvd., North Las Vegas, NV; CC Modular Conference Room, Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV

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1. Call to Order, Announcements, Roll Call

Sandy Marz

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Marz at 10:08 am. Quorum not reached. Discussion session only.

Members Present: **Reno** - Sandy Marz (chair), Daphne DeLeon; **Las Vegas** - Robert Jones, Deena Holloway, Robbie DeBuff, Kathleen Galland-Collins; **Carson City** - Elizabeth Markle, Margot Chappel, Renee Olson; **Elko** - Jeanette Hammons

Members Excused: Cris Etchegoyhen, Sheila R. Moulton, Dee Dee Bossart, Judith Simon, Hergit Llenas

Members Absent: Kimberly Petersen, Sheila Lambert

Staff: Diane Baker, Karen Starr

2. Public Comment

Sandy Marz

- None

3. Consent Agenda

Sandy Marz

- Approval of Minutes, April 13, 2015 Council Meeting

Quorum not reached. Business, including approval of minutes, will be conducted at the next meeting.

4. Report: Nevada State Library and Archives

Daphne DeLeon, Sandy Marz

- **Daphne De Leon:** Legislative session is over.
 - 16/17 Budget for NSLA was approved as submitted, with more money allocated for in-state and out-of-state staff training. Attempts to persuade legislators to restore money for Statewide Collection Development, Statewide Bookmobile, or Statewide Databases during NLA Advocacy Day were unsuccessful, although there are indications for success during the next session.
 - Library Snapshot Day, April 13: An NLA event, supported by NSLA. Stats are on NLA website and can be useful for community leverage.
 - National Library Legislative Day. Sandy Marz, Karen Starr, and Robbie DeBuff, who attended as members of NLA.
- **Sandy Marz:** For National Library Legislative Day, ALA provided pre-event briefing and webinars, as well as packets with information about library related topics to give to representatives. Topics included: privacy & surveillance, Copyright Act, law reform, LSTA, net neutrality, Freedom of Information Act. The delegation met with Nevada representatives and discussed packet items as well as Nevada Library issues - Ms. Starr provided an overview; Ms. DeBuff, snapshot day; Ms. Marz, the SCLL.
 - Senator Reid's office appreciated the policy packet and explanations and is in favor of net neutrality
 - Congressman Amodei's office received 90 emails regarding funding of online databases, prompting him to visit the Library of Congress to look at those databases. Amodei is a Vice Chair of an Appropriations subcommittee. He has agreed to support the Freedom of Information Act Bill.
 - Visits and emails do have an impact on the staff and can produce positive results
 - Non-Librarian library advocates believe that libraries are a safe place for children
 - A contest? modeled on NCLA: "Libraries through the eyes of Children"

5. State Library Programs

Karen Starr, Robbie DeBuff

- **Karen Starr:**

- Statewide Databases: contracts approved by Board of Examiners on June 9 and go into effect July 1. Fourteen vendors submitted bids. The review committee consisted of 16 members from academic, school, special, and public libraries, who all agreed to participate in an ongoing conversation about traditional databases, electronic resources and technology in today's world.
 - Winning bids: EBSCO, ABC-Clio, World Book, and Learning Express Library
 - ABC-Clio, ENDCO, Learning Express: all libraries
 - World Book: public & school libraries
 - Vendors will provide marketing materials and training webinars
 - Funded by a combination of Federal and State money
- Statewide Digitization Project: The Digital Collections Project's website's user interface is being finalized. The Historical collection is being uploaded as are 11,000 State publications. Metadata is being created for each document. Next steps include digitizing newspapers, a project led by UNLV and funded by LSTA. This project will be rolled into the Library of Congress digital newspaper project. Ms. Starr met with the Library of Congress program officer to learn how newspaper digitization is handled at the national level (not 100% of newspaper but rather a broad reaching selection) and how the Library of Congress goals will align with the efforts of local communities.

- **Robbie DeBuff:**

- Statewide Continuing Education Plan for Libraries and Archives, 2015-2018: two new members on the advisory committee, from Tribal Libraries and Archives. Staggered terms (2, 3, and 4 years) will ensure both continuity and newness.
 - **Initiative 1:** Library & archival staff and trustees obtain necessary skills to be effective leaders:
 - A. Political skills
 - B. Data Analytical Skills
 - C. Management skills
 - State sponsored Library Institute at UNLV in September
 - D. Continuing Education Skills Clearinghouse
 - **Initiative 2:** Library & archival staff and trustees have access to continuing education regardless of geographic location or library type
 - A. Develop awareness and understanding of available training resources
 - B. Create Infrastructure to deliver training materials
 - C. Identify, assess, and distribute training materials
 - **Initiative 3:** Competencies and professional standards
 - A. Core competencies for archives, academic, public, special, school, tribal libraries
 - B. School library staff skills and training for a standards based curriculum
 - Nevada Academic Content Standards
 - American Association of School Librarians Standards for the 21st Century Learner
 - STEM & STEAM support
 - Collaboration with public, academic, special, and archives to support a standards based curriculum

Questions/Comments:

- Ms. Hammons: Initiative 3.B, shouldn't STEM & STEAM skills support apply to public libraries? Ms. DeBuff: NSLA definitely supports STEM & STEAM for public libraries, but currently STEM and STEAM are a target focus of education and thus are specifically identified as goals for school library staff support. Ms. Galland-Collins: all goals are applicable across all library types
- Ms. DeLeon: Why are school libraries singled out? Ms. DeBuff: providing access to training for school librarians is more difficult and presents unique challenges. The CE plan specifically mentions school libraries to ensure that their needs are addressed
- Ms. Olson: What mechanisms are in place to track progress? Ms. DeBuff: The mechanism is being created. A six month and fiscal report will be created for key points on the plan.
- Ms. Markle: are there stats/reports for CE from the past few years in order to see progress? Ms. DeBuff affirmed the reports will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Report and Discussion: Literacy programs

Robbie DeBuff

- **Letters About Literature:** Entries are submitted to Washington, DC, are read through twice, culled and sent back to Nevada for final judging. This year, there were 95 semifinalists out of 378 submissions. Judges: Sandy Marz, Jeannette Hammons, Deena Holloway, Kat Galland-Collins, Kimberly Peterson. Level 1, grades 9-12, 25 winners. Level 2, grades 7-8, 36 winners. Level 1, grades 4-6, 34 winners. This is the first year an awards ceremony was held, in both Las Vegas and Carson City, with the top entry from each level receiving certificates from Dina Titus, Dean Heller, and Mark Amodei. Titus presented the certificates personally during the Las Vegas ceremony. Photos will be posted on the Nevada Center for the Book's Facebook page.
- **DIA:** Diversity in Action, developed from Dia de los Ninos to better reflect cultural diversity. 8 libraries participated in DIA sub grant during Spring 2015: Carson City, Elko-Lander-Eureka, Pahrump, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing. Each received \$2,950. More than 3,000 people participated.
- **Summer Reading Program:** Theme: Every Hero has a Story/Unmasked. 14 libraries are participating in the sub grant: Amargosa, Beatty, Boulder City, Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko-Lander-Eureka, Henderson, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, North Las Vegas, Pahrump, Pershing. The Governor, Superintendent, and Daphne DeLeon have issued a joint press release encouraging children to use free literacy resources during summer break. Nevada Find a Book online tool uses lexile scores to ensure age and reading level appropriate books and take you to WorldCat. Note: WorldCat/OCLC doesn't always show the closest Nevada library in their results list.
 - Renee: What impact will recent legislation have which requires children being able to read by 3rd grade? Ms. DeLeon: The more libraries highlight resources available outside the classroom, the more aware the public will become, which will possibly increase SRP participation. Carson City has a virtual SRP program. Ms. Galland-Collins: increase school/public collaborations. Ms. DeBuff: they are working on strengthening school/public library partnerships
- **National Book Festival:** YA Novel selected: *Rumble*, by Ellen Hopkins, addresses bullying and forgiving, written in free verse. Partnering with DOE to flyers and bookmarks. Book selection: suggestions were solicited, reviews were considered. *Rumble* tied in with SB 504-Safe and Respectful Learning Environment in Public Schools.
- **Nevada Reads:** We are Called to Rise, by Laura McBride. Hope to partner with Dept. of Veterans Affairs, CASA. October 2015 to February 2016.

7. LSTA

Diane Baker

- New Federal LSTA reporting requirements: the guidelines are being implemented and Risk Assessment has been completed. 3 levels of Risk Assessment and monitoring. Most applicants are Low risk (6 month reporting schedule) A few were Medium risk as they were new to LSTA, and have additional monitoring to ensure success.
- Fiscal Reporting: specific budget breakouts-salary, equipment, materials, LSTA, local, and in-kind. Also, personnel costs must be broken out daily for temporary and permanent employees. An example is on the NSLA website. Personnel costs are also broken out by grant activity.
- LSTA Applications: moving towards PDF fill-able. Test run of these forms was done with 2015 SRP sub grants. A draft of the 2016 LSTA proposals form is in meeting packet. The biggest difference is found in Budget Reporting and reflects the new federal budget requirements. The budget information has been combined with budget narrative-descriptive segments are attached to each category. In compliance with the Super Circular, an indirect cost rate is now allowable for all sub grants. NSLA and IMLS will not be negotiating an indirect cost rate. The 2016 grant cycle begins the 2nd week of August. Applications are due in September. Workshops will be held in October. The calendar will be similar to past grant years.

Questions

- Jeannette: with all of the changes, will applications that are missing information still be submitted to Council for funding? Ms. Baker: applications will be due to NSLA prior to final deadline to ensure applicant success. Instructions and guidelines for grant applicants will be expanded.

- Renee: Will the scoring rubric change? Ms. Baker: yes, the scoring rubric will be adjusted to reflect application changes. A webinar will be held on July 15 to help SRP sub grants with reporting.
- 2014 and 2015 Grants: 2014 Grants ends June 30, reimbursement is due July 22, and evaluation reports are due October 1. A summary of awarded 2015 Competitive and mini grants is attached.

Questions:

- Ms. Marz: why weren't Pershing County SD and UNR awarded grants? Ms. Baker: A conflict of interested existed with the UNR's funding structure, not the program concept. Pershing's high school learning lab was a single turnkey unit and thus couldn't be scaled, nor were there plans for future sustainability or maintenance.

8. State Council Terms and Appointments

Daphne DeLeon, Diane Baker

- Vacancies: private sector, small business, and economic development. Judy Simon and Sandy Marz are terming out. Dee Dee and Deanna will continue for a second term. Paula Doty of the Supreme Court library is interested in serving. Please continue recruitment efforts so that SCLL has a full council by Fall meeting. Governor's Office prefers to appointments once slate is full.

Comments

- Ms. DeLeon: New bill requires that minutes must be approved at next meeting. For FY 2016, Council should not meet if there is not a quorum. **SCLL Members will need to RSVP to ensure quorum.**
- Ms. Baker: Commission on Cultural Affairs Report: no report received. Per Office of Historic Preservation (home of the Commission) there was little activity due to lack of funding. With new with new budget, bonds can be pursued and grants will be able to resume.

9. Council Meeting Dates

Diane Baker

- October: October 12, in Fallon, Churchill Conference Center. Travel and audio connection.
- January: 2 day meeting. Doodle poll for dates will be used.

10. Public Comment

Sandy Marz

- **Ms. DeLeon:**
 - Re: Council letter in support of Broadband in Concept Only for an Office of Broadband Coordination. Broadband was funded for mapping and implementation and will be part of the Office of Science, Information, and Technology. Broadband has moved from 100% Federal funding to 100% General funding. OSIT has a \$3 million grant for 1) workforce development projects, 2) a STEM advisory council, and 3) broadband mapping and implementation. The Broadband Taskforce will be reset, Connect Nevada will continue services.
 - SCLL Letters of Support: does Council want to go farther, i. e., testifying? Advocacy is an idea for future Council discussions. Also, NSLA will be more proactive in providing Council with synopsis of bills that have an impact on libraries.
 - ALA's comments on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) have been finalized. Ms. DeLeon served on the drafting committee. The Carson City Library's Workforce Development LSTA funded program is included in the comments as an example of how libraries are positively impacting their communities. A copy of the comments will be distributed. Ms. DeLeon will meet with Nevada Works, the northern Nevada workforce development office, in July. Renee will serve on the Nevada Works Board.
 - eRate: Ms. DeLeon will attend an eRate at ALA. eRate is an FCC program funded by the Universal Service Fee telecommunications tax, intended to help public libraries and schools obtain affordable internet connectivity.
 - The new definition of broadband: >25 mbs. Anyone with less is underserved.
 - Public libraries have to be CIPA compliant to be eligible for eRate. ALA's workshop will discuss CIPA compliance. Ms. Baker: Some changes are pending-staff may be excluded from filtering
 - Thank you to Sandy Marz for serving as SCLL Chair and attending National Legislative Day.

11. Adjourn

The meeting/conversation ended at 12:20 pm

Sandy Marz