

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
February 24, 2020
at the Department of Administration,
2nd Floor, Conference Room A,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5816

Members Attending: Heidi Blais, Melody Drnach (Chair), Annette Feldman, Kenneth Findlay, Rosita Hopper, Phyllis Lynch (ex officio), Leslie Page

Members Absent: Cristina Amedeo, John Bucci, Aaron Coutu, Louise Herrington, Marcus Mitchell, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Doug Norris, Amanda Richman, Robert Sloan

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

Guests: Patti Arkwright, Director, Maury Loontjens Memorial Library (Narragansett); Laurie Kelly, President, Maury Loontjens Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Materials Distributed: None

I.WELCOME

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

II.APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the January 13, 2020 meeting

Moved By: Mr. Findlay

Seconded By: Dr. Hopper

The minutes were approved with recommended language changes.

III.REPORT OF THE CHAIR

A. Providence Public Library Grand Reopening

Board members are invited to attend Providence Public Library (PPL) Grand Reopening activities on March 30 to celebrate the completed renovation and redesign of the building which began in September 2018.

B. National Library Legislative Day

Board members are encouraged to join Ms. Drnach and Ms. Mellor for National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) on May 4-5 in Washington, DC.

IV.CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. Ongoing

i. State Budget

OLIS is funded at current service levels and public library Grant-in-Aid (GIA) is level funded in the FY21 State Budget.

ii. OLIS Website Updates

OLIS staff updated and seamlessly transitioned the OLIS website to a new server with updated platforms and added security features. The addition of a security certificate will also elevate the ranking of the website in Google searches.

iii. Reading Across Rhode Island (RARI) 2020

Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore, by Rhode Island author Elizabeth Rush, is RARI's 2020 book selection. Ms. Rush will speak at Salve Regina University on April at 6:30pm; more information about the event is on the RI Center for the Book website.

iv. Kids Reading Across Rhode Island (KRARI) 2020

The 2020 KRARI book is *Changeling* by William Ritter. The author will be at the annual Summer Reading Kickoff at the State House from 2-4 pm on May 2. Attendees will be able to participate in library activities and each family will receive a copy of the book.

B. Continuing Education (CE) (Ms. DiMichele reporting)

A trainer from Project Outcome will introduce a system for gathering meaningful outcome measures using Project Outcome tools at Measure Your Impact with Project Outcome on March 18. Participants will learn how to use Project Outcome surveys and other tools, use the collected data, and leverage the project's support network to ensure successful adoption.

Youth Services programs include two sessions of Summer Reading Program: Planning for "Imagine Your Story" on February 25 and 27, a Children's Sensory Story Time Support Group on March 10, Young Adult Roundtable: Open Topic on March 12, and Decoding and Disrupting Dominate Narratives on March 23.

Library Management programs include Records Management for Public Libraries on February 27, and Access to Public Records Act and the Open Meetings Act on March 11. A Special Collections Roundtable, National Digital Newspapers Program, will be held March 3, and an Adult Services Roundtable: Adult Programming Favorites and Flops is March 5.

Technology & Digital Innovation Roundtables programs include Google Analytics on March 12 and Digital Literacy & Technology Instruction Favorites and Flops on March 25. An Access & Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion program, Stepping Over Print Barriers, takes place on March 31.

More information about CE programs is available on the OLIS website.

C. State Program Report (Ms. DiMichele reporting)

The State Program Report, submitted in December to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), was accepted with minor edits. OLIS' Program Officer noted their appreciation for the succinct abstracts and the links to additional materials that present a fuller picture of Rhode Island's use of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds.

D. LORI Learning Grants (Ms. DiMichele reporting)

OLIS awarded 8 LORI Learning Grants to public libraries, a total amount of \$14,280. The Town of Hopkinton's Langworthy and Ashaway libraries partnered on a grant project. Five grants were awarded for Summer Learning projects, and three were for Connected Learning projects. More information about the grant awards is posted on the OLIS website.

E. Grants

i. Ocean State Libraries (OSL)

Ocean State Libraries will receive funds to acquire online information resources and technologies to support those resources, including a mobile library application that will provide patrons access to the statewide database. OSL will also receive funds to purchase and deploy SimplyE, an eBook platform that allows users to access eBooks from multiple vendors.

ii. Statewide Reference Resource Center (SRRC)

A supplemental grant will be awarded to SRRC to digitize materials with statewide significance and to purchase learning courses for the benefit of RI library patrons. Providence Public Library will receive funds to purchase Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) materials for the statewide catalog.

F. Census 2020, RI Census Awareness Week

RI Libraries Census Awareness Week is March 16-20. "I Count. You Count. We All Count" is the RI Census 2020 slogan. Senator Jack Reed will kick off Census Awareness Week on March 16. RI's Complete Count Committee will release census materials for distribution to libraries soon, and public distribution of census cards, designed to encourage online participation, will begin March 12. More information about the 2020 Census can be found on the OLIS website.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Federal & State Legislative Updates (Ms. Mellor reporting)

A Senate hearing for Rhode Island S 2004 that prohibits the manufacture, sale, or possession of 3D-printed firearms is scheduled for February 25. A hearing scheduled for H 7096, requesting the governor to establish a RI broadband advisory council, was postponed at the sponsor's request. S 2103, which requires internet service providers to comply with net neutrality requirements, was held for further study.

There are no current federal legislation updates to report.

B. American Library Association (ALA) Congressional Fly-in

Ms. Mellor attended the ALA Congressional Fly-in event February 10-11 in Washington, DC where advocates sought an additional \$11 million for the recently reauthorized Museum and Library Services Act, which increases the LSTA base grant for individual states from \$680,000 to \$1,000,000. The \$11 million increase will fully fund the base grant at the

authorized level; RI will receive \$320,000 in additional funding when the base is fully funded. The Federal Budget, approved on December 30, provided an additional \$6,000,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grants to States program; RI will receive an increase of \$112,000 in its FY2020 award.

C. RI Library Association (RILA) Roundtable

On February 3, RILA hosted a roundtable with Congressman David Cicilline to discuss inequities with publishers' business practices towards libraries, and to request inclusion of this issue in the digital market investigation launched by the Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law (ACAL) Subcommittee, chaired by Congressman Cicilline.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No board member reports.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Library Trustees Manual Committee

The board will convene a committee to serve as a sounding board and provide input for the next iteration of the Public Library Trustees Manual.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Resource Sharing

The Library of RI (LORI) Standards require libraries to share collections equally with other libraries. OLIS has received complaints that some libraries are not in compliance with the requirement, and that some libraries maintain 'Express Collections' exclusively for their patrons. OLIS would like to convene a panel of all types of libraries to understand the issues and define policies for resolution.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patti Arkwright, Director, and Ms. Laurie Kelly, Board of Trustees President, Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, detailed Narragansett's library construction project history. They described the efforts of the Board and library advocates to build a new library and actions of individuals who have stopped the construction project.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2020, from 4:15 – 5:45 p.m., at the Department of Administration, Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Blais

Seconded By: Mr. Findlay

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.