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LSTA ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton
May 21, 2012

- Present: Brian Auger, Vice-Chair; Ruth Bogan, Norman Gluckman, Susan Heinis, Jerry Holtz, Pamela Price, Mary Romance, Gloria Urban.
- Absent: Susan Kaplan, Chair;
- Guests: Bill Wilson, Himmell and Wilson Library Consultants, Inc.
- NJSL staff: Norma Blake, State Librarian; Kathleen Peiffer, Associate State Librarian and LSTA Coordinator; Robert Keith, Statistics; Peggy Cadigan, Associate State Librarian, Library Development Bureau.
- Reporting: Ruth Pallante, NJSL

Vice-Chair, Brian Auger called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Kathleen confirmed compliance with Open Public Meetings Act.

Minutes of February 1, 2012

A motion made to accept minutes as written was seconded. Minutes were accepted as written.

Summary of LSTA Evaluation – Kathleen Peiffer

Kathleen handed out the Summary of LSTA Evaluation. Pamela Price said she disagreed with the one comment saying there was a lack of support of academic libraries from the State Library. She said she would put information on VALE website about the significant role the NJSL plays in services for academic libraries. Norma Blake said that people fail to realize that the State Library supports multi-type libraries through the statewide cooperative. She will speak to Taras Pavlovsky.

There was discussion on possibility of statewide library card. Norma said that it would take a streamlined catalog and geolocation and addressing the areas of concern to large and county libraries. She discussed going to the Governor's office eight years ago with NJLA to request funds for reciprocal borrowing. Also discussed were the problems of open borrowing, net lender calculating, and how New Jersey differs from other states who do have statewide borrowing.

LSTA five-year plan, creation of new plan – Bill Wilson

The new 5-year plan is due in June. Mr. Wilson discussed history of State Program Reports and passed out a paper called: Cross-Walk of Services/Activities with Focal Areas. This paper lists Focal Area, Services/Activity, Target Users and Past Programs/Initiatives that cover the focal areas. IMLS is measuring success by outcome based evaluation.

A long discussion followed on services now provided and the Summary of Needs that came out of the Sustainability Conference. Mr. Wilson asked council, what was not there? Named were children at risk, reference librarians becoming teachers and technical support for new technology, delivery solutions – what needs to be delivered and how.

Following more discussion on specific services and trends, Mr. Wilson said it would be wise to leave some flexibility in the plan for latitude in the future, as it is a five-year plan. Literacy and diversity were also brought up as areas that needed more attention.

Mr. Wilson will send out a draft the first week of June, which will include the draft plan with goals and focal areas.

LSTA and Network budget Information – Sheri Shafer

Sheri was unable to be at today's meeting. Sheri will email information to council members.

Statewide Database Statistics – Robert Keith

Bob reported that to date for year all databases met or exceeded last year's total. At the end of the fiscal year he will do an analysis using charts/graphs.

Bob was asked if information could be obtained by type of library and the answer was it depended on the database and vendor and overall not easily obtained.

Kathi reported the following information about database contracts that will be announced when state budget is finalized: Ebsco – same suite of services plus Legal Information Reference Center; RefUSA – current service holds at same price plus One Source, the international version of RefUSA; and Gale Informé – current service holds at same price.

Kathi also reported that the State Library would like to add two databases: 1) A language (such as Mango or Rocket) database that includes English as a Second Language and teaching other languages. 2) Tutor.com that would include Live Homework Help and Career Accelerator. Addition of these databases will depend upon final FY13 State budget.

NJSL Update – Norma Blake

Project Compass was a national library job-seeking project which included a convening April 25th and 26th in Virginia. Three New Jersey public library staff attended with four New Jersey State Library staff: Lynne Olver from Morris County Library; Marie Downes from West Deptford Public Library and Karen Parry from the East Brunswick Public Library. 220 people attended this convening from 45 states. The next step will be to turnkey some of the ideas in New Jersey.

The Statewide Summer Reading Cooperative is selecting a week in the summer when it will be suggested that all libraries invite their local legislator in to read to the children. Details will follow from Sharon Rawlins. Information about NJ Summer Reading can be found at www.njsummerreading.org. The week for legislative visits is July 17th to 24th.

The New Jersey State Library encouraged all public and school libraries to participate in a statewide campaign from March 15 through April 15, 2012, collecting money for the Book Wish Foundation. Libraries throughout the state raised almost \$4,000 to help build libraries in Darfuri refugee camps. (It takes \$30,000 to build a whole library but like Pennies for Peace; this is a project that will build from year to year!)

The NJ State Library will host the following events for NJ libraries. Information for all events can be found on the NJSL website.

The Sustainability Event will be held at the Sheraton Eatontown on May 23rd, sponsored by the New Jersey State Library, LibraryLinkNJ and the NJLA. It is called "Keeping the Vision While Keeping the Lights On: Sustainability and Funding Issues." Facilitated by Joan Frye Williams and George Needham, we will be identifying the most pressing issues for the library community, and discovering ways to develop innovative, viable solutions to sustain services in a changing funding environment.

The New Jersey State Library, in partnership with the New Jersey Library Trustee Association and the New Jersey Library Association will present the 8th Trustee Institute on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Sheraton Eatontown.

Norma's Retirement Party – June 15, 2012, 5:00-10:00pm at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal.

TBBC won its third grant from Disability Rights of New Jersey; the only agency to win all three years. This grant will allow TBBC to preload 1000 thumb drives with up to 10-12 books for public libraries to give to their visually impaired customers.

On National Library Legislative Days, NJ Congressman Rush Holt received the ALTAFF award as a library champion for his work on the WILL Act and SKILLS amendment. The WILL Act would make public libraries possible recipients of the Workforce Incentive Act money. The SKILLS amendment would call for a certified school librarian in every school.

The Podcast on June 11th will feature Jane Crocker, Library Legend from South Jersey. Jane is director of the Gloucester County College Library. On June 18th, the Podcast at 10 a.m. will be with Mary Chute, New Jersey's next State Librarian. The next State Librarian Mary Chute has worked at IMLS in Washington DC for the last 10 years where she was Deputy and Acting Director. Before that, she was State Librarian of Delaware. In her 26 years of experience she has also worked in libraries of Massachusetts and Maryland.

Forty-four librarians from New Jersey and from across the nation toured three libraries of Paris - a public library, a government library and a private library for Anglophiles with ASCLA, a division on ALA. Upcoming ASCLA trips include Ireland in the fall of 2012 and Italy in the spring of 2013.

The JerseyConnect team has been testing the latest release of Koha, a popular open source ILS application. This is a fully functional ILS with an OPAC and a staff interface, and it has a truly open user community. Like many open source applications, support is available from a number of vendors. To read more about Koha you can visit: <http://koha-community.org/>. Testing is ongoing and any library interested in piloting this solution should contact JerseyConnect via email at info@jerseyconnect.net

We are initiating a new Marketing website in June which will be very rich with all marketing materials for libraries in one place. The Marketing department of NJSL is also working on a marketing collateral library, where libraries can go and customize their orders and have them delivered free to their library, using their custom logos with stock pictures and wording from the NJSL for posters, brochures and bookmarks. More information will be forthcoming.

BTOP Statistics and Update – Natasha Peter

Natasha was not to attend today's meeting. She will update group at next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting: Kathleen will do a poll for early September, after Labor Day.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Action Items: Bill Wilson will have a draft LSTA Plan by first week of June.