

## LIBRARY NETWORK REVIEW BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2019

10-12

### TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE CENTER

**Present:** Susanne Sacchetti, Brian Auger, Mary Chute, Michele Stricker, Kathy Schalk-Greene, Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, Sheri Shafer, LaDawna Harrington, Maureen Wilkinson, Adam Szczepaniak, Judy Cohn, Eric Zino

**Absent:** Peggy Cadigan, Bob Keith, Tonya Garcia

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sacchetti at 10:10 am.

It was affirmed that we were in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Introductions were made by all.

The minutes of the March 28, 2019 joint LSTA/LNRB meeting were reviewed. Brian made the motion to accept them, Judy seconded, minutes approved.

State Librarian's Report: Library Construction Bond Act, Digital Public Library of America, programs at the State Library Information Center, Citizen Re-entry program (IMLS grant), many projects in Lifelong Learning, including the CCCIL IMLS grant.

Financial Reports: Sheri made this presentation including both LSTA and Network funding and spending. Some projects were delayed last year, such as DPLA. Also, some speakers charged less for their services than budgeted. Last year we underspent the network funds by over \$198,000. These funds were carried over to the current budget year. The cooperative's budget was returned to \$1,840,000 since delivery costs are now being shared with the libraries at a higher level. Database costs increased.

Statistics: Both Rosetta Stone and Job and Career Accelerator have seen downward statistics, so they may be candidates to drop when the next RFQ goes out in 2019. For the other e-resources only the business categories have seen increased usage. RefUSA is attributed not only to a great resource but also because of the training offered by their staff.

Talking Book and Braille Center: Adam reported that they are now creating everything in house so they can have unlimited copies of titles. They are planning on serving people with foreign language books as well by working with vendors to make the foreign language access a reality. TBBC now has accessible computers on site. Janet's question-Is TBBC working with the open textbook initiative? It was noted that Mimi Lee did a survey of the languages needed by NJ libraries. Those are the languages that TBBC is focusing on.

LibraryLinkNJ-Highlighted areas were statistics on delivery/breakdown by library; partnerships and collaborations, especially Mentor NJ; they are collaborating with the Maryland Library Association to

expand MentorNJ; CE-just completed four sessions on Super Library Supervisor; they also support library groups in NJ for their CE, such as their conferences; OnSite/On Demand supports individual libraries for on-site training. Kathy has announced her retirement as of December 31, 2019. A part-time Executive Director will work from December through June; the permanent full time job will be posted in January 2020. Kathleen asked whether a State Library staff member will be on the search committee? Kathy's answer was that she did suggest this to the search committee to involve NJSL. Susanne complimented Kathy on her work and accomplishments while with LLNJ as well as her grace under pressure.

There was no old business.

New business: Judy, Maureen and Janet will all have served their second two year term on the board as of December 31, 2019. The State Library and LLNJ would welcome suggestions for replacements for these members. **Question: how long do they need to stay off the board? Kathleen will check the bylaws. ANSWER: members who have served two consecutive two year terms must stay off the board for two years before being eligible to be re-appointed.**

Mary outlined for the board the twenty year old budget for network aid and asked for their ideas on moving forward with a 21<sup>st</sup> century budget.

Brian-"go for it"; suggested that we take into account the change in the cost of living as well.

LaDawna-very difficult to get students to use databases. Many schools are "Google schools"-they use google docs and the search box only goes to google. Students graduating do not have information literacy skills. We are losing kids to Google. Faculty are also part of the problem. Digital literacy should be as important as STEM.

Eric-could the state somehow canvas how public and private employers value or capitalize employee research skills? Thereby adding to the narrative/marketing of information literacy as an essential skill.

Michele-statewide information literacy initiative?

Janet-very rare to get a well written paper. Reading comprehension has gone down.

Susanne-no longer just about information resources but also social services. Non-profits and foundations should be contributing towards libraries.

LaDawna-maker movement has provided a disconnect between the librarian and technology teacher. A librarian can do both.

Maureen-disconnect from reference services. E-resources-hard time getting access to them. The model that we have is not working.

LaDawna-Amazon another competitor. More funding needed for digital resources.

Mary-role of the library network?

LaDawna-an ebook platform needed

Judy-article in the Atlantic that college students just want their college libraries back. Libraries should not try to compete where they can't. All e-resources are well-used. "Be bold" in our ask.

Kathy S-G-used a library that had an ILS integrated with their electronic resources. One stop shopping!

Judy-need one gateway to information

Eric-for various segments of our population good enough is enough. What about lower socio-economic/at-risk levels who cannot afford only sub-par information.

Michele-"public libraries have become sites of social trauma". Librarians are not trained to take over this role, should funds be put into supporting librarians as they help people in crisis.

LaDawna-social and emotional literacy being supported by NJ DoE.

Eric-create a bigger picture approach. His wife has worked with other agencies to find opportunities for students. Partnering with schools, school libraries, NJSL, DoE.

LaDawna-we have always been there for the disenfranchised. People are overwhelmed. "Trauma informed care" being done in some communities.

Brian-Libraries connect people and content. Society in the 1940's recognized the importance of information literacy..the only thing that has changed is the format. We need to engender the same sense of urgency with information literacy now.

Janet-Marketing is important. You need to let the students and teachers know what you have.

Mary-Adam has a group of people that are strong advocates. Who do we have to speak to legislators on behalf of the State Library?

LaDawna-parents and students

Kathy S-G-has lay representatives on her board. You could have a lay group of representatives that you can run messaging by. NJ Library Trustee Association

Rutgers-has a behavioral health department

Michele-"Resiliency" anything that you can do to promote resiliency in your community will be well received

LaDawna-where will our communities be educated? At our libraries

Judy-a challenge. An affluent state with significant pockets of poverty. You need to be able to appeal to both sides.

Eric-is in favor of state rankings

Mary thanked everyone for their comments and suggestions as she puts together the FY21 network budget.

The next meeting will be held on April 6 from 10-12 at the Talking Book and Braille Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Eric, seconded by LaDawna. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned by 11:45 am.

Submitted by Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer