

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Middletown Library Service Center
August 15, 2018

Members Present:

Ramona Burkey, Carl DeMilia, Kimberly Farrington, Karen Jensen, Vincent Juliano, Denise Stankovics

Members Absent:

Bridget Quinn-Carey, Melissa Canham-Clyne, Jennifer Keohane, Robin Metaj, Astoria Ridley,

Others Present:

Maria Bernier, Dawn La Valle, Kendall Wiggin, Linda Williams

I. Call to Order

Carl DeMilia called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was not approved due to lack of a quorum.

III. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2018

The minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

IV. Public Comment

There was none.

V. GENERAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Budget/State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin

Ken reported that he is working on the budget and wants to restore cuts previously made, although a 5 % reduction is required. Areas in which he wants more funding include shared resources, CLC and borrowIT.

On the positive side, bonding projects have been approved.

Ken provided a handout on a proposed change to Sec. 11-31 of the General Statutes that would enable, but not mandate, regionalization of library services. He will take this proposal to CLA's Legislative Committee.

Ken also discussed the possibility of adding academic libraries to the Library Confidentiality Act, which now applies only to public libraries Ken announced that funding has been approved for new roofs for the Library for the Blind and the Records center.

b. researchIT CT—Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board - Dawn La Valle

Dawn reported that Eric Hanson and the resources task force have drafted an RFP for electronic resources and submitted it for review.

VI. Old Business

a. Update on Bibliomation and FulFILLment - Carl DeMilia

In connection with findIT, the most asked-for items have been identified and Equifax has been asked for costs and a timetable for providing them. They are currently

waiting for automation of loans. Libraries' data is being loaded and independent libraries are being asked about connectors to the system.

b. Update on eGO – Dawn LaValle for Eric Hanson

Dawn reported that the program is moving along well with libraries being added and that the intention is to carry on beyond the pilot program.

c. Update on Fiber Grant Project – Maria Bernier, LSTA Coordinator

Maria provided two handouts on the fiber grant project which is now between years three and four. New connections have been made to 54 libraries and almost \$3 million has been given out. The E-Rate is enabling savings of approximately \$1 million. She will try to recruit additional libraries, although some have valid reasons for not participating.

d. Update on Diversity Programming – Linda Williams, YA/Children's Consultant
Linda noted that there has been discussion on Goodnight Moon about separating books by the color of the characters, to which Linda objects. She attended a program in Vermont and then held one in Connecticut with panels of librarians and of authors, publishers and educators. A program on LGBTQ issues is scheduled for Oct. 24.

e. Update on EXCITE Standalone Boot Camp & Cohort 2 – Dawn

Dawn reported that Cohort 1 has completed the in person session component of the program and are now working on implementing their team projects. A three-day Standalone Boot camp was held for libraries in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. IMLS offered an opportunity for CSL/DLD to submit a proposal for a project extension with additional funds which was awarded. Sites for upcoming boot camps include New Jersey, possibly at the 2020 Public Library Association Conference in Tennessee and 3 other locations to be determined.

f. Update on Virtual and Augmented Reality Conference – Dawn LaValle

Gail Hurley is working on virtual reality and a libguide. A mixed reality conference was held at the Farmington library with 60 people attending from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

g. Update on Nominations – Dawn LaValle

Carl's term as chair is up with this meeting and Dawn expressed appreciation for his service. He will remain as chair of resource sharing. Melissa Canham-Clyne, Vince Juliano and Denise Stankovics have accepted a second term on ACLPD. The hardest categories for which to find participants are library users and persons with disabilities.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. DLD PSA Campaign for borrowIT CT – Dawn La Valle

Dawn cited the need to create a public service announcement PSA campaign to help explain borrowIT. They are looking for patrons who will provide quotations that can be used. The suggestion was made that participants in the Passport program would be a good resource.

b. ALA Veterans Caucus, Membership Initiative Group, MIG and IMLS Grant – Dawn La Valle

Dawn participated in a meeting concerning groups serving military and veterans' families. She noted that this is a unique community in that they are often in the state for just a few years and may not be from Connecticut. Veterans' concerns include PTSD, injuries and issues in transitioning to civilian life. A libguide is available on the subject. There is a need for this group to be part of ALA and have its own caucus as many current MLS students are veterans who have a different perspective on library service. Efforts are underway for information sessions for ALA.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Stankovics, Acting Recorder