

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 15, 2020

Members Present:

Ramona Burkey, Bridget Quinn-Carey, Melissa Canham-Clyne, Kimberly Farrington, Patrick Ford, Karen Jensen, Vincent Juliano, Jennifer Keohane, Michele Neff, Leah Russell, Denise Stankovics

Others Present: Lynette Baisden, Dawn La Valle

I. Call to Order

Ramona Burkey called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of April 15, 2020 was approved. All in Favor.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2020 meeting

Jennifer Keohane MOVED (2nd Denise Stankovics) to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 ACLPD meeting. Passed with 2 abstentions.

IV. Public Comment

There was none.

V. GENERAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Budget/State Library Report - Dawn La Valle

There were no revisions to the budget that was approved at the beginning of the biennial year. Dawn La Valle reported that the State Library is 1.2% short in Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding, which would result in a loss of \$25,000 to the State Library in the next cycle.

The State Library Board issued an announcement requesting applications for the position of Interim State Librarian.

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

The State Library is continuing to build up digital content, which includes eBook and digital audio books.

The statistic reports have shown that there has been a 435% increase in usage. The Division of Library Development is working to meet the demand by increasing the content.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Urban Library Task Force Update - Dawn La Valle

The Urban Library Symposium, which was scheduled to be held on March 26 at the Hartford Public Library, was postponed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The symposium will be offered at a later date, either in person or as a virtual event. Based on the outcome of the Urban Library Task Force, the State Library awarded a total of 7 grants in the amount of \$5,000 to urban libraries.

b. ACLPD Resource Sharing Committee - "CT Vision for Research Sharing" - Update - Dawn La Valle

Dawn reported that all the facilitated in-person community dialogues were successfully completed in March. There was not a diverse presence from academic and stand alone libraries. Resource Sharing Committee chairs agreed to develop a survey using the questions from the in-person dialogue to send to this population.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. DLD's COVID-19 Response - Dawn La Valle

The Division of Library Development has been working to continue to provide services that the community values the most. The staff has worked to ensure that users have on-line library cards and on-line access without having to authenticate through their institutions, which are now closed. The usage statistics have increased tremendously. Kym Powe held an on-line summer reading unconference, at which 100 librarians attended a series of Zoom workshops. Maria Bernier and Chris Gauvreau have been providing virtual information sessions for grants as well as one on one consulting sessions for libraries. Gail Hurley continues to provide an array of professional development opportunities. The Niche Academy has given the Connecticut State Library a free account with access to tutorial and webinar offerings for libraries in Connecticut through the end of April.

The services that are being requested most and being provided highlight the importance of the Connecticut Digital Library, the digital platform presence and that funding for digital content is critical.

Dawn addressed the need to *prepare to restart* once the state guidelines have been announced for reopening. Libraries will have to look at how they are serving their community, the possibility of having to reconfigure space within the libraries and address safety concerns. Libraries may not be able to return to the same level of service prior to the pandemic.

b. CARES ACT \$50 million to IMLS/LSTA, CSL Framework for Allocation - Dawn La Valle

Dawn stated that the CARES Act funding allocated to libraries was actually for \$30 million, not \$50 million. State Libraries are the centralized location for allocation of funds and implementation of services to libraries. The allocated funds will focus digital

access and inclusion in areas with limited internet capacity; acquiring and identifying areas with needs for WIFI or MIFI hot spots; and developing possible quick grants for specific requirements with defined parameters including communities with high food insecurity, poverty and unemployment. The American Library Association, COSLA and the Institute of Museum and Library Services advocate this funding is a down payment for what is needed at this time.

VIII. Adjournment

Vince Juliano MOVED (2nd Denise Stankovics) to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden, Recorder