

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
August 19, 2020

Members Present:

Ramona Burkey (Chair), Patrick Ford, Vincent Juliano, Karen Jensen, Jennifer Keohane, Leah Russell, Denise Stankovics, Karen Tatarka, Karen Townsend

Members Absent:

Bridget Quinn-Carey, Michele Neff, Melissa Canham-Clyne, Kimberly Farrington

Others Present:

Lynette Baisden, Dawn La Valle, Maureen Sullivan

I. Call to Order

Ramona Burkey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ramona Burkey recommended that the appointment of the new ACLPD member be added to the agenda. Denise Stankovics MOVED (2nd Vincent Juliano) to approve the amended agenda of August 19, 2020. PASSED unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2020 meeting

Vincent Juliano MOVED (2nd Karen Tatarka) to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting. PASSED unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was none.

V. GENERAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Budget/State Library Report – Maureen Sullivan

Maureen provided a report on the status of the State Library's operating budget. She stated her appreciation for the assistance provided by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) budget analyst assigned to the State Library. The State Library is exploring submitting a funding initiative request to partner with the Hartford Public Library to possibly use their digital lab to digitize town records. Dawn and Maureen are working with the Governor's Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Nick Simmons, his team, and representatives from the Connecticut Education Network to draft a proposal for funding aimed at helping libraries expand connectivity to serve their communities. Maureen worked with outgoing Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) President, Mark Ojikian and Chief of Staff Alice Pritchard to develop Principles for Reopening Connecticut's Academic Libraries.

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

Dawn reported that the circulation statistics for digital resources usage continues to explode. There has been a 635% usage increase. researchIT has increased by 48% and there has been a 29% increase in audio usage since last year. The researchIT

statistics for FY20 were posted in July. Total usage (views) for all resources including Ancestry was 17,292,572.

VI. Old Business

a. ACLPD Resource Sharing Committee – “CT Vision for Resource Sharing”
Dawn reported that Division of Library Development (DLD) staff as well as Melissa Canham-Clyne and Judy Kelmelis, Resource Sharing Committee members who participated in the Futures School and Strategic Foresight training, are developing complete scenarios based on the CT Vision for Resource Sharing document, Market, Fortress and Transformative Worlds. The scenarios will be presented at the August 26th ACLPD Resource Sharing Meeting as a test run for information sessions to be held in the fall. Dawn will send virtual meeting invitations to ACLPD members.

VII. New Business

a. DLD Staffing Update, Ashley Sklar, Adult Services and Community Engagement Consultant – Dawn La Valle

DLD will welcome new employee Ashley Sklar as the Adult Services and Community Engagement Consultant. Ashley comes from the New Haven Free Public Library, where she was Public Services Administrator for Adult Learning, Partnerships and Communications. Ashley will develop adult service programs and resources and will also work with Gail Hurley to develop professional development opportunities for adult services and community engagement.

b. DLD Consulting Assignments Update – Dawn La Valle

Dawn reported that since Steve Cauffman has retired, there has been a reassignment of responsibilities. The DLD consultants have 3-4 distinct responsibilities. As part of the Connecticut Digital Library, Brad Bullis has the responsibilities of reQuestIT, researchIT and eGO; Gail Hurley and Brad will share responsibility for findIT and Fulfillment. Gail is also responsible for Professional Development, but each consultant will contribute based on their expertise. Kym Powe is responsible for young adult and children’s services; as mentioned Ashley Sklar is responsible for adult services and community engagement. Maria Bernier is responsible for statewide data, borrowIT and new library construction and Chris Gauvreau is responsible for Library Services and Technology Act, E-rate, and the fiber grant project.

c. Points of Information, CSL, Advisory Boards and Councils Reporting – Dawn La Valle

Dawn gave a summary of the reporting process of the Connecticut State Library (CSL), advisory boards and councils. When reporting at meetings of the State Library Board, the ACLPD, the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) or other entities, it is only appropriate for the ACLPD Chair, ACLPD designee, the State Librarian or DLD Director to report on behalf of ACLPD.

d. ACLPD Nomination Appointment

Vincent Juliano MOVED (2nd Leah Russell) to add the recommended appointment of the new ACLPD member to the agenda. PASSED unanimously.

e. ACLPD Nomination Fact Sheet Doc 20-1

Jennifer Keohane MOVED (2nd Vincent Juliano) that the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development approves the recommended appointment of Jo-Ann LoRusso for a term beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2022. PASSED unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Denise Stankovics MOVED (2nd Jennifer Keohane) to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. PASSED unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden, Recorder