

STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY PANEL MEETING NOTES

AUGUST 10, 2018



IN ATTENDANCE: Dee Schrodt, Sandy Long, Glenda Mulder, Jan Grandgeorge, Jennie Garner, Rod Henshaw, Katherine Martin, Becky Bilby, Melia Tatman, Sue Mannix, Carrie Falk, and Ann Coulter

ONLINE ATTENDEES: Shari Minnehan, Cindy Davis, Rebecca Bock, Susan Schrader, Dianna Geers, and Victor Lieberman

STATE LIBRARY STAFF: Michael Scott, Nancy Medema, Marie Harms, Toni Blair, and Jay Peterson

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Michael Scott** called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. since Anne Coulter was not in attendance yet.
- **Michael Scott** introduced new member **Sue Mannix** from the Bettendorf Public Library representing Size G Libraries.

REVIEW AGENDA:

- No changes or additional items to the agenda.

STATE LIBRARY UPDATES:

- **State Librarian Report (attachment):**
 - **State Budget-** **Michael Scott** reported that he has been playing accountant since Steve Cox retired from the library. He is happy to report we have interviews set up for this position next week.
 - **Maintenance of Effort Waiver for IMLS-** Due to the cut in state funding in recent fiscal years, the State Library had to submit a Maintenance of Effort waiver to IMLS for our federal funding. Without this waiver we could be looking at a \$128,000 reduction in federal funding. The waiver was submitted at the end of June but we haven't heard anything. We are hopeful, and there is an appeal process if we are denied. We are expecting to hear by the end of October. **Katherine Martin** asked if we have any idea how many other libraries are going through this process. **Nancy Medema** said she believes there are about 10 state libraries across the country that are facing a similar situation.
 - **2018 National Library Legislative Day-** Met with 5 of the 6 Iowa congressional representatives; were not able to meet with Rep. King. Senator Joni Ernst asked about e-books and seemed very engaged with library issues.
 - **State Library Staff Updates-** Several staff have retired recently: in March Georgiann Fischer retired after 33 years with the agency, Debbie Crane also retired end of March, Sue Gruber retired at the end of June, Tim Skeers at the end of May, and Steve Cox in July. Merri Monks will be retiring in October and the new Youth Services position is open until September. The State Library finished out the fiscal year with a small reduction of



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about \$20,000. We have a status quo budget; what we were initially received for FY18 is what we have been slated for FY19. The agency was also evaluated for total FTEs on state funding and was alerted by DE there may be an issue. We were able to move back to 29 FTEs on state funding. Our most recent hire is an LRT, Lacey Partlow who was with the Stuart Library; she is providing support for the Continuing Education and Certification programs.

- **Edge Update: Marie Harms** reported over the last 15 years she's been working with the State Library the changes she has seen in libraries' technology, knowing we've always wanted to provide leadership in this area. An option available was having states buy into Edge program from the Urban Libraries Council. This year the State Library was finally able to budget for this program for every public library in Iowa to participate; the first thing to do is the assessment. The advantage to libraries is that after they do the assessment, they can see how they measure up to similar libraries. The library is given a report, and can decide what they can work on to improve. The State Library is also given an overall report and can also use it to see what we can do to better help our libraries. **Sue Mannix** asked if they took it a couple years ago if they can take again, **Marie Harms** replied yes, that it would be a good idea.
- **FY18-22 Strategic Plan Update: Nancy Medema** gave review on how to find the Strategic Plan on our website. On the homepage www.StateLibraryofIowa.org in the bottom footer, click on Strategic Plan. It will list the goals, objectives and projects. Clicking on any project will take you to a page that shows teams and progress reports. Some things have not been touched on yet since it's a five year plan and it just began. Gave review on how staff enters updates, and how the most recent progress report should be listed on top. Nancy continued to review the goals and those objective and projects for those goals.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- **Statewide Online Resource**
 - **Marie Harms** explained that vendors like coming to the State Library instead of 544 libraries; we are trying to come up with a process for adding new resources. Would like ideas for new resources either today or after you talk with constituents and email back to Marie of what libraries are looking for, including demand from patrons.
 - **Rod Henshaw** reported that Iowa Academic Alliance has an online resource subcommittee.
 - **Katherine Martin** wonders if Iowa Academic Alliance libraries would be good to work with the public libraries and negotiate pricing together.
 - **Cindy Davis** asked if we could get Biblionix to give statistics of what small libraries already have.
 - **Marie Harms** said to think about problems at your library and what you want. Marie explained that just because the State Library is taking the lead on this does not mean the State Library will be able to pay for all of it.
 - **Rod Henshaw** we need to be sending out a message to our constituents that there is a collective need here. The more we can work together as a total libraries benefits all.
 - **Jeannie Garner** said she likes the idea that her library could have fewer options.
 - **Michael Scott** asked the academic libraries what they are seeing for usage of the multi online resources.
 - **Cindy Davis** asked about seeing the amount of clicks the patrons click on.
 - **Katherine Martin** said they are using more evidence-based data to evaluate.

- **Learning Express RFP Process- Marie Harms** showed the usage for Learning Express last year and the cost. The State Library has received \$150,000 annually from Workforce Development, and the State Library has had to kick in an additional \$10,600 due to rising costs. The State Library has received the money from Workforce Development this year so we are moving forward with an RFP. We need to look at exactly what we want as we move forward. Timeline: gathering requirements until September 7th, Prepare RFPs September 28th, Evaluate proposals October 19- November 9, Select Product November 12th, rollout to libraries December 15th. Marie showed what some other libraries offer. **Marie Harms** said in the next couple weeks to send her ideas.

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- Members gave updates on current events at their library.

OTHER TOPICS OR QUESTIONS

- **Ann Coulter** asked if Marshalltown P.L. had been affected by the tornados. **Nancy Medema** said they are ok, as is Pella and Bondurant.
- **Sue Mannix** asked about a statewide delivery system that she heard about. **Michael Scott** replied that we are looking into it, but it is unclear if the project will move forward at the moment.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Anne Coulter** adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- **Michael Scott** said next meeting will probably be in November, will do a doodle poll to find a date.