

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
January 25, 2010

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Linda Anderson,  
Judge William Lavery, Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, Judge  
Francis Hennessy

Members absent: Scott Hughes, Eileen DeMayo, John Barry,

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider (State  
Library), Eric Wolff & Valerie Conroy (Destination Imagination)

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**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE  
November 23, 2009, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.  
PASSED unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Wolff and Valerie Conroy presented information to the Board on a program  
called Destination Imagination. Destination Imagination is a non-profit  
organization that provides educational programs for students, kindergarten  
through college years, to learn and experience creativity, teamwork, and problem  
solving. The core program is an after-school activity where students work in  
teams to solve challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Teams  
work together on solutions that satisfy the requirements of the challenges while  
building problem solving skills. Destination Imagination has a proposal for the  
State Library to take advantage of this program by agreeing to be a Signature  
Partner that will sponsor 30 teams across the state. There was some discussion  
on the costs and what it would involve and it was agreed that Sharon  
Brettschneider, Director of the Division of Library Development will speak more  
with Mr. Wolff and Ms. Conroy after the meeting.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken Wiggin introduced Nancy Peluso who has recently been named the head of  
Access Services at the State Library. Mrs. Peluso and her staff have been  
working very hard to organize and move the newspaper collections to make  
room for staff relocating back to 231 Capitol Avenue from 79 Elm Street. There is  
capital funding to purchase new office furniture for the relocation of staff. Judicial  
has informed Ken Wiggin that they will be installing a handicapped restroom in  
the foyer of the State Library/Supreme Court building which will displace Patrick  
Smith, the Museum's Education Curator. With the news of the court's law  
libraries closing, Ken Wiggin has communicated with the director of the Law  
Libraries and they will work together to accommodate needs as they arise. Ken  
Wiggin met with Judge Zarella as part of a planning committee for the 100<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the State Library/Supreme Court building. No date for a  
celebration has been set but the idea is to have tours of the building, special  
exhibits out on display and possibly a dinner.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): There was no representative from CLA

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present. Ken Wiggin stated that CLA is gearing up for their Annual Conference which will be held at the Mohegan Sun.

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): Daphne Deeds reported that there have been no meetings for MAC for some time now. Daphne expressed that she is no longer sure what her role is with the Museum Advisory Committee since there have been no meetings. Daphne will be speaking with Ken Wiggin after this meeting to get clarification on her role as a Museum Advisory Committee member.

MAC

Friends: Because of the incredible success of the Fall Workshop it will be offered again at the Middletown Library Service Center on March 6. Workshop topics will be: reaching new members, 10 things your treasurer should know, and book sale tips.

Friends

The Friends will be participating at the CLA Conference on April 19th and 20th at the Mohegan Sun. The topic of the Friends presentation is "Can a Friends Group Provide Support for Academic Libraries?" Guest speakers will be Emily Silverman, Director of Development, W.E.B. DuBois Library, UMASS Amherst and Jennifer Hadley from Wesleyan University.

The Friends will be soliciting nominations for their annual Outstanding Friends awards beginning later this month through April 9th.

The Friends annual meeting will be held at the Cheshire Library on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Annual awards will be given and the new website will be unveiled. Friends' featured speaker is Robert Kim Bingham, Author of **Courageous Dissent**.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): ACLB and the State Library coordinated two workshops on *Creating a Stronger Board for Your Organization*. 100 trustees and their library directors attended.

ACLB

Association of Connecticut Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): ACLPD's last meeting focused on the planning process. Five focus groups will be held. Three of the focus groups will be held for public libraries and two will be held for academic libraries. ACLPD representatives and Division of Library Development staff have been conducting an environmental scan, reviewing society and technology trends.

ACLPD

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): No report at this time.

CLC

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Legislative Update:

Ken Wiggin reported that the Governor may propose legislation that would bring responsibility for legislative records under the Public Records Administrator's authority.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Approval of 2009 Connecticut State Library Policy on Prevention of Fraud, Waste and Abuse: The purpose of this policy is to inform employees, contractors and agents of the Connecticut State Library of the federal False Claims Act and to

Approval of Policy

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provide general information regarding the State Library's efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse, and to describe the remedies and fines for violations that can result from certain types of fraudulent activities. It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (L. Anderson) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY POLICY ON PREVENTION OF FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE. PASSED unanimously.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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BUSINESS**

Judge Lavery reported that he will not be able to attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the State Library Board.

Joy Hostage reported that the situation continues in Cheshire about how the book written about the tragic home invasion where a mother and her two daughters, Cheshire residents, were murdered is being protested against. Many Cheshire residents do not want the book in their library. The media has been covering this situation and how many Cheshire residents would like the book banned from their library. The book is however, in the library and there has been talk in the community about bringing this matter before the State Library Board.

At 2:20 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder