

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
May 24, 2010

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Judge William Lavery, Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, Scott Hughes, and Eileen DeMayo

Members absent: Linda Anderson, John Barry, Judge Francis Hennessy

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Mark Smith, Carol Taylor, Nancy Peluso, Douglas Lord, Mary Louise Jensen, (State Library), Anwar Ahmad (Hartford Public Library), Edwin Mallory (Scranton Library, Madison), Jeffrey Otto (Brooklyn Town Library Association), Jill Dugas Hughes, (CT Library Consortium), Suzanne Lee (ACLB)

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**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE March 22, 2010, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Motion

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

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**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken Wiggin introduced the State Library's new Fiscal Administrator, Mark Smith. Having worked at other agencies, Mark has extensive experience in state service. The State Library is very pleased to have Mark on board.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken had no updates to his written report that went out in the Board's packets. Questions were invited. Bob Harris asked about the "Who do you think you are?" television episode that featured State Library employee Mel Smith and retired State Library employee Richard Roberts assisting Matthew Broderick in finding his Connecticut ancestors. Ken explained the filming for this program's episode and how the archival collections were highlighted. Bob requested that the Board be made aware of things like this so that efforts can be made to view the program. It was noted.

**OTHER REPORTS**

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Connecticut Library Association (CLA): There was no report at this time

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Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): There was no report at this time.

ACLPD

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee reported for ACLB. The ACLB is looking to change the terms of office. Terms will now run on the calendar year rather than the fiscal year. ACLB's new Trustees Handbook is currently being updated.

ACLB

Friends: There was no Friends representative present. Ken Wiggin reported that

Friends

June 12<sup>th</sup> is the Friends Annual Meeting and will be held at the Cheshire Library. A notice will be sent to Board members.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Jill Dugas Hughes reported on the progress of the CLC. Some highlights are that a call for RFPs was posted for their Strategic Planning Process and they hope to have a consultant by mid-July. The CLC board has passed a modest increase in dues for the next fiscal year. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2010, 4-6 p.m, at the Gouevia Vineyards in Wallingford. A full report of the activities of CLC and also a copy of the Strategic Planning Request for Proposal will be attached to these minutes.

CLC

**OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Update: Ken reported that the State Library's budget will have a little bit of a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. There have been substantial hold backs this year. Sharon Brettschneider has worked hard to reduce the number of databases and this has helped considerably along with other efforts made by the agency. We have not been given information about next year so we don't know what the budget allocations will be for the new fiscal year but the holdbacks will probably be similar to this year's.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Update

Legislative Update:

Ken Wigin went over his handout explaining the revisions to the public library statute contained in Substitute Senate Bill No. 376 (Public Act No. 10-108). The Ferguson Library (Stamford) had proposed the changes. State Library did not oppose this bill and worked with the Connecticut Library Association and the Ferguson Library on this. Ken also reported that several bills that would have required legislative and executive branch reports to be submitted to the Senate and House clerks and the State Library did not pass. Ken had raised objections to the legislation because the word electronically was not defined. Legislation did pass establishing a task force comprised of the clerks, the state librarian and others to study the issue and make recommendations for legislation.

Legislative Update

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant Extension for the Brooklyn Town Library Association: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES BROOKLYN TOWN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$1,000,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO AUGUST 27, 2011. PASSED unanimously. Mary Louise Jensen introduced Jeffrey Otto of the Brooklyn Town Library Association who stated that he is very appreciative of the extension.

Approval of Grant Extension

Motion

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant Extension for the Hartford Public Library's Dwight/Parkville Branch Library: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DWIGHT/PARKVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO IN ITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2011. PASSED unanimously

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Motion

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant Extension for Madison's E.C. Scranton Memorial Library: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES E.C.

Approval of Grant Extension

Motion

SCRANTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2011. PASSED unanimously

Approval of Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants: Sharon Brettschneider explained that the State Library conducts a competitive grant program using federal LSTA funds. The Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development approved the grant categories that help the State Library meet the goals of the LSTA Five Year Plan. The categories for which applications for grants were sought are Collaborations to Support Literacy for Children and Young Adults, Programs for Children and Young Adults in Poverty, Services to People with Disabilities, Programs for Multilingual Populations, Programs for Older Adults, and Programs for Young Adults. A total of \$125,000 was potentially available for the LSTA competitive grant program. In the months preceding the application deadline of March 5, 2010, Douglas Lord, LSTA grant coordinator, conducted fourteen mandatory workshops for applicants. Awarded grants will run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Mr. Lord also coordinated teams of three State Library staff members and reviewed fifteen grant applications in accordance with criteria established by the LSTA Five Year Plan. Eight grants totaling \$78,311 are being recommended for funding. It was MOVED (W. Lavery), seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$78,311 IN LSTA FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS AS FOLLOWS: COLLABORATIONS TO SUPPORT LITERACY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS Booth & Dimock Memorial Library – Coventry (\$4,650), Hartford Public Library (\$24,995), Thompson Public Library (\$5,000) PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN POVERTY No Applications Received, SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Naugatuck Valley Community College- Waterbury (\$10,748), West Hartford Public Library (\$17,020) PROGRAMS FOR MULTILINGUAL POPULATIONS Hartford Public Library (\$19,012), Ferguson Library - Stamford (\$25,000) PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS Simsbury Public Library (\$24,867), Hartford Public Library (\$16,048), PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS Norwalk Public Library (\$3,200), Hartford Public Library (\$19,890), Stafford Public Library (\$9,772) COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT Hartford Public Library (\$1,500) Ferguson Public Library-Stamford (\$1,500), South Windsor Public Library (\$1,500) PASSED unanimously.

LSTA Grants

Motion

New Digital Talking Books Program (Information Item): Carol Taylor distributed information about the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and what services it provides for free to any Connecticut adult or child who is unable to read regular print due to a visual or physical disability. Carol explained and demonstrated the Digital Talking Book Player. Recorded materials are loaned free of charge and are supplied to LBPH by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. Books are available on digital talking-book cartridges and audiocassettes although the audiocassettes are being replaced by the digital books. The Digital Talking Book Players which are needed for the new digital recorded books are very popular and very easy to use. Carol answered questions from the Board.

Digital Talking Book Presentation

Recently Discovered Items in the Collections (Information Item): Nancy Peluso, Head of Access Services, shared examples of some interesting and unusual "finds" in the State Library's extensive Federal Document Depository collection. Of particular interest was a poster and a booklet that had been illustrated by

Item in the Collections Presentation

Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss). As World War II approached he was too old for the draft, but wanting to contribute to the war effort, he served in an animation department of the U.S Army.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mollie Keller stated that the election of officers is scheduled for the next State Library Board meeting in July. Mollie has appointed board members Joy Hostage and Frank Hennessy to be the Nominating Committee. Anyone wanting to nominate or be nominated for the Chair or Vice Chair position should contact the Nominating Committee.

Judge Lavery stated that he will not be attending the July meeting as he will be in Prince Edward Island.

Joy Hostage also stated that she will not be attending the July meeting as she will be in the Adirondacks.

Joy Hostage informed the Board members that Board member John Barry is running for State Senate. The Board wishes John well and is pleased that he will be a good friend to libraries.

At 2:15 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

**OTHER  
BUSINESS**

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