
Library Advisory Board Minutes July 8, 2008
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Virginia Koontz called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Joe Arellano, George Feldman, Stephen Feltz, Dean Gisvold, Ruth Gundle, Rick Gustafson, Ethan Johnson, Virginia Koontz, Diane McKeel, Alice Meyer and Carlene Weldon. Board members David Blount, Robert Brading, Marian Creamer, Mark Garber and Henise Telles-Ferreira were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, June Mikkelsen, Candy Bertleson, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Pat French, Cindy Gibbon, Penny Hummel, Vailey Oehlke, Lance Murty, Leila Wrathall, Terrilyn Chun and Yvonne Chambers.

Also in attendance were: Matthew Lashua, on behalf of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey; Karie Trumbo, The Library Foundation; Anne Pearson and Craig Cedros, Friends of the Library; community members, Brenda Clark and Tom Weldon.

The minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting were approved.

Representatives from the Nominating Committee opened the meeting by introducing incoming LAB members George Feldman, Ethan Johnson and Carlene Weldon. Chair Virginia Koontz recognized youth members Garrett Shepherd and Ellen Wallin for fulfilling their commitment to the LAB and thanked them for their service.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Virginia outlined her goals for the coming year. The first is to have LAB members involved in Board activities beyond the monthly meetings. The second is for LAB members to be conscious of library staff time when making requests for assistance or information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joe Arellano reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. They are in the process of interviewing two youth candidates who will be eligible to serve on the LAB.

ORIENTATION

June Mikkelsen guided LAB members through an orientation notebook which included a list of LAB members and their terms, meeting schedule, Oregon public records meetings law, Multnomah County Code ordinance for the LAB, history of the library, vision and mission of the library, information about the library as an organization, library budget, library bill of rights, intellectual freedom, youth involvement on the LAB and a brief overview of The Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

Notebooks will be made available to future LAB members. Orientation meetings covering select topics will be scheduled in the near future.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Library Report

Molly gave an update on the status of the two new branch libraries. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted to move forward on the site on North Denver for the Kenton Library. Negotiations are now in progress with the owner and developer. Once documents are signed it will take approximately one year before the library opens.

A proposal for the Troutdale library will be presented to the BBC on Thursday, July 17.

Library Future / Committee Descriptions

Molly gave a summary which included a handout of each LAB committee's primary responsibilities and expected time commitments. Each Board member received a Committees include Access Policy Advisory, Finance, Library Futures, Nominating, and various ad hoc committees, including a committee regarding potential service and delivery changes within the library.

URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL (ULC) – FORESIGHT 2020

Terrilyn Chun, Systemwide Programming Coordinator and Molly reported on the 2008 ULC Foresight 2020 Conference titled "Fast Forward: Imagine, Learn, Innovate Faster."

Dr. John Seely Brown, past Chief Scientist of Xerox Corporation and the Director of its Palo Alto Research, was the Keynote speaker for the event.

One key concept from the event included the idea that the future is around us now. Dr. Brown noted when web 2.0 applications were identified, they were already in use as changing trends in World Wide Web technology and web design that were intended to enhance creativity, information sharing, and collaboration among users. At the time,

users did not realize how they were going to transform the way people communicated and interacted in our society. He then focused on what is happening with the use of technology today and how it may affect us in the future.

A You Tube video was shared during the conference that showed how technology affects how young people in the world learn today. A link to the video can be found at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGCJ46vyR9o>. Molly noted the message from the video was that we are still teaching in a 20th century environment, but the way people learn is through group study and interaction.

Terrilyn commented one of the biggest challenges right now is creating a program of technology training that is sustainable. With technology changing so quickly we're not being able to deliver optimum service. Terrilyn shared new phrases from the conference, including "social learning", "peer-based learning" and "collective intelligence." She added that libraries are in a unique position to facilitate new learning patterns and she is hoping to incorporate some of the concepts she learned into MCL's technology training program.

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE

Anne Pearson reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. Their fiscal year just ended and they are in the process of changing leadership for the coming year. Their new President is Carol Clifton. At the end of the fiscal year they decided to give \$28,000 to the levy Political Action Committee (PAC) for future library funding. LAB members expressed their appreciation.

They are currently looking for a venue for the Fall book sale.

Karie Trumbo reported on behalf of The Library Foundation. TLF ended their fiscal year at the end of June. In cash and in kind they raised \$11.9 million for literacy programs.

TLF will be moving to a new office space.

GOOD & WELFARE

Alice Meyer announced there will be a writer's reading conference in August in Manzanita. Molly Gloss, author and former LAB member, will be one of their kick-off speakers. Ursula Leguin and a number of other writers will be participating.

The next LAB meeting will be on September 9, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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