

Library Advisory Board Minutes October 13, 2009
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, October 13, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Virginia Koontz called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Board members present were: Heidi Beebe, David Blount, Marian Creamer, Ethan Johnson, Kate Kerns, Virginia Koontz, Katie Lane, Alice Meyer, John Potter, and Sola Whitehead. Board members Robert Brading, George Feldman, Mark Garber, Rick Gustafson, Henry Li, Henise Telles-Ferreira and Carlene Weldon were excused.

Staff members present were: Vailey Oehlke, June Mikkelsen, Becky Cobb, Linda Fenster, Brett Lear, Lance Murty, Pat French, David Miles, Peg Solonika, Patricia Welch, Terrilyn Chun, Shelly Kent and Carolyn Kimpton.

Also in attendance were: Corie Wiren from the Commissioner's Office; Susan Stone Wong, Friends of the Library; and Karie Trumbo, The Library Foundation.

Valley Oehlke, Director of Libraries, introduced Shelly Kent, the Library's new HR Manager.

The approval of the September minutes was postponed since there was not a quorum.

Virginia formally thanked Alice Meyer and Rick Gustafson for their service to the Library Advisory Board as their terms end at the end of October.

END OF YEAR BUDGET WRAP-UP (2009)

Becky Cobb gave a budget report (please see attached *2008-2009 Budget Summary Report*).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Policy Committee

The report was postponed until the November meeting.

Futures Committee

Terrilyn Chun reported on behalf of the Futures Committee.

The committee met on October 6, 2009. Speakers from PSU's Institute of Portland Metro Studies joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the changing demographics and economic forecast. This was podcast and PowerPoint slides will be made available to us. Their presentation illustrated maps overlaid on MCL's service area (which displayed demographic information). It was discovered that most families are located on the east side.

In addition, the 2010 census was discussed. It was suggested that the library partner with the 2010 census by providing information on our website. David Miles is on a County team that is focused on the census. It is trying to determine better ways of getting the information out. There is a focus on shared information regarding immigrants to Oregon. This is in-line with one of our priorities i.e., target languages and immigrants.

The library is the most credible organization with the immigrant population. Also, it is important for the census to get accurate numbers. However, immigrants may not be comfortable participating in the census. Library involvement could encourage immigrants to participate in the census. This will benefit MCL as it will allow MCL to get a handle on demographics and provide MCL with the information needed in order to know where to shift resources.

The PSU members were very interested in providing information and wanted to know how to further work with MCL.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vailey highlighted the recent news that MCL is one of the ten recipients of the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Service. She explained that the two service areas that are being recognized by IMLS about MCL are MCL's work in: 1) early literacy and 2) target languages.

She also reported that Sheila Martin, from PSU's Institute of Portland Metro Studies, connected with IMLS. They suggested that PSU and Sheila work with MCL to do some analysis of the community and what it needs from us. The PSU Institute of Portland Metro Studies provides the expertise that MCL doesn't have.

Vailey indicated that she (herself), Virginia, and a library user from the community will be flying to Washington, D.C. to receive the award on behalf of MCL. The First Lady has presented the award in the past.

Vailey reported that there are currently two significant recruitments going on within Multnomah County Library. They are for the Deputy Director position and the Marketing and Communications position.

She also highlighted that School Corps is celebrating their 13th year. School Corps serves all eight public school districts in the County as well as private schools.

Finally, Vailey, Virginia, and Marian Creamer acknowledged Alice for her service and thanked her for all her efforts. Alice thanked the group.

NEW BRANCHES UPDATE

June Mikkelsen gave an update on the new branches. At the Kenton Library Branch work is proceeding on schedule and on budget. Vailey and Commissioner Cogen will be doing a video on October 23rd, which Commissioner Cogen will be posting to his website.

At the Troutdale Library Branch 100% of construction documents are done and a cost estimate is underway. The documents will be brought to the County Commissioners for approval to proceed with bidding.

H1N1 Plan

June reported on the HINI Plan for Multnomah County Library (please see attached document, *Multnomah County Library Pandemic Plan*).

THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Karie Trumbo reported on behalf of The Library Foundation. The Library Foundation was one of the non-profits highlighted in Willamette Week's holiday gift guide. The Foundation is hoping to increase donations and acquire new donors through this avenue. The Library Foundation is also working closely with Vailey on the Foundation's annual report and another joint publication highlighting specific efforts the library is making to contribute to the community. This publication will go to library cardholders and the Foundation's mailing list.

In addition, The Library Foundation is focused on a matching grant from the Gates Foundation. This challenge is to raise money to increase library computer resources.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Susan Stone Wong reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library had their Fall Book Sale last week. It was very successful, with a preliminary sales figure of \$90,000. The Friends will be analyzing what contributed to such success. Susan reported that Saturday was a very profitable day. There were over 100 volunteers. The Book Sale is a great way to make friends for Multnomah County Library.

Virginia adjourned the meeting at 8:30am.

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