

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Friday, June 23, 2023
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM
Electronic meeting

State Library Board Attendees:

Rebekah Cummings, Chair; Marguerite Mower; Diane Carter; Josh Johnson; Steve Winn; Sam Passey

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Chaundra Johnson, State Librarian/Division Director; Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Merrily Cannon; Library Development Program Manager; Liz Gabbitas, Program Manager; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

Utah Department of Cultural & Community Engagement (CCE):

Jill Love, Executive Director

Welcome and roll call:

Rebekah welcomed the group and performed the roll call.

Board meeting minutes for March 24, 2023:

Josh motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Steve. All board members voted in the affirmative.

Digital Access & Education Program Wrap-Up:

Liz shared an overview and final update for this program.

Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement update and content guidelines discussion:

Jill explained CCE's new content guidelines. She also updated the board on the progress for the museum and other projects.

Director's Update:

Chaundra thanked Liz for all her hard work. She also thanked board members ending their term: Dianne; Jason; and Diane.

LSTA 2022 Funds:

Merrily presented an update on the LSTA grant round. Eighteen applications for school and public libraries were awarded a total of \$279,842.07. Projects included outfitted makerspaces, libraries of things, meeting pods, and remote book lockers.

Staff reports:**Library Development**

Merrily provided an update on Development's work including the following:

- Karen continued her work on her statewide literacy initiative by bringing in Navajo children's author Brian Young. He visited several schools and talked about how his heritage influences his writing. We'll be bringing Brian Young out for a second visit in September to visit San Juan county.
- The team has been working with libraries on their recertification.
- In the last quarter the development team has offered 3 strategic planning training sessions and 3 public library board training sessions.

Blind and Disabled

Lisa updated the board on the Blind and Disabled program:

- USL is on a panel of four libraries nationwide that produce braille.
- There will be a summer reading program for blind youth.
- They are piloting a new braille reading device.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.