

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 21, 2023
10:00 AM
Hybrid meeting

State Library Board Attendees:

Present:

Rebekah Cummings, Chair; Marguerite Mower; Diane Carter; Josh Johnson; Steve Winn; Josh Johnson; Daniel Mauchley; Shannon Thoman-Black

Absent:

Sam Passey; Davina Sauthoff

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Chaundra Johnson, State Librarian/Division Director; Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Merrily Cannon; Library Development Program Manager; Karen Liu, Youth Services Coordinator; Rachel Cook, State Grant Coordinator; Heidi Fendrick, State Data Coordinator; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

Utah Department of Cultural & Community Engagement (CCE):

Jill Love, Executive Director

Welcome and roll call:

Rebekah called the meeting to order and conducted a roll call.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2023:

Marguerite motioned to approve the minutes. Diane seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

Introduce New Board Members:

Chaundra welcomed Shannon and Daniel to the board. They both introduced themselves.

Utah State Library Literacy Projects:

Karen shared information about early literacy and updated the board on USL's literacy projects.

Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement update:

Jill updated the board on the status of the history museum and the America 250 event. She would like to involve libraries in the America 250 celebration.

Director's Update:

Chaundra's update included information on the success of the Director's Summit, retired employees, and a successful social media campaign about the Book Buzz collection.

LSTA Update:

Rachel stated this has been the best year yet for LSTA funds. There was a \$200,000.00 increase funneled into grant rounds.

Statistics Dashboard:

Heidi shared statistics available on USL's website.

Staff Reports:

Library Development:

Highlights of Merrily's update:

- Rachel and Merrily hosted a successful Director's Summit for Utah's library directors.
- Karen worked with Rachel Cook to continue planning USL's youth literacy initiative.
- The team started collecting recertification documents and making recertification visits to libraries.

Library Resources:

Highlights of Marie's update:

- ILL had a 15% increase in requests this year.
- BookBuzz had a 30% increase in circulation this year.
- The Digital Services Team, along with representatives from State Archives, met with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to get clarification on what is expected of the State Library in regards to new legislation that passed at the last session. HB 302/414 both had language that affected the State Library and State Archives.

Blind & Disabled:

Highlights of Lisa's update:

- Lisa demonstrated digital book cartridges and playback equipment.
- She also discussed the circulation for audio and digital braille each month, and how the new method of circulation has transformed the blind library services.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.