

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 14, 2024

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Electronic meeting

State Library Board Attendees:

Rebekah Cummings, Chair; Marguerite Mower; Davina Sauthoff; Josh Johnson; Diane Carter; Steve Winn

Absent: Shannon Thoman-Black; Daniel Mauchley

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Marie Erickson, Library Resources Program Manager, Merrily Cannon; Library Development Program Manager; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

Utah Department of Cultural & Community Engagement (CCE) Staff:

Katherine Potter, Deputy Director

Welcome and roll call:

Rebekah welcomed the group and performed the roll call.

Board meeting minutes for December 7, 2023:

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

Background Bill reimbursement process approval:

Merrily presented a form that will be added to the USL website. This form will collect information from 4,5,6 class city and county libraries to reimburse them for expenses incurred running background checks on prospective hires who will work with minors. The motion was approved by Josh, seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement update:

Kat Potter announced that Donna Law was the new executive director. She also spoke to the recent legislative session saying that she "felt good" about CCE's funding requests. She also mentioned the search for the new library director was going well and there are four finalists.

Nominations and Election of Incoming Board Chair:

Diane nominated Josh; Marguerite seconded the motion. All voted in favor of Josh becoming the new library board chair.

Staff Report highlights:**Library Development – Merrily Cannon, Program Manager**

- UELMA utilized their grant funds for the first Utah Young Persons Literature Ambassador visit. Jennifer Neilson visited Parkview and Riley students with First Lady Abby Cox to speak about the importance of reading and writing. Jennifer Neilson will be awarded a medal (that our very own Karen worked to develop) at the UELMA conference.
- Merrily is conducting interviews for the Grants Coordinator position.

Library Resources – Marie Erickson, Program Manager

- Marie announced two new hires:
 - Rae Schumann is our new Acquisitions Technician/Book Buzz Coordinator.
 - Jenny Thomas will be working part-time, helping with collection development for the bookmobiles and some catalog clean up.
- The [Utah Kids Ready to Read](#) site Darci has been working on will be live before the end of the year.

Blind and Disabled Program – Lisa Nelson, Program Manager

- Faye Fischer has been promoted to Librarian III.
- The blind program offers a collection of large print books, available from commercial publishers to library patrons and small/rural libraries and bookmobiles in Utah and Wyoming.
 - Currently there are 29 participating libraries: 24 small/rural libraries in Utah and Wyoming and all five bookmobiles.
 - The number of books in these hosted collections ranges from 25-200 titles.
 - The overall stats for this collection are around 4,500 items circulated annually. Partnering with libraries/bookmobiles to offer large print books benefits patrons and expands the use of this collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.