

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Friday, April 1, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Electronic Meeting

State Library Board Attendees:

Marguerite Mower, Chair; Lisa Ord; Sara Wiebke; Diane Carter; Jason Cornelius; Rebekah Cummings; Samuel Passey

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Chaundra Johnson, State Librarian/Division Director; Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Marie Erickson, Library Resources Program Manager, Merrily Cannon; Library Development Program Manager; Heidi Fendrick, State Data Coordinator; Rachel Cook, Grants Coordinator; Liz Gabbitas, Digital Access & Education Program Manager; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

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

Katherine Potter, Deputy Director

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Mower.

Introductions:

Those present were identified by Ms. Mower.

OPMA Electronic Meeting Determination:

Ms. Mower read the statement, which allows an electronic meeting to take place without an anchor location.

Board Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2021:

Ms. Cummings motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wiebke. All board members voted in the affirmative.

Legislative session debrief and discussion:

Ms. Johnson thanked everyone for their support during the legislative session. Ms. Johnson stated that we were not granted our (USL's) requests, but Utah's libraries did have some wins this session. Sen. Escamilla drafted a special citation making February "Library Lovers Month." The Senate read and acknowledged this citation on the floor. Ms. Johnson, alongside representatives from Utah Library Association (ULA), were present. The school board received

funding for a library specialist position. This position will work with school library staff across the state.

Vote to renew rule R458-1 Adjudicative Procedures for State Library:

Ms. Johnson presented information about the rule, which was up for its five year review. She shared Bryan Naldar, Assistant Attorney General's comments:

"In short, the Utah State Library Division is a state agency as defined in Utah Code Section 63G-4-103(b) and is therefore subject to the Administrative Procedures Act of Utah Code 63G-4. Meaning, there's a process by which individuals who disagree with a decision that affects them made by the Division have a way to appeal the decision ever happens with the State Library Division or any of the other divisions in the Cultural and Community Engagement Department. But it happens with other state agencies, and it could always happen to us at some point in the future.

R458-1 sets forth that, in the event of an adjudicative procedure, the process will be conducted informally as provided in the Administrative Procedures Act. Of course, it's up to you and the board whether you want to keep the rule. This administrative rule has been in place since 1988, and it doesn't take more work to renew it, so it's a good idea to renew it."

Ms. Carter motioned to approve renewing the rule; Mr. Cornelius seconded. All board members voted in the affirmative.

Explore change in USL Collection Development policy:

Ms. Erickson shared the proposal to change the collection development policy for Library Resources. She would like to shift resources (staff time and budget) from the general popular collection, which supplements interlibrary loan, to focus on Book Buzz (for book groups), the Utah Collection, and the Professional Development Collection. She then asked the board for their opinion, and all board members agreed the change would be beneficial.

Digital Access & Education update:

Ms. Gabbitas shared an update on the Digital Access & Education program.

Dept. of Community & Cultural Engagement update:

Ms. Potter shared updates for the department. She stated board members will be invited to Museum of Utah planning meetings.

Director's Update:

Ms. Johnson invited board members to the ULA conference this May. She also shared information about the Creative Kits. USL is partnering with KUED to offer two culinary creative kits which will be available to check out from our bookmobiles.

LSTA/ARPA Funds:

Ms. Cook said she closed out the last grant round for the fiscal year. With the help of Faye Fisher, Grants Analyst, they completed four times the normal grants.

Dashboard report:

Ms. Fendrick reported on the library statistics available on USL's website.

Library Development report:

Ms. Cannon shared that Karen Liu joined the Development team as the new Youth Services Coordinator. Ms. Liu is already working on many projects, including the annual Book Your Summer project, working with Darci Card, Digital Resource Librarian, and Utah Educational Network (UEN) on refreshing the Utah Kid's Ready to Read program, partnering with the Children's Literature Award Utah committee, and representing libraries on the Governor's Early Childhood Commission. Rachel Lenahan will be joining the team as the new Training Coordinator on April 11, 2022.

Ms. Cannon shared the many ways her team is supporting ULA, including a grant to help them promote libraries across the state and serving in leadership roles.

Library Resources report:

Ms. Erickson stated the OverDrive Admin Committee voted to admit Davis County into the Beehive Library consortium. They will be bringing a significant number of patrons to the consortium, but will also be bringing a collection of approximately 35,000 items and about \$55K per year. Currently the Beehive Library Consortium is OverDrive's 18th largest circulating collection in the world. She also shared that USL is dedicating an additional \$105,000 of ARPA and CARES money to OverDrive Content.

Blind and Disabled Program report:

Ms. Nelson shared that April Kennedy, Reader's Advisor, is hard at work developing a diverse collection of children's books. There are fun events coming up, including an open house, a summer reading program with a partnership with the National Federation of the Blind.

She stated that she's planning on hiring a new audio manager with hopes to upgrade the recording studio, and revitalize the volunteer program.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Mower at 11:33 a.m.