

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Friday, March 24, 2023

10:00 AM to 11:20 AM

Electronic meeting

**State Library Board Attendees:**

Rebekah Cummings, Chair; Marguerite Mower; Davina Sauthoff; Josh Johnson; Dianne Aldrich; Steve Winn

**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; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

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

Jill Love, Executive Director

**Welcome and roll call:**

Rebekah welcomed the group and performed the roll call.

**Board meeting minutes for December 9, 2022:**

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

**Large Libraries and recertification:**

Chaundra explained the annual recertification process for public libraries. She would like to explore the possibility of developing an annual recertification process for larger libraries since there is none in place. She asked the board to vote for USL to move forward in exploring and researching the possibility of having an annual process for larger libraries. USL will convene the large library directors to discuss the idea, then bring information back to the board. Josh motioned to approve, Marguerite seconded the motion, and all board members voted in favor.

**Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement update:**

Jill updated the board on the legislative session. She stated USL's code was changed so digital government records could be accepted into the collection.

**Director's Update:**

Chaundra stated that HB284, the Public Library Background Check bill, has passed and been signed. This bill goes into effect July 1, 2024. She said she will update the board as she gets information on the next steps of implementing background checks for libraries.

**Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) 2022 Funds:**

Rachel updated the board on LSTA grants.

**Statistics Dashboard:**

Heidi shared the statistics available on USL's website.

**Staff Reports:****Library Development**

Highlights of Merrily's update include:

- Karen Liu started working on a literacy initiative plan to use LSTA funds to bring authors to Utah.
- Karen and Rachel Lenahan worked with a trainer to record an additional summer reading training for this year's summer reading theme "All Together Now." Those trainings are now recorded, closed captioned and available on Niche Academy.
- Development staff trained many new library directors and library boards.

**Library Resources**

Highlights of Marie's update include:

- The state-wide needs assessment is complete.
- Inventory of the Multi-County Bookmobile is scheduled for April.
- Resources staff has migrated all 100K+ records in the Utah Government Digital Library to OCLC's WorldCat database. This means a much greater exposure to our records around the world. The records in WorldCat will point users directly back to our UGDL repository for the full text images.

**Blind and Disabled Program**

Lisa's update included the following highlights:

- Paula Stuart, Reader's Advisor Librarian is retiring March 31. Paula worked in the blind library program during her entire USL career.
- The blind program is participating in a pilot to demo a new audio playback device from the National Library Service.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.