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# Maine State Library Commission

\*\*MINUTES – September 22, 2014\*\*

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM.

## **Attendance:**

Commission Members Present: Beth Edmonds (Chair), Joyce Rumery (Vice Chair), Debe Averill, Jeff Cabral, Charlie Campo, Cora Damon, Helen Fogler, Dick Thompson, Debe Averill (video), Barbara McDade, Art Turley, Mike Hayes (video)

Also present: Linda Lord, James Ritter, Janet McKenney, Adam Fisher, James Jackson Sanborn, Chris Boynton, Susan Preece

- Minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting were amended and approved.
  - Amendment consisted of C.Campo's name removed from Sub-Committee reviewing letter sent on behalf of Commission to UMaine System Chancellor regarding the Future of Library Leadership

## **Review of the Strategic Plan Report and Written Reports:**

Strategic Plan updates and written reports from Library Development and Reader and Information Services were submitted prior to the meeting. Additional highlights included:

- Mrs. LePage visit to MSL to read to area 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students was well received.
- MSL, Maine State Museum, and Maine State Archives working on creation for a new shared position
- Early childhood literacy initiatives ramping up
- Marvel! redesign in process
- 3D Printer and Digital Literacy efforts underway
- Edge Initiative and ILEAD U are two major initiatives underway
- Annual Report structure to begin using LibPass versus Bibliostat
- *The Goldfinch* is the Maine Reader Choice Award book winner
- Collaboration with Archives to purchase new camera system for large items approved

## **Digital Public Library of America (DPLA):**

- J.Ritter and A.Fisher presented on DPLA and the benefits and capabilities relating to MSL becoming the Service Hub for Maine
- Commission granted approval for MSL to proceed in this capacity
- Recommended that MSL reach out to neighboring State Libraries (NH and VT) to discuss regional Service Hub

## **Maine InfoNet Update (James Jackson Sanborn):**

- Minerva and URSUS have migrated to Sierra successfully – working through minor tech-related issues
- The MILS system is still in process. Vose, Paris, and Wells Reserve libraries will be included in the Beta Test of the MILS system when it goes live

- New libraries entering into Minerva are: Kennebunk, Wyndham, Freeport, and Maine College of Art
- As it relates to Maine InfoNet's 501(c)3, the organization has recently learned that they do not qualify as Sales Tax exempt under Maine's current statutes. Currently, unsure of the overall impact, and a suggestion was made to potentially pursue a legislative remedy

### **Library Standards:**

- A.Turley provided the background relating to the annual review of Library Standards
- The Library Standards Committee will re-convene to assess input throughout the year and make recommendations on any changes to the currently adopted standards.
  - The Committee is represented by: A.Turley, J.McKenney, D.Clark, S.Zurinksi, V.Osborne, L.Lord, M.Hayes, S.Preece
  - Suggestion to potentially include others who offered feedback was offered and taken under advisement
- The committee will, as part of their review, provide an analysis of what libraries met standards – and at what level – and what libraries did not meet the full standards and the reasons as to why

### **Outreach Services – Chris Boynton:**

- Provided an update regarding 'currency readers' provided by the National Library Service (NLS)
- Demonstrated how one of these currency readers works and described the process by which eligible individuals may get one – Outreach Services will provide them via NLS
- Books by Mail transitioning into Sierra
- Indicated that 80% of current circulation is digital and that older cassette reading machines are being taken out of service

### **Early Childhood Literacy:**

- Introduction of Shannon Schinagl – new Early Childhood Literacy Consultant
- Shannor provided a written updated and highlighted the following:
  - Creating early childhood literacy kits
  - Focusing on Early Childhood Literacy story programs
  - Will work extensively with Home Caregiver programs throughout Maine

### **CERC (Cultural Emergency Resources Coalition ) Update (Jeff Cabral):**

- Through a grant, a FEMA Volunteer Core is working through the Maine State Museum and CERC to assist with disaster planning efforts.
- Several libraries will be involved: Libby, Falmouth, Carver, North East, and Walker

### **Other Business:**

- Susan Preece asked if the Commission is considering 'designations' such as "Exemplary" that could be celebrated for libraries meeting or exceeding the Library Standards
- B.Edmonds asked the Standards Committee to take the question under advisement and make subsequent recommendations

**Executive Session:**

- The Commission convened an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Commission reconvened, and at that time, adjourned their formal public meeting.

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

**Next meeting is November 4, 2014 at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary

James Ritter  
MSL, Director of Reader and Information Services