

Delaware Council On Libraries

Meeting Notes

Monday, March 9, 2009

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

COL members present: Elizabeth Baxter, Diana Brown, Zachary Carter, Carol Fitzgerald, Richard Krueger, Theo Loppatto, Rod Scott, and Cathy Wojewodzki

Guests: Margie Cyr, Richard Geisenberger, Christine Hayward, Larry Manuel, Katie Newell, Pam Munro, Alisa Parker, Kevin Swed, Mary Ellen Torkelson, Hillary Welliver

DDL/DOS staff present: Sonja Brown, Kathy Graybeal, Richard James, Annie Norman, John Phillos, and Beth Ann Ryan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Welcome & Announcements</p>	<p>Handout on responses regarding Library Volunteerism. Delaware is 47th in the nation for volunteerism. First Lady Carla Markell has agreed to be the spokesperson for libraries and would like to encourage people to volunteer in libraries if it can be a coordinated effort. Theo will be COL's lead person; she was the coordinator of volunteers in Maryland before retiring to Delaware.</p>	
<p>Previous Meeting Notes</p>		<p>Rod moved that the February 9, 2009 meeting notes be approved, Theo seconded, motion carried</p>
<p>Current Topics</p> <p>Discussion with Rick Geisenberger, Asst. Secretary of State – Library Financial Impacts</p>	<p>Examples from those present:</p> <p>New Castle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Revert book money ☞ Health benefit rates ☞ Closing Sunday & Thursday nights ☞ More fundraising, grant writing, increase in overdue fines ☞ Staff working in multiple libraries <p>Kevin Swed – Delaware City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 45% reduction in staff ☞ Pay cut ☞ 40 hour library opening <p>Katie – New Castle Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Cut part-time person during the day ☞ 1 part-time person at night ☞ 60% cut from the county <p>Larry Manuel – Wilmington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Endowment cut 50% ☞ Lost part-time person <p>Margie Cyr – Dover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Hiring freeze ☞ 1 18hr wk position frozen 	

- Library assistant retiring, can not hire
- Chris Hayward – Harrington
- Lost one person & was able to hire replacement
- Budget cut from city
- Received a grant from the Friends
- Program budget cut
- Dick Krueger – Kent County
- 1 staff vacant may lose 2 positions
- Bookmobile limited
- Smyrna – closed Saturday & Sunday
- Carol Fitzgerald – Sussex County
- Professional Development cut
- Travel, program, library material, newspaper and library staff all cut
- South Coastal – reopening in April, they have no children’s librarian
- Bookmobile – reduce or eliminate
- Delmar Reduction – 5-10% cut.
- Laurel – staff vacancies
- Lewis – \$10,000 down annual appeal endowment
- Seaford – \$36,000 flat budget

Moved to Pending

Library Presentations:
Brandywine & Bear

Disposition of Library
Materials

DE Library Summit – review
of summary

Pending:

DE Library Blueprint
Checklist and Profiles

Recommended protocol for
Construction events

Review of law, policies, and
technologies impacting
intellectual freedom - DE
CIPA, Tiers, wireless

Cathy moved to
reaffirm the March 8,
1999 disposition letter,
Theo seconded, motion
carried

Theo moved to accept
the synthesized Summit
comments, Rod
seconded, motion
carried.

<p>DDL Updates System updates (written) Kent NCC Sussex Wilmington</p>		
<p>Future meetings / events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, March 23, 2009 10 a.m. to Noon at Archives – Connecting To Collections Grant Report <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 23, 2009 – Friends Meeting & Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, April 29, 2009 - DLA Leg Day <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, May 7, 2009 p.m. – DLA Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – ALA Leg Day <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – Construction Workshop 	<p>Next COL meeting: Monday, April 13, 2009 (later changed to April 23) Blueprint check list Update on financial impacts</p>	