

ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC)
ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 421
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PRESENT (via Video-Conference)

Lincoln Trail Library System

Laura Barnes
Nanette Donohue
Lian Ruan
Susan Singleton

North Suburban Library System

Ian Baaske

Prairie Area Library System

Terry Cottrell
Sheree Kozel-LaHa

Illinois State Library

Jane Ehrenhart

Chicago Public Library – Harold Washington Library

Jeremy Dunn
Scott Garton
Emily Guss
Jelena Radicevic

Members not present were Kim Armstrong, Troy Brown, Dr. Regina McBride, Bob McKay, Anita Morgan, Mary Richards, Michelle Roubal, and Troy Swanson.

ISL Staff Present: Kathleen Bloomberg, Vandella Brown, Cyndi Colletti, Anne Craig, Mary Downing, Karen Egan, Gwen Harrison, Jill Heffernan, Neil Kelley, Greg McCormick, Patricia Norris, Lawren Tucker, and Ron Winner.

Welcome and Call To Order

Mr. Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. INAC Chair, Mr. Dunn began the meeting with INAC member introductions.

Approval of INAC Minutes

Two mistakes were noted in the October 22, 2008 minutes. Corrections were made. A motion was made by Mr. Garton to accept and approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Radicevic gave a second. The motion passed.

Directors' Report – Director Craig

Director Craig reported on the “Opportunity On-Line Hardware” grant offered by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Public Libraries. This grant has a two-year life span. Public libraries that are eligible have the opportunity to receive monies towards the purchase of new workstations. A formula has been derived for matching funds. Dynamite training will be provided on garnering support for financial commitment from their communities sponsored by PLA. This award is a tool to garner advocacy skills.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is sponsoring a program titled Connecting to Collections. Every state in the country can submit a request for a 40k grant. Illinois has lots of partners. Illinois has been awarded the grant. Initially, numerous seminars will be held throughout the state allowing a variety of cultural institutions to hold dialogue assessing preservation activities available in Illinois. The goal is to develop a State of the State document. This should lead to an opportunity to apply for a ½ million-dollar grant. There will be only a few of these grants available.

The ILEADU grant proposal will allow Illinois library staff to come together and work towards a participatory technology project. Technology is a piece of the service that the participants will attempt to connect with their community. A response is expected by June 2009.

Director Craig encouraged all to sign up for Illinois Library Day, which will be held April 23, 2009. She also reported that the order form for President Obama’s license plates is now available. ILA will use proceeds from the sale of the license plates towards the Summer Reading program. After April 17, 2009 the license plates must be removed from your vehicle.

The Illinois OCLC User’s Group (IOUG) will hold its annual meeting June 19, 2009 at St. Xavier University. Great speakers have been lined up.

On The Front Lines (OTFL) Conference: Review and Future Planning – Ms. Norris and Ms. Harrison

Ms. Norris, Ms. Harrison, Ms. Ehrenhart, Ms. Guss, Ms. Donohue, Ms. Singleton, and Ms. Ruan all shared various highlights of the conference. Ms. Singleton suggested that perhaps the next planning committee would consider a registration fee of \$25.00.

It was moved by Mr. Garton and seconded by Mr. Cottrell to move forward with planning for the next OTFL Conference which is scheduled to be held March 15 -17, 2010 at the University of Illinois at Springfield Public Affairs Center. The motion carried.

Bibliostat Update- Mr. Winner

Bibliostat is a product that provides for data collection and statistics. 2009 Illinois Public Library Annual Reports (IPLARS) are available. During the second week of May another Bibliostat tool titled Bibliostat Connect will be introduced. This tool will allow users to manipulate data that has been collected and held within very comprehensive datasets from the year 1996 to date. The Interlibrary Loan component will allow data manipulation between years 2005 to date.

Ten “Bibliostat Connect Overview” training schedules have been developed that will be held throughout the state. Mr. Winner explained training would be provided at the multi-type library systems per the contract.

Information Technology Accessibility Act (ITAA) - Mr. Tucker

Mr. Tucker explained the implications for the Illinois State Library and two of its Internet based programs in conjunction to ITAA. The Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act requires that all information technology developed, purchased or provided by all agencies in all branches of Illinois state government be accessible to individuals with disabilities. A written report was included in today's agenda.

System Standards Update – Ms. Bloomberg

Ms. Bloomberg provided background information on the process and shared a PowerPoint presentation. The System Standards Committee has been meeting nearly every month. Inclusion of the website link on today's agenda was appreciated by INAC members. To view the PowerPoint presentation, click the following URL:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/islac_090312.pdf

OCLC Network Services Transition – Mr. McCormick

Mr. McCormick shared that OCLC pricing has been recalculated and every OCLC member library has their letter. OCLC has moved from a nationwide cooperative to a cooperative with global focus on OCLC services throughout the world. The network offices structure throughout this country is changing. In Illinois, 1,700 libraries participate in-group services. OCLC will develop a nationwide uniform pricing structure, which will become subscription fee based arrangement. Basically, what you subscribe to you pay for. ISL has looked at a number of issues. How do we position libraries for the future? Our current arrangement runs through FY2011. The ILLINET/OCLC Group Services annual bill is approximately 5 million dollars. The ISL subsidizes the Group Services fees through FirstSearch, which allows WorldCat access, at the cost of approximately \$1.3 million annually.

Our goal is to position libraries for FY12 and beyond and ISL needed an assurance that what we are doing is the best and most equitable position for our constituency. ISL is not in the role to make money. FY09 we looked at stats from OCLC and what folks are doing with cataloging and ILL activity to make sure folks are not paying more than they should for what activity they generate. Some libraries will see a decrease in their bill.

FY2010 Subscription Fee \$180.00/year or \$15.00 per month

FY2011 Subscription Fee \$240.00/year or \$20.00 per month

A subsidy grant program has been developed that will facilitate those libraries that experience a cost increase of 150.00 or more with a grant.

Continuing Education Big Picture: Director Craig and Ms. Norris

The Illinois State Library is engaged in a number of continuing education programs that are beloved by the library community. These continuing education programs include the Institute for School and Public Librarians (ISPL), Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI), Synergy, ISL's Diversity Program, and the On The Front Lines Conference. Ideas and thoughts on the mix of programs were solicited.

Suggestions and thoughts:

- Consider opening SPLMI to assistant directors.
- Offer management training for the special library community and solo librarians.

- Synergists are stepping up to leadership roles. Perhaps brand Synergy to focus on younger librarians – emerging leaders.
- Work more with Library Schools to recruit younger librarians into Synergy.
- Has any long-term analysis of the effects of attending Synergy been performed?
- Synergy is a benefit to all librarians, not just young librarians. The leading from anywhere premise was elaborated on.
- Consider a program that would focus on “how to get folks to move into upper management”.
- A follow-up to Synergy would be nice for past participants.
- Synergy appeared to be dominated by public librarians.
- Perhaps Synergy could have more focused, more relevant discussions than the touchy feely aspects of the program.
- Some Synergists were uncomfortable with the psychobabble.
- Create and Share an annual Upcoming Events List on the L2: Library Learning calendar.
- One article for program dates and application dates would be great.
- Keep the focus of programs the way they are it give a wide range keep them the way they are

E-RICH: What’s next? – Director Craig and Ms. Harrison

Tier 2 & Tier 3 programs will be phased out. Try-It Illinois & ER-XPO will be continued.

A motion was made to limit E-Rich to Tier one offers going forward by Mr. Garton and seconded by Ms. Radicevic. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Strategic Plan for Technology and Telecommunications for Illinois Libraries – Ms. Bloomberg and Ms. Harrison

A brief discussion on the importance of the Strategic Plan for Technology and Telecommunications for Illinois Libraries was held. It is time to up-date the plan. Ms. Donohue and Mr. Garton volunteered to serve on the revision committee.

Public Comment

Ms. Brown shared that a cultural leader, John Hope Franklin had passed away.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009