

ILLINET NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL (INAC)
ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 421
October 22, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT (via Video-Conference)

Lincoln Trail Library System

Kim Armstrong
Laura Barnes
Mary Richards
Susan Singleton

North Suburban Library System

Ian Baaske

Sycamore Public Library

Robert McKay

Prairie Area Library System - Shorewood

Michelle Roubal
Terry Cottrell
Sheree Kozel-LaHa

Metropolitan Library System

Troy Swanson

Illinois State Library

Jane Ehrenhart

Chicago Public Library - Harold Washington Library

Jeremy Dunn
Emily Guss
Anita Morgan
Jelena Radicevic

Those members not present were Troy Brown, Nanette Donohue, Scott Garton, Dr. Regina McBride, and Lian Ruan.

ISL Staff Present: Kathleen Bloomberg, Vandella Brown, Anne Craig, Gwen Harrison, Bonnie Matheis, Patricia Norris, Suzanne Schriar, and Lawren Tucker.

Welcome and Call To Order

The meeting began at 10:20 a.m. due to technical difficulties. INAC Chair, Mr. Dunn began the meeting with INAC member introductions.

Approval of INAC Minutes

The minutes were accepted and approved from the June 11, 2008 meeting unanimously by Council members.

Director's Report

Director Craig requested Deputy Director Tucker to report on activities at Illinois General Assembly. Mr. Tucker reported on the General Assembly's actions in September concerning supplemental funding for the state budget and substantive legislation affecting state library grant programs. Mr. Tucker noted that both the House and the Senate had overridden the Governor's amendatory veto changes to House Bill 4527, an initiative of Secretary of State Jesse White. Mr. Tucker stated that the successful overrides means that HB 4527 is law in the form it was intended by Secretary White and approved earlier in the legislative session by the House and Senate.

HB 4527 will provide an increase in equalization and school library grant funding, whenever sufficient funding is appropriated, to those public libraries that qualify for equalization aid because of a low property tax base and to those school libraries in small school districts that only qualify for a minimum school library grant. Mr. Tucker noted that unfortunately, the funding requested by Secretary White to pay for the increased grant amounts allowed by HB 4527 was not included in the final FY 2009 state budget passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor this spring. That means that libraries should expect to see equalization and school library minimum grants this year at the same level as those received in state fiscal year 2008. Mr. Tucker also noted that in September the Senate and House had approved a supplemental appropriations bill for FY 2009 that would restore over \$200 million in spending cuts made earlier to the state budget by the Governor. Included in the supplemental spending bill is \$20.7 million in funding for the Secretary of State's office, but unfortunately for grant programs administered by the office, the language of the supplemental bill only allows the funds to be spent on Secretary of State office operations and not on grant programs administered by the office. This means that libraries should not expect any of the funds contained in the supplemental bill, if it is signed into law by the Governor, to be targeted for library grant programs administered by the Secretary's office.

Director Craig added that the State Library has already made a number of adjustments to deal with the \$26 million in funding cuts the Secretary of State's office sustained as part of the Governor's earlier FY 2009 budget cuts. Director Craig noted that the State Library has had to cut back in a number of operations areas, including travel, printing, personal services and commodities, as well as cutting back on its database purchases for libraries, in order to live within the funding cuts made to its operations budget and the library technology grant program.

Director Craig reported on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's, Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program. Eligible public libraries will receive funding to purchase laptops, computers, peripherals in FY 2010 and FY2011. An inventory on WebJunction IL component Tech

Atlas will have to be performed. Eligibility is a Gates decision. ISL will administer the grant program.

Ms. Matheis reported on Letters about Literature, a national reading and writing program for 4th thru 12th grade students. The program is sponsored by the National Center for the Book. Students are asked to read a book and write a letter to the author responding to the question, "how has the book has changed their view of the world?" The national coordinator of this program has made sure that it is intertwined with learning standards. Check on line at www.illinoiscenterforthebook.org for more information.

Ms. Matheis is looking for judges. If interested let her know by October 30, 2008.

Director Craig reported that WebJunction Illinois is really taking off. The new improved web site offers enriched content, featuring photos, stories, newspaper articles, etc... anything that builds the body of information about programs from the ISL. All were encouraged to **L2 (Library Learning)** is now available at <https://www.librarylearning.info/> it is the statewide Continuing Education (C.E.) calendar, hosted by North Suburban Library System. L2 unites ILLINET member libraries C.E. opportunities from across the state.

Connecting to Collections: Statewide Planning Grants -
<http://www.ims.gov/collections/grants/planning.htm>

The Illinois State Library (ISL) has partnered with various organizations to apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), 40K, Connecting to Collections: Statewide Planning Grant. The intent of the offer is to bring partners together to talk about preservation, disaster preparedness, etc...to do an assessment of what services exist in the state

Three statewide conferences will be held if awarded this grant. Eventually IMLS will offer several 500K awards. The initial (40K) planning grants are intended to help States and partners get ready to apply for these 500Kk award.

Overview of INAC Contributions/Accomplishments - Ms. Radicevic and Ms. Harrison

Ms. Radicevic offered a brief overview of INAC contributions and accomplishments against the backdrop of the INAC purpose and charge.

Illinois Digital Archives: Collection Development Policy - Ms. Schriar

The Illinois Digital Archives (IDA): Collection Development Policy was reviewed. This document was created to help guide subject selection for grant funding and to serve as a guide for prioritizing materials from the ISL collection for digitization.

INAC suggested a link should be added to Technical Standards and Quality Control documents. INAC also suggested the repositioning of bullet point #4 and that the duplication of effort statements be strengthened.

It was moved and seconded that the Illinois Digital Archives: Collection Development Policy be adopted as amended. The motion carries.

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Standards for the Services of Illinois Multitype Library Systems
- Ms. Bloomberg

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http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/pdfs/roster_libsystemstandards.pdf for roster of committee members.

The Standards for the Services of Illinois Multitype Library Systems was last finalized in 1991. The Committee has met twice. Background information including the Administrative Rules is available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/systemstandardrules.html and at WebJunction IL.

Formal hearings on the draft of the plan will be held before finalization and input throughout the process is solicited.

Roles of systems have changed over the years. Which services are essential for Library Systems to provide over the next 10 to 15 years?

INAC suggested the following:

A valuable service is the ability of Systems to look ahead, forecast, and lead in innovations and communicating it back to the members. The ability for Systems to step back and see the big picture is deemed absolutely necessary.

Many types of projects do not lend themselves for smaller libraries carrying them out on their own. System support is necessary in these cases as well.

CPDU's (Continuing Professional Development Units) are a must to keep a teaching certificate. It is vital for school libraries to find workshops/sessions geared toward assisting school librarians in filling this void.

Delivery is a core service.

Library Systems are core to resource sharing. The linking function that Systems provide is important. Also, the continued offering and

use of Research and Development grants are important to the success of Systems. L2 is an example of an excellent shared project.

IMLS Initiative: Laura Bush 21st Century Grants - Director Craig and Ms. Norris

ISL will be applying for this grant. The application deadline is December 15th.

The grant proposal is intended to assist library staff learn how to use library 2.0 participatory tech tools, to connect with and engage their community, to discover community needs and build tools that will answer these needs.

Format: Participants will come together for a period of days in person and go away for a few months, hold mandatory virtual meetings, meet a 2nd time, go away, hold mandatory virtual meetings, and come together for a third time and meet.

A community needs assessment will be performed and project management will take place. Choosing tech tools to fit the needs of the community will be an output. A product will be put together as a result of their experience.

Feedback will be given from peers, instructors, and mentors. How is it working, how can it be tweaked, etc...

We believe it is a need in the library world.

Project Teams: It will be a 3-year grant. It will provide us with a good 6 months opportunity to test and assess need within our state. A 2-year program followed by 6 months evaluation.

This will be structured closely to Synergy. Structurally, providing three sessions with intercessions has proven highly effective. The title of the grant will be LEAD: Learn, Explore, Apply and Discover. We are looking at a possibly 8 teams with 5 participants per team. Teams are encouraged to reflect our multitype library system. Geographic coordination is also encouraged. A total of 80 folks would be graduated over the course of the 3-year program.

INAC Feedback

Awesome opportunity.

Multitype library participation important for school librarians the application material is explicit on how the content connects to curriculum. To get leave for school personnel is a hardship. The subject matter could not be more relevant. Make sure we connect the application to school curriculum.

Tie it to CPDU's credits as well.

It will be helpful to have special libraries involved in this opportunity.

The intention is to encourage participant to get out there and try things. Try things, experiment, connect to your constituency.

The more people you add to technology the worse the outcome.

The practical side is that it is a people issue.

The hardware, nuts and bolts is usually easy.

Getting folks to coordinate is the hard part.

Do not remove techies from this opportunity.

How will sustainability be built into this opportunity?

Hope that the project teams act as good support networks.

One of the goals is to encourage participants to try out things, do not be afraid of failure.

Grant has been written as a people target and not a tech target.

ILLINET Updates - Ms. Harrison

The ER-XPO will be held at the Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, Illinois, Thursday, December 4, 2008. Details are forthcoming.

Try-It! Illinois 2008, now in its 9th year is off to a great start. Many new vendors have entered the trial.

Novelist/Novelist Plus negotiations were finalized as Tier Two offer. 738 libraries have signed up for the offer, which breaks down to 3 systems, 25 academics, 364 publics, 345 schools and 1 special. The offer will be extended and pro-rated pricing will be available until early next year.

The Illinois State Library Advisory Council (ISLAC) at its August meeting adopted the Revised ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code. Pagination errors were realized and the code has undergone re-printing. Mailing has begun of the new Revised ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code books.

On The Front Lines: The Statewide Practitioners Conference is scheduled to be held March 17, 18, and 19, 2009 at the University of Illinois Springfield. Committee members include Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Jane Ehrenhart, Lian Ruan, Jeremy Dunn or his replacement, Brian Smith (PALS), Dr. Regina McBride, Emily Guss, Jelena Radicevic, Gwen Harrison and ISL staff.

The purpose of this conference is to equip, enlighten front lines staff persons with training, exposure, techniques, that will enable them to deal with their day to day activities as front line employees. It is

important to ISL that this conference addresses issues that may be pertinent to members in our multi-type library system. It is our best intentions to offer something for the staffs in these environments that will prove beneficial to their jobs. This conference is designed for the staff persons that meet the public.

Past programming was discussed. Recommendations for committee members and potential presenters were requested.

Strategic Plan for Technology and Telecommunications:

This plan was adopted by ISLAC at the August 2008 meeting. Ms. Schriar and Ms. Harrison will lead the next working group that will act on the revision of this document in its entirety. The purpose of the Plan is to identify steps to improve and enhance information access and delivery for the people of Illinois.

Public Comment

It was surmised that hosting meeting by video conferencing is convenient and a great development.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009