

MINUTES
COUNTY LIBRARIANS MEETING
August 29, 2016
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Following are the minutes of the meeting of the County Librarians and the staff of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (referred to in these minutes as the State Library). The meeting was held on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with a tour of the Arizona Talking Book Library; the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building; the State Library of Arizona; Library Development; and the State Librarian's Office with the business meeting at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records; 1700 W Washington Street, 3rd Floor; Con Cronin Classroom; Phoenix AZ 85007.

COUNTY LIBRARIANS PRESENT:

SueAn Stradling-Collins	Heidi Holland	Jacque Griffin	Leanne McElroy
Karen Soohy	Cindy Kolaczynski	Kathy Pennell	Geneva Durkee
Melinda Cervantes	Denise Keller	Susan Lapis	Susan Evans

ABSENT:

Dan Field	Susan Haddock	Cochise County Representative
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Also Present:

Holly Henley	Jaime Ball	Mary Villegas	Carol Tapia
Donna Throckmorton	Mala Muralidharan	Janet Fisher	Laura Stone
Sandy Edwards	Ken McFarland	Sharon Hillhouse	Erin Macfarlane (Tour)
Jason Neenos			

Welcome, and Introductions

Chair Leanne McElroy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. for the tour of the Arizona Talking Book Library; the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building; the State Library of Arizona; Library Development; and the State Librarian's Office. Secretary Reagan greeted and welcomed everyone at the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building. Introductions were made.

Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting of the county librarians were distributed at the meeting. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Report of the State Librarian

Henley thanked everyone for coming and noted that thirteen of the fifteen counties were represented. Only Cochise and Santa Cruz were missing.

Henley asked everyone to look at the State Library Project Report in the meeting folder with updates on library services and services to libraries.

Henley welcomed SueAn who is the new County Librarian for Apache County. Introductions were repeated for the benefit of new members to the group.

Henley then used a PowerPoint presentation to share the following information:

- **Mission of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records From the LSTA Plan Five-Year Plan 2013-2017**
 - The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records provides statewide leadership and services as authorized in Arizona Revised Statute §41-151. Through its divisions, the Agency provides access to unique historical and contemporary resources:
 - Archives of historical records in Arizona.
 - Library extension assistance to public libraries.
 - Library for the visually and physically disabled.
 - Museums on state government history and people of the state.
 - Public records management program.

- Research and law library. Includes Federal Regional Depository.
- **Library Services Goal Summary**
 - Providing prompt, professional legislative support
 - Preserving and documenting Arizona's history
 - Providing access to public information
 - Promoting statewide collaboration for historical and cultural institutions
- **Administrative changes to LAPR on April 1st**
 - Ted Hale, Director
 - Archives and Records Management
 - Museum
 - Holly Henley, State Librarian & Director of Library Services
 - Digital Arizona Library
 - Library Development
 - State Library of Arizona
 - Talking Book Library
- **Staff change**
 - Carol Tapia
Executive Assistant to the State Librarian &
Library Development
- **Physical location changes**
 - Library Development to the Executive Tower
 - DAZL to the Polly Rosenbaum Building
 - State Librarian to the Executive Tower
- **Other changes**
 - Increased focus on online access
 - DAZL
 - Genealogy
 - Newspapers
 - Arizona Memory Project
 - Reading Arizona
 - Library Development
 - Statewide database package
 - Online professional development for library staff statewide
 - Online LSTA grant application
 - Online summer reading
 - State Library of Arizona
 - Legal resources
 - Federal and state documents
 - Talking Book Library
 - BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)
- **What's next?**
 - Evaluation of current 5-year plan
 - Planning for the next 5-year plan
 - Writing the next 5-year plan
- **First step:**
 - Arizona Library Leaders' Summit - June 6 & 7, 2016
 - Follow-up to 2014 Summit
 - State Library's Early Literacy Work
 - AzLA's leadership with Libraries Transform
 - New eResources Special Interest Group formed within AzLA
 - Robin Dale, IMLS
 - Micah May, New York Public Library
 - Examination of 18 current national initiatives
- **Follow-up**
 - Survey
 - Group and prioritize initiatives
 - Recommend how to share more information
 - Work with contracted evaluator
 - During County Librarians Meeting at AzLA
 - During a session at AzLA

- Other opportunities to be determined
- **Ongoing Communication**
 - Library Services Monthly Newsletter
 - LSTA Snapshot
 - SGIA - Construction
 - September Library Services Continuing Education Events
 - Infopeople Courses
 - Skillsoft Courses

Arizona Department of Education's Adult Education Program Information

Henley introduced Jason Neenos, Educational Technology Specialist, Adult Education Services, Arizona Department of Education. Neenos gave a brief description of the adult education program. "Arizona Adult Education provides comprehensive literacy services to learners 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a K-12 school. It offers access to quality educational opportunities to support employment, job training and higher education aspirations." Additional details are available online at <http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices>.

Neenos discussed how adult education and public libraries can work together to share information about their services with their customers. One opportunity is Adult Literacy Week. The State Library has been partnering with ADE on this event and would like for public libraries to help promote it. Arizona Adult Literacy Week is an annual, statewide event celebrating adult literacy and lifelong learning in Arizona communities. The purpose of Adult Literacy Week is to increase awareness of the importance of adult literacy including its bottom-line impact on Arizona's quality of life and economic recovery through creating an educated citizenry. Adult learners from all over Arizona are invited to participate in the Adult Literacy Week Contest. Learners can create digital media based projects to submit. Entries will be reviewed by an expert Panel of Judges and awards will be presented during a ceremony traditionally held at Rio Salado College Conference Center in Tempe, Arizona. (<http://www.az-aall.org/adult-literacy-week.html>).

Another opportunity for working together is with sharing information about the statewide online resources. Learning Express, for example, has practice tests. Adult education can share that information with learners, and libraries can let customers know about adult education programs that can help them prepare to take those tests.

Neenos would like to help facilitate communication between libraries and adult education programs. Libraries are encouraged to contact Neenos, and he can put them in touch with the adult education program in their area. His contact information is Jason.Neenos@azed.gov or office phone 602-364-1848.

Workforce is a partner in working with adult education. "On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), which revises and reauthorizes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) after more than a decade. WIOA is intended to support innovative strategies that keep pace with changing economic conditions and requires alignment and coordination between the four core programs within the law: 1) employment services, 2) workforce development, 3) adult education, and 4) vocational rehabilitation activities." (Source: <http://www.azed.gov/adultedservices/wioa>)

News from the Incoming AzLA President

Sandy Edwards wanted to let everyone know that it is AzLA board nomination time. The deadline has been extended until September 9th. Needed are: President-Elect, which is a three-year commitment; Northern Region Representative; Southern Region Representative; and Secretary. If you have staff members that know of AzLA and are interested in getting involved, the current board members would be happy to talk with them. The Board meets in person on a quarterly basis, typically in January, April, July, and October and then it does a virtual phone meeting the other months, usually one to two hours.

AzLA is gearing up for the annual conference which is November 2nd through November 4th at the Tucson El Conquistador. There will be a hike this year as an add-on to the conference. AzLA will be selling some shirts through Café Press. There will be several choices of designs.

There is a group of YA librarians chaired by Lauren Regenhardt from Yuma and Rob Wilson at Maricopa County, Goodyear Branch, that has put together a YA Summit to be held Thursday and Friday, January 26th and 27th in Prescott at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. National speakers will be brought in to present along with local experts. The State Library will be using LSTA funds to provide scholarships for 50 people to attend. There will be a pre-summit session at AzLA in November in Tucson. AzLA appreciates the work of Lauren and Rob.

Another event coming up is sponsored by the new E-resources special interest group, which is bringing in database vendors to Phoenix Public Library - Burton Barr on February 23rd. Through individual presentations and panel discussions, vendors will showcase their latest products and updates. Issues around statistical reporting, marketing efforts and communication will be given special attention by all vendors. This will be geared towards staff members who deal with electronic resources.

Edwards talked about the materials that are currently available related to Libraries Transform. On the AzLA website,

there is an entry for Advocacy on the sidebar that leads users to some of the national resources from ALA, broken down by type of library. There is also an AzLA Legislative Toolkit.

If a library becomes an institutional member of AzLA, that gives the library two memberships for people other than library staff, such as advisory board members or Friends of the Library. AzLA is working on increasing the number of institutional memberships, the number of vendor members, sponsorships for conference, and other ways to increase revenue for AzLA. One example is the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price of items bought to the customer's favorite charitable organization. AzLA encourages members to participate and designate AzLA.

Update on Collaboration with New York Public Library

Stone gave an update on work with SimplyE and LEAP. Micah May is working with both projects and presented at the Library Leaders' Summit in June. In his presentation, he walked the group through all of the issues with the eBook experience from the user perspective in trying to get into the content that libraries provide and also from libraries' perspective of working with multiple vendors to provide content. May is with the New York Public Library, and they are working on several grant-funded initiatives to help provide solutions. The two big projects that they have right now are SimplyE and LEAP. SimplyE is an app to allow patrons to see all of libraries' eBooks in one place. LEAP may be thought of as an online library store which is going to allow libraries to purchase content from a "marketplace" rather than each library working directly with multiple vendors for content. Minitex is a library consortium group in Minnesota working with May on both projects. Both projects are still in development.

Henley, Stone, and Furcron had a conversation with James English, also at New York Public Library, to talk about what an Arizona model might be. We are currently talking to them about logistics for a single Arizona-branded app. The State Library would hopefully make available our Reading Arizona eBooks along with a classics collection and a small general reference collection so that there would be enough content to be useful to a high school student. All Arizona public libraries could make their content available on the app for their patrons. This is still in the planning stage, and we will keep County Librarians updated on progress.

Comments/Questions on County Librarians' & State Library Staff Reports

No questions were asked.

Next Meeting Date, Location & Agenda Items

The next meeting will be at the AzLA Annual Conference in Tucson on November 2, 2016.

One More Thing

No new topics were introduced.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Leanne McElroy at 3:15 p.m.