

MINUTES
COUNTY LIBRARIANS MEETING
November 18, 2015

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 at the Arizona Library Association conference on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the High Country Conference Center, Rees Room, 201 W Butler Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

COUNTY LIBRARIANS PRESENT:

Judith Pepple	Heidi Holland	Leanne McElroy	Susan Evans
Geneva Durkee	Kathy Pennell	Denise Keller	Susan Lapis
Cindy Kolaczynski	Karen Soohy	Suzanne Haddock	

ABSENT:

Jacque Griffin	Dan Field	Melinda Cervantes	Lise Gilliland
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Also Present:

Joan Clark	Holly Henley	Mary Villegas	Jaime Ball
Donna Throckmorton	Carol Tapia	Dale Savage	Laura Stone
Ted Hale	Mala Muralidharan	Janet Fisher	Brenda Brown
Jana White	Kim Eckhoff	Amber Mathewson	Nola Magneson
Rick Biers			

Welcome, and Introductions

Chair Cindy Kolaczynski called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Kolaczynski welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. Kolaczynski reminded everyone this was her last meeting as Chair and would also be Clark's last meeting due to her upcoming retirement.

Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 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 & Arizona State Library Reorganization

Clark began with mention of the American Library Association campaign called Libraries Transform.. She urged everyone to go to the ALA website to look at the Libraries Transform campaign, the materials and the trends dots. Each dot stands for a category of ways that libraries are helping communities, people, and businesses. Secretary of State Michele Reagan enjoys visiting libraries and communities throughout the state. The protocol is simply to invite her. If you have an event or program you would like to highlight, you can go to Clark, Henley, or to Secretary Reagan's office to issue the invitation. She had a wonderful time in Yuma and Mohave County, and has been to Buckeye twice.

National Library Legislative Day is coming around again in May. Kathy Husser, Clark, and Henley will be meeting shortly to plan what information will be prepared to share.

The COSLA meeting was in October and Henley represented us. The big topic at the meeting was data: data collection, what does the public library survey look like, and how can it be changed. The data, whether used now or ten years from now, is often used in legislation and research studies. A national data summit was proposed to bring together stakeholders for discussion that would include how to reduce the number of surveys that libraries are asked to complete by different entities.

Clark highlighted the initiatives we have underway with community engagement from the Community Engagement Success Stories handout. They support the Libraries Transform campaign. We're proud of what Arizona libraries are already doing and have been doing for so many years. We try new things and are open to new ideas.

There is a newly formed group that received an LSTA grant: the Arizona Community Colleges Directors of Libraries. They are going to have their first meeting on December 10-11, 2015. They have representatives not only from community colleges, but from the three universities. They are looking at resource sharing.

Part of the restructuring of the Arizona State Library was the move of the genealogy collection to the Polly Rosenbaum building, which attracted media coverage. A group of volunteers helped with preparing materials for the move.

Clark will be retiring March 31st. Henley will be the State Librarian and Director of Library Services which includes Digital Arizona Library, Talking Book Library, Library Development, and State Library of Arizona. Ted Hale will be the Director of Archives, Records Management, and Museum.

Thank you all for your support.

News from the Maricopa County Library Council (MCLC)

Jana White from MCLC gave an update on MCLC. MCLC is a group of library managers and directors from public, community college, university, and special libraries. If you're within Maricopa County, you qualify to be part of the 501C3 organization. MCLC does different programs. They have a scholarship program that offers one scholarship which is usually \$1500 to somebody who has not gone to a national conference. They also have continuing education programs, and work with the State Library. If you ever want to come to an MCLC meeting, please do. White thanked the County Librarians for inviting MCLC to this meeting. Please utilize MCLC in any way you can for information and guidance. White expressed that they appreciate everything the State Library does, as well as the county libraries.

News from the Incoming AzLA President

Kolaczynski welcomed Amber Mathewson as the representative for Pima County as well as the incoming AzLA president. Mathewson discussed the regional forum, which didn't happen in 2015. It became clear that although the regional forum has been happening for years, we never had a written procedure to formalize the process within AzLA to keep it moving forward and sustainable. So Dan [Stanton], Holly [Henley], Amber and some AzLA board members met about how the regional forum could work. It used to be up to one of the counties to volunteer to host it, and then AzLA and the State Library would offer support to make sure it happened. AzLA decided that the three regional representatives will work together to produce the forum. The professional development committee has agreed to give \$2000 for the regional forum that could be used for any upfront cost. AzLA would still charge for the regional forum so they would get their money back. AzLA would still like volunteers from the County Librarians if you would like to have it in your county. If any of you have been thinking about having it in your county, please let us know.

Community Engagement Opportunity for Libraries

Henley introduced our guest Rick Biers who works for Alcoholics Anonymous. He wants to get some materials into the libraries. It could be a community engagement opportunity. Biers is the Literature Coordinator of the PICPC Committee of the Salt River Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous. They would like to get information out to the community and want to get the primary text for the program, *Alcoholic Anonymous* and *Twelve and Twelve*, into public libraries. Some libraries may already have the books. The goal is to get it out to as many libraries as possible.

Summer Reading

Throckmorton wanted to let everyone know that the numbers are increasing for the summer programs/events.

People love coming to the library for the programs. You can review the statistics on the State Library Branch Update sheet on page 3. The State Library sent out an RFP for the online hosting solution for the coming summer. Library Development has a presenter coming to do some programming workshops across Arizona. Her name is Julie Dietzel-Glair and she has experience with being a children's librarian and also an editor of the CSLP manual. She'll bring a lot of ideas from the manual into the workshop but also facilitate sharing ideas amongst the librarians. The workshops will be the last week in February and the first week in March. There will be eight workshop locations. We have mailed out the summer reading manuals and the catalog.

Statewide Database Package & Database Contracts

Villegas will be meeting with state procurement, and they will be approving vendors who responded to an RFP.

Villegas will let you know who the vendors are that are being awarded. Villegas also sent out the cost share spreadsheet to everyone. Villegas did a brief increase so you will have a number for your budget. That number could change. If you have any questions, please contact Villegas.

Stone, Villegas and Ball are discussing the possibility of a large-scale database evaluation project, which may lead to writing an application for a National Leadership grant.

Arizona Library Leaders' Summit Follow-up Actions

Clark, Stone, Henley, and Villegas talked about the Summit follow up. Out of the Library Leadership Summit, there came three initiatives that the group wanted to move forward on. We have continued to work with the committees to advance these. The first initiative is early learning, which Henley discussed. The goal is to have early learning supported throughout the state, and for libraries to be leaders in early learning. We want to have at least one qualified person in every library who is knowledgeable about early learning and early literacy. We would like to have a competency program set up, but we haven't gotten there yet. We started with the mentoring program, and we still need to work on the competency program. We are currently conducting a mentoring program for early literacy as well as a new media mentoring program, which is early literacy with a focus on new media.

Clark talked about the marketing, branding, and awareness. There have been several meetings. During our first few meetings we tried to come to consensus as to what was really needed to enhance awareness of libraries and their services in Arizona. We came up with some messaging ideas and key topics, but have now decided to use ALA's Libraries Transform and work as part of the AzLA Marketing and Branding Committee.

Stone talked about e-resource sharing and a statewide library card. The statewide library card did not seem to be an attainable goal, so the group decided to focus on e-resources. There were several meetings. The consensus was that the group should become an interest group within AzLA. A meeting will be held during the conference.

Planning Arizona Library Leaders' Summit II

When the State Library did the first Summit it was as a pilot program. It surpassed all of our expectations. We also decided that we really need to look at succession planning and leadership development. That's how the Leadership Institute that Dale Savage organized was started.. The State Library decided to alternate the two events, holding one event per year. We're going to work with the leaders and then the emerging leaders. County Librarians were asked to contribute ideas for the summit in 2016..

E-Rate

Mala Muralidharan mentioned about E-Rate changes. There are more funds available for internal wiring/routers, hub/access point/switches. Remember that your portal password and login expire every six months. More information is on the E-rate handouts provided. If you have any questions, you can contact Mala at mala@azlibrary.gov or 602-926-3601.

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

No questions were asked.

One More Thing

Next Meeting Date, Location & Agenda Items

Suggestions were: 1) in conjunction with the Regional Forum; 2) with the Tucson Festival of Books; 3) with another statewide event. A decision will be made and communicated via email.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Cindy Kolaczynski at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: August 29, 2016