

MINUTES
COUNTY LIBRARIANS MEETING
March 1, 2019
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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 Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Flowing Wells Public Library; 1730 West Wetmore Road; Tucson AZ 85705.

COUNTY LIBRARIANS/REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

SueAn Stradling-Collins	Amadee Ricketts	William Ascarza	Victoria Silva
Karen Soohy	Geneva Durkee	Amber Matheson	Denise Keller
Corey Christians	Susan Evans	Jake Barillaro	Sharon Hillhouse
Elaine Votruba			

ABSENT:

Mark Cesare	Jacque Sanders	Ken MacFarland	Cindy Kolaczynski
Kathy Pennell	Danitz Lopez		

Also Present:

Michelle Simon	Bryan Heidorn	Jana White	Kathleen Wade
Jesse Simms	Laura Stone	Jaime Ball	Janet Fisher
Holly Henley	Mary Villegas		

Welcome, and Introductions

Ricketts welcomed everyone to the library and introductions were made.

AzLA Updates

AzLA President Simon submitted a report. She noted that there are a lot of great things happening with AzLA this year. Many are a continuation of things that were started under Gina Macaluso, last year's president. She encouraged participation in the professional development activities, noting the AzLA virtual conference that will happen in April, free to all and targeted at those individuals who really don't get to go to conferences. She noted an effort to get Ryan Dowd to come back for a regional forum in the summer time. If anybody wants to host a regional forum, AzLA would love to hear about that. AzLA annual conference will be in Tucson and it will be held November 7th through the 9th. On November 7th and 8th, it will be at the Tucson Convention Center, but on November 9th it will be at the Flowing Wells Public Library having sessions that are focused on school librarians and those who serve youth. The website has all of the updated information related to requests for proposals. The Horner Fellowship Exchange is currently accepting applications. The deadline is March 31st. Additional information is available on the website. AzLA members get a 10% tuition reduction for U of A online classes if you are an individual who worked at least 10 hours per week at a library. AzLA received a grant from Google to be able to use G-Suite. You will notice people not using their personal emails or their work emails. AzLA communications will now say @azla.org.

School of Information Updates

Heidorn talked about changes. The School of Information has grown a little bit in the library program, probably about 5% or so in the online program and little bit of growth in face to face. They have approximately 60 students for next semester in the face to face program and about 200 online. Because more students are online, it's hard to offer a variety of classes face to face. The result is students taking online classes even though they are on campus. The School is trying to make it more attractive to come to campus for classes.

This year the School is up for accreditation by ALA. It's very likely that some of you will hear from the accrediting board when they come into town during the summer, as they want to talk to employers. The School has an advisory committee. Holly Henley and Amber Matheson are on the committee. It usually meets once a year.

A couple of years ago the requirement was started that all students need to have a senior internship project before they graduate and that was based on feedback from employers. They wanted to make sure that the students knew what to expect once they begin work. That is only for students that have finished over half of their coursework. All internships have to have a supervisor who is a certified librarian, archivist, or a museum person with enough experience. Students are frequently looking for supervisors. They have more difficulty with school libraries.

Heidorn stepped down in January after 9 years as the Director of the School of Information. Catherine Brooks is the Director now. Heidorn will be leaving for a yearlong sabbatical. The School will be doing a couple of hires in the library program and would welcome comments about needs that we see.

Report of the State Librarian

Henley thanked Michelle Simon and Bryan Heidorn for being present and reporting. For AzLA, Henley also noted the work of Erin McFarland and the legislative committee. As a reminder to everybody, AzLA does the advocacy related to legislation on a state and federal level that the State Library can't do. McFarland was invited to Legislative Day in DC by ALA.

There will be an Early Literacy Summit in 2020. The State Library and AzLA are partnering.

Henley reviewed the items in the meeting folder. If any of you know somebody that does training related to customer service, the State Library is looking for outside presenters.

Each branch gave a brief update on some of the items in their report.

AZRAP Policy Discussion

This is a policy related to Interlibrary Loan (ILL) that the State Library is revisiting because we know ILL is expensive.

At one point we developed this policy and said that libraries could recoup postage cost, capped at \$6 an item. We know that \$6 an item really doesn't cover the cost and are looking at how to revise the policy. The rural libraries rely on ILL a whole lot more than the larger libraries and use this policy to request financial support to maintain the service. There was consensus that it would help to increase the cap to \$10. There was also discussion that libraries should have the flexibility to charge more if they are getting charged from the lending library and if it's over \$10. The State Library would like to hear other suggestions about changes to this policy.

Census 2020

Ball let everyone know that there is a publication in the folder from the American Library Association (ALA) about libraries and the 2020 Census. Census day next year is April 1st and prior to that all of us will be getting a notification of the first online Census. Twenty two percent of Arizonans do not have internet access at home. Many of the folks will have a challenge filling out the Census at home. There will be 10 or 11 questions. There is only one question that must be answered for the response to be counted, but the other data would be very helpful. Everyone needs to be aware that you will get a postcard first to let you know. We need to get the word out now that it's going to be online, which is new, and that the notification is a postcard. There will be other publicity. Every person who is not counted is \$2,000 that does not come to Arizona. If you have any other ideas reach out to Jaime Ball.

Language Database for the Statewide Database Package

Villegas sent out a survey asking what language product libraries had because PowerSpeak is going away. Genealogy Connect is also. The response that Villegas got was that two counties asked that we replace the language product. There are eight counties that only use PowerSpeak as the language product. Of the language products that are out there, the popular one seems to be Mango. Maricopa County Library District provides Rocket Languages to all the library systems in that county. Pronunciator and Rosetta Stone are other options. If we want to replace our current product, we need to decide now. It would be nice to have some type of replacement. It will depend on the pricing as to what we can get. Villegas will do some research on getting some prices and to see who is on contract.

Reports of the Leaders' Summit Working Groups

The working groups gave reports. Lots of research is being done to inform future recommendations. The ILL group has not met but will do so before the next meeting of County Librarians.

Highlights from County Librarian's Reports

Everyone highlighted happenings in their counties.

Elect new chairperson

We will elect a new chairperson at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Location & Agenda Items

The next meeting will be the day before the AzLA Conference. Location will be determined

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.