

Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting

March 6, 2014

Middletown Library Service Center

1. Richard Conroy called the meeting the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Board Introductions.
3. Minutes from the February 6th meeting were approved with two corrections.
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Richard Conroy
 - i. The conference is just about here. Talk it up among your colleagues.
 - ii. April 16th is the Legislative Committee Day at the State Capital. Talk it up among your colleagues, patrons, board and State Representative.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Christina Baum
 - i. Richard Conroy reported that the organizations funds are in good shape.
 - ii. Jennifer Keohanne has gotten the books on track. There will be a change of software for generating reports.
5. New Business
 - a. Richard Conroy - The deadline is May 1st for section and committee budget submissions for fiscal year 2015. The executive committee will review and vote for approval at the June meeting. The budget needs to balance which means that programs need to generate income and ideally make a profit. Forms are on the website for non-annual conference budget and request forms. Submit your budget as a PDF document to Christine Baum.
 - b. Michele Martin/Jen Datum – Minutes from the monthly CLA Executive Board Meeting will be made available to the public on the CLA website. CLA Archivist Gerald Seagrave will retain hard copies.
6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
 - a. ACLB: Betsy McIlvaine
 - i. There was a second joint meeting with Friends of CT to focus on the Working Together program and workshop for the Fall Leadership Conference.
 - ii. There are policies already in place to receive non-budgeted money.
 - iii. Please like ACLB on facebook.
 - b. ADA: Ed Morrissey
 - i. ADA resources on the CLA website have been updated.
 - ii. A conference call is scheduled March 4th to discuss the upcoming program at the conference.
 - c. ALA/Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Meeting scheduled for April 16th to review proposals for the advocacy program and CLA conference program.
 - ii. The committee will be helping the State Library with the HB 5614 eBook bill.
 - iii. Ken Wiggin clarified that the eBook bill would give the State Library the authority to develop and maintain a statewide platform to circulate eBooks that will be available to all Connecticut libraries. Meeting is scheduled Friday regarding the proposed budget of \$2.2 million to start and stock a good eBook collection. Anyone can submit testimony at the public hearing. It's a long way to reality but a step in the direction.

- d. Awards: Region Reps
 - i. They have received eleven nominees in six of the nine categories.
 - ii. Family members of Edith Nettleton are invited to the Conference for the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award named in her honor.
- e. Career Development: Michael Spellmon
 - i. Four applications have been received for the MLS scholarship. They have not received any applications for the LTA scholarship. They may need to reassess offering the LTA scholarship since they have not received applications for 2 of the 3 years it has been offered.
- f. CLC: Jennifer Keohane
 - i. There is a position opening for an office manager.
 - ii. Save the date: The CLC annual meeting will take place at the carousel ride at the Beardsley Zoo on May 15th.
 - iii. Maker Labs at CCSU launched the Maker Market, designed to help member libraries navigate and shop for the tools and supplies of the Maker movement.
 - iv. Take Your Child to the Library Day is a grassroots movement that has made huge progress.
 - v. Interactive art installation programs sponsored by Make-Waves.org out of New Haven will be represented by 14 urban libraries in CT. "The Wave" is an interactive art and community building project that celebrates water. Participating libraries will present programs on water issues in their community.
- i. CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - i. A symposium about the eBooks in libraries, organized by the ACLPD eBook Task Force, was held at the University of Hartford on February 28th.
 - ii. SCSU stakeholders met with the Provost who has assembled a steering committee to move toward MLIS program reaccreditation.
 - iii. The Bond Committee approved the following grants: \$1million to Tolland, \$750K dollar to New Fairfield and \$20K to S Portland libraries.
 - iv. Deadline for LSTA grant applications is March 28th.
 - v. Edge Initiative account please see Dawn La Valle.
 - vi. Money Smart week: Greenwich Historical Society is doing programs on raising fiscal awareness and Lee Price is doing a program on Federal Conservation Grants.
- g. Children's: Mary Beth Rassulo/Bernadette Niedermeier/Christina Hill
 - i. The committee is reviewing nominations for the Faith Hecketen award.
- h. College & University: Martha Kruey
 - i. They have received 11 proposals for conference programs with keynote speaker Trudy Jacobson. Registration opens end of April.
- i. Conference 2014: Chris Angeli/Jason Neely
 - i. Please submit Conference letters and expense reports so they can get budgeted.
 - ii. To date, 35 people have registered for Early Bird rate.
 - iii. Reviewing graphic designers and printers for the conference program brochure.
- j. Editorial: Jennifer Datum
 - i. A slide show of pictures from Take Your Child to the Library Day is up on the CLA website.

- ii. Conference reporters are needed. Please submit conference program reports to Jenn Datum.
- k. Friends: Frank Ridley
 - i. Joint meeting with ACLB at the University Hartford is scheduled for June 7th.
 - ii. Boot camp April 26th at Middlesex Library.
- l. Membership: Jenn Datum for Cindy Schofield
 - i. There are 4 new joint CLA/ALA memberships.
- m. NELA: Beth Crowley
 - i. Deb Hoadley thanked CLA for their comments at last month's meeting. She is still collecting information and ideas on how NELA can work with CLA. Please send any ideas to Beth and she will forward them on to Deb.
- n. Publicity: Mary Etter for Julie Menders
 - i. Entries have been judged. Winners and runners-up will be notified.
 - ii. Fifty-six signed up for Media Matters workshop.
- o. Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - i. Signups and payment deadline for the Passport program is June 1st. So far 61 libraries are participating.
- p. Region 1: Patricia Lunn
- q. Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Canton - public school (K-12th) art month at library with a reception
 - ii. East Hartford -- now that they've settled into the community center for a year during reconstruction, they're resuming such instructional classes as computer basics and a teen tech week March 9-15.
 - iii. Welles Turner, Glastonbury -- 26th annual preschool art show this month.
 - iv. Hartford -- hosting a program this Sunday about Hartford's neighborhoods-- hosting Terrific Tuesdays on the first Tuesday of each month, with library tours and talks.-- has added the Worldcrunch database, offering stories from newspapers throughout the world, either in English or the original language-- is hosting the area's "Talking Books Program" recording studio -- will host food critic and Gourmet magazine editor Ruth Reichl along with dozens of restaurants for a fundraiser in June.
 - v. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington -- celebrated its 75th anniversary--hosted program on how to get into beekeeping.
 - vi. Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill -- got \$1,000 from the Farmington Bank-- will be loaning a telescope to patrons-- is partnering with the elementary schools for a one book program using "The World According to Humphrey"--will host a Google Glass demonstration March 9, 1 p.m.-Michael Murphy is the new reference librarian.
 - vii. West Hartford – Wally Lamb will speak April 16th for National Library Week, with the talk held in the Town Hall.
 - viii. Wethersfield -- director Laural Goodgion is retiring-- has added Wowbrary, which alerts patrons of new items Windsor -- Maker Month for ages 9 through adult, with different craft projects. --Giving prizes to some who like them on Facebook. -- hosted a baseball player from the former Negro League.
 - ix. Windsor Locks -- Meteorologist Art Horn will talk on Weather through the Ages. March 12

- r. Region 3: Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Booth & Dimock Library, Coventry – The library had a successful program on the The Burning question of Nathanael this past week and is looking forward to The Importance of Heirloom plants on March 11th. Growing heirloom plants is gaining in popularity. Learn all about plants which have kept their traits through open pollination with Carole Miller, proprietor of Topmost Herb Farm and Rodger Phillips, operator of Grow Hartford
 - ii. Killingly Public Library, Danielson – The library had its budget workshop with the town last week. The town manager is recommending adding an additional position to the staff. KPL lost one full-time and three part-time positions due to budget cuts last year. Somers Public Library – The library is upgrading their connections to fiber optic as of this morning.
 - iii. Thompson Public Library – This month begins the Friends of the Library raffle. Local artist Alecia Underhill has donated a beautiful painting of Thompson Common. It is 12 x 24 and tickets are available at the library. The drawing will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, the day of the annual Book Sale.
 - iv. Willimantic Public Library – Library Director Drusilla Carter reports that the town manager’s budget proposal includes both the renovation funding for the building AND a part-time security guard. She says she nearly fainted when she saw it. They’re asking for positive budget vibes sent their way to keep the momentum going.
- s. Region 4: Sheri Szymanski
 - i. Greenwich Library is hopping on Friday evenings with Friday Films every week at 8pm. Films this month include "We Have a Pope", "Flight", "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" and "Airplane". They also host a Friday night Chess Club, which will meet on March 7th at 7pm. Authors Live programs this month include Robert Wagner discussing his forthcoming book, "You Must Remember This: Life and Style in Hollywood's Golden Age", March 13th and Susanna Kaysen, best-selling author of "Girl, Interrupted" who will discuss her soon-to-be released novel, "Cambridge", on March 25th. As part of the World Affairs Forum Great Decisions program, John Entelis, Director of Middle East Studies at Fordham University will speak about the Islamic Awakening on March 31st. Carol Mahoney recently retired as Director of the Greenwich Library after 5 years of service. Deputy Director, Barbara Ormerod-Glynn has been promoted to the Directorship. Greenwich library will be seeking to fill the Deputy Director position.
 - ii. Darien Library bid a fond farewell to retiring Director, Louise Berry with a community celebration on February 27th. Her 35 years of service has been honored with the official unveiling of the Darien Library program room in her name. The Library Board has announced that Alan Kirk Gray is the new Director.
 - iii. The C.H. Booth Library will be reopening on Saturday, March 8th, now that repairs from an early January water leak have been completed. Library staff has been working from a local coffee shop and are very grateful to neighboring libraries for providing services to their patrons.
 - iv. Westport Librarians Maxine Bleiweis and Bill Derry were invited to visit the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in February to discuss the Westport Library Makerspace program with Russian library professionals.
 - v. Weston Library has launched a brand new website.

- vi. The Bridgeport Library is planning their first Reading is Grand Book Day on April 5th. This day-long event will be a celebration of stories and books about African American families, featuring Pearlye Sams Allen and traditional stories with Lot Therrio.
- vii. Ferguson Library will be hosting "The Wave" an interactive art and community building project that celebrates water on Saturday, March 29th. Created by artists Susan Hoffman Fishman and Elena Kalman, along with public participants, "The Wave" is being created during a series of public installations at museums, galleries, parks and other venues near coastlines, rivers and lakes around the country.
- viii. Bethel Teen Librarian, Amy Schumann wins the prize for bravery this month, offering Teen Tech Week DIY programs that involve using a bleach solution and various decals to make your own designs on a t-shirt and another program to make your own 'bouncy ball' which promises to be messy!
- t. Region 5: Christy Billings
 - i. The Henry Carter Hull Library (Clinton) held two very successful film screenings of the Oscar nominated short films in late February/early March. 50 people attended the Documentary screening, and 70 attended Animated & Live Action. Local businesses and the Friends of the Library sponsored the event.
 - ii. James Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford has big news that their website is ready to launch. URL is the same and the site designer is Fredi B. They are looking forward to positive feedback from the community!
 - iii. The Friends of the Shelton Libraries (a 501c3) are hosting author Steve Berry in a fundraiser on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Hyatt House, Bridgeport Ave. Shelton. Tickets are \$50 and include a copy of the new release The Lincoln Myth. There are VERY few (less than 12) Special Admission tickets at \$150 each for a personal visit with Steve just before the Book Signing. For more information call Plumb Memorial Library, 203-924-1580. The Friends are hosting a "Tea with Friends" Saturday, March 15; 1-3 p.m. Bigelow Tea will present a program on tea during the tea party in the Plumb Reading Room at the library, 65 Wooster St. Shelton. The Plumb Reading Room has seen the remounting of two stained glass panels from the original decor of the 1895 building. The two women, portrayed with flowing gowns and hair, represent Art and Literature. The panels were restored by a local stained glass artist, Michael Skirtic of the Glass Source. The light box frames mounting them to the walls are custom designed and fabricated to replicate the woodwork in the Reading Room, by Murzyn Woodworks. The panels (about 4' x 6') were originally part of a freestanding screen in the entry to the Reading Room. The Friends started the restoration process by having the glass worker bring down all the panels from the attic in the library tower over the librarian's office. Then the Friends and board members and staff helped with the cleaning process (washing each piece with "tail and mane shampoo"). The Friends paid to have the frames constructed and the panels installed. The library board paid for the restoration of the 2 panels. They look as if they never left...
 - iv. Portland is receiving a \$20,000 State Library Construction Grant for a project to improve accessibility to the restrooms. They hope to have this project done during this spring.
 - v. Susan Stewart a long-time Children's Librarian from the Wallingford Library will be retiring this spring.

- vi. On Tuesday, February 25th, the Levi E. Coe Library in Middlefield was the proud recipient of the We Love Libraries Book-Buying Grant from Sisters in Crime Inc. for \$1,000.00. Also new Children's and YA resources will be added to Levi E. Coe Library's collection thanks to the generosity of the J. Guy Lombardo Fund from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.
- vii. The Russell Library is hosting a series of Irish Heritage Programs in March. There will be two music concerts: Atwater-Donnelly Duo doing Celtic Folk music and percussive dance. (Saturday, March 8th) and Stoneybatter Band (Saturday March 15th.) There will be an Irish Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, March 22nd and finally a Photo Scanning Day on Saturday, March 29th. These events are funded by the Friends of the Russell Library, who will be holding their book sale on Friday, March 7th, Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th.
- viii. This year three libraries: Cromwell-Belden, Portland and Middletown's Russell Library have joined with the Middletown Rotary for One Book events. This year's One Book title is The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow by Rita Leganski. The author herself will kick-off the activities on March 22nd with a book signing at Broad Street Books in Middletown.
- ix. Wednesday, March 26th, film: New Orleans history and Culture at Cromwell-Belden. Courir Mardi Gras Travel Adventure Writing Workshop by Liz Petry will be at Russell at 7:00PM the same day.
- x. Herbal Remedies with Lisl Huebner Wednesday April 2nd, and a number of book discussions held throughout the three towns including one on April 3rd with Marsha Bansavage at the Portland Library.
- u. Region 6: Kate Byroade

7. Adjournment

Attendance: David Boudinot, Jennifer Keohane, Christina Baum, Michael Spellmon, Beth Crowley, Peter Ciaprelli, Gerald Seagrave, Carl Antonucci, Martha Kruey, Bernadette Niedermeier, Marge Ruschau, Christy Billings, Sheri Szymanski, Jennifer Datum, Karen Jensen, Paula Cook, Betty Anne Reiter, Mary Engels, Ken Wiggin, Vivian Bordeaux, Carl DeMilia, Jason Neely, Karen Carey, Sarah Marek, Sally Tornow, Ed Morrissey, Mary Schweitzer, Betsy McIlvaine, Frank. W. Ridley, Bailey Ortiz, Kristi Sadowski, Michele Martin