CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
Minutes of the Meeting on April 4, 2012

Present: Sylvia Boyd, Karen Fecko, Joy Hansen, Roger Kemp, Carol Kubala, Sarah Ludwig, Kendall Wiggin

Absent: Galadriel Chilton, Franklin Edrich, Debbie Herman, Michelle Luhtala, Mara Whitman

Others: Lynette Baisden, Stephen Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley, Bill Sullivan

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Introductions
There were no new members to introduce.

3. Approval of Minutes
Roger Kemp MOVED (2nd Carol Kubala) to approve the minutes of February 1, 2012. VOTED unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda
Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd Sylvia Boyd) to approve the agenda as presented. VOTED unanimously.

5. Public Comment
There was none.

6. New Business
a. CDLAB Bylaws – CDLAB DOC 12-03 – Karen Fecko
Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd Sylvia Boyd) that the changes to the bylaws proposed by the Bylaws Committee be adopted by the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board effective April 4, 2012. VOTED unanimously. Carol thanked everyone for their work in bringing the document up to date.

7. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Kendall Wiggin reviewed some of the changes to the State Library budget. The State Library received a rescission to its Other Expenses and Personnel budgets. The Appropriations Committee has added back funding for the Tech-4-All program, which was originally slated to be eliminated. Funding for the CT Humanities Council is being moved from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the State Library. Ken passed around the Reviewing LSTA Five-Year Plan “An Independent Evaluation of Connecticut Implementation, for the board to review. The State Library has to submit a new Five-Year Plan by the end of June. Ken would like to work with the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development, as well as having it reviewed by CDLAB on iCONN-related material. Ken is also finishing up the Division of Library Development (DLD) Three-Year Plan. Some activities in the DLD plan are not federally funded. There should be a demonstration of how to advocate for the value of libraries. Federal funds cannot be used for advocacy. The LSTA Plan provides information on what our budget will be used for.

8. New Business
a. Commission for Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
House Bill 5027, an act implementing the Governor's budget recommendations concerning the elimination, consolidation and modification of various boards and commissions, would rename the Commission for Educational Technology to the Commission for Technology Advancement. The bill moves its responsibility from DOIT (which was absorbed by DAS) to the Office of Policy and Management. The Commission will look at how to move technology forward in the state. It does not address teacher training or a state education plan. It will open the network to municipalities. Ken stated that it appears the legislation opens up the possibility of charging municipalities. Ken will work to ensure that it remains free for schools and libraries. The Middletown and Willimantic Library Service Centers are at different stages of installing fiber in their buildings.

b. Digital Library Progress - William Sullivan
In FY 2012, there was a 5% cut in funding to iCONN but the reQuest budget was not affected. The $81,000 cut was absorbed by a surplus in reQuest along with using LSTA funds. Responding to an additional 5% cut in the combined iCONN and reQuest budget proposed for FY 2013, which is not likely to be changed by the legislature, Bill secured commitments from all vendors to hold FY 2013 rates to current rates; secured an additional $25K from Gale in return for dropping Books & Authors; and we will discontinue all cover art and reviews in the statewide library catalog. That reduces the shortfall from $108K to $30K which we hope can be made up with LSTA funds, otherwise we might have to cut another database. Pursuant to a recommendation from the Database Committee, we plan to issue a bid in FY 2013 for a modified version of the entire package of resources that Gale is currently supplying. In addition, the Committee is formulating a request for high-priority resources to be added in FY 2014: a pro-con issues database; business directory database; streaming video service; The Hartford Courant (1923-1984); and a children’s encyclopedia. We are continuing to evaluate alternatives to our current vendor (Auto-Graphics) for the statewide catalog. In several important respects, most notably the relevancy of search results, performance and support for mobile devices, Auto-Graphics is lagging well behind WorldCat. Our planned migration to Iluminar, originally planned for this summer, has been delayed due to Auto- Graphics’ new platform build effort, which is needed to fix Iluminar’s performance problems but which is now not scheduled for completion until 3rd or 4th quarter 2012. Gail Hurley coordinated the placement of a 60’ iCONN banner in front of the State Office building during the weeks of 4/9-4/16 and 5/28-6/1.

c. Database Committee – Eric Hansen
Eric reviewed the iCONN survey results from the academic libraries. Gale’s reliability came in at over 89%, while ProQuest had 97.7% and EBSCO had 96.2%. Downloadable audio book usage has tweaked upward slightly. Recorded Books will soon have a phone-in help line for users. Carol Kubala thanked the database committee for all their work.

9. Adjourn
Ken distributed a flyer on the State Library’s Third Thursday Brown Bag Lunchtime series event which will be held on April 19. Roger Kemp MOVED (2nd Carol Kubala) to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 6, 2012 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden
Connecticut State Library