CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
Minutes of the Meeting on October 6, 2010

Present: John Coleman, Sarah Gager, Diane Klare, Irene Vanhulsentop, Kate Sheehan, Ken Wiggins
Absent: Diane Faiella, Karen Fecko, Carol Kubala, Deborah Sanford

1. Call to Order
John Coleman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes
Kate Sheehan MOVED (2nd Irene Vanhulsentop) to approve the minutes of June 2, 2010. VOTED unanimously. All in favor.

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Public Comment
There was none.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Ken Wiggin reported that Governor Rell asked all state agencies to submit budget requests for FY 2012 based on current services. She also asked for a 15% reduction plan. The Governor also asked all agencies to prepare transition reports to her office. For this year’s budget the Governor has not yet made a 5% reduction as she is allowed by law. Ken reported that the legislature is continuing with their Results Based Accountability process. They have asked to look at one of our projects: iCONN. Ken also reported that the State Library has signed an agreement with ancestry.com to digitize some unique Connecticut material in our collections. This material will then be accessible through iCONN. The State Library and Connecticut History Online are presenting a digitization workshop. Sharon Brettschneider distributed an announcement regarding the Connecticut Jobs Conference: Your Library as a Community Resource for Economic Recovery which will be held on October 15 at the Wallingford Public Library. She also distributed an invitation to a CT. Book Festival Fundraising Gala Reception to be held on November 20th at the Town & Country Club in Hartford from 5 – 7 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person and Wally Lamb is the featured speaker.

6. New Business
a. Nominations Committee
Karen DeLoatch has taken on a new role at Capitol Community College and her schedule will not allow her to attend the iCONN board meetings. Her slot for Teacher, School or College is therefore vacant. There are also vacancies for Department of Education and Department of Higher Education representatives. John Coleman in the category of Parent of K-12 Student, and Irene Vanhulsentop in the category of Public Librarian, both have terms that will expire December 31, 2010, and the Student position is currently vacant. A Nominations Committee is needed to bring recommendations to the board. Bill Sullivan explained that the committee would meet by conference call. Ken will also seek suggestions for the State Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education vacancies.

7. Reports
a. Commission on Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
Ken Wiggin reported that Connecticut has been awarded $93.9 million from the broadband stimulus grant. Fiber lines will be placed in areas of the state that don’t have it available, outfitting public safety and emergency service agencies. Twenty libraries will be upgraded to fiber lines. This will be free up operating funds to help upgrade other libraries. The Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington and Congressman John Larson will hold an education forum to promote electronic resources for schools. Karen Kaplan has left state service and is no longer the Executive Director of the CET. Ken will meet with the CET board next week. There are also a number of agency heads that are on the committee that will also be leaving because they are political appointees. Ken hopes that the new Governor will support technology and education.

b. Database Committee / Downloadable Audiobooks – Eric Hansen
The Database Committee last met on September 16. Eric demonstrated the new features of ProQuest and reviewed the 2010 usage statistics. The new ProQuest platform features a single search box and cross-searching capability. Eric demonstrated the new version of Gale’s Science in Context, U.S. History in Context and World History in Context. These versions have more visual and video content. Eric announced that What Do I Read Next? will be replaced by a new version entitled, Books & Authors. Katy Klarnet (West Hartford Public Schools) is the newest member of the Database Committee.

c. Statewide Library Catalog Currency – Gail Hurley
Gail distributed a FY 2010 reQuest Frequency Report which showed the comparison of the frequency of updates by libraries in FY2008 & FY2010. There was a decrease in annual updates and an increase in monthly updates, but there was a large increase in libraries that did no update at all. Gail stated that they are exploring doing a pilot project with libraries that use III, Sirsi and Voyager to see if Auto-Graphics would be able to set up an automatic harvest of the libraries’ records on a monthly basis. It would depend on whether the vendors support OAI harvesting.

d. Digital Library Progress – William Sullivan
Bill reported that they are still working to get our preferred iCONN bid approved by DOIT. Our goal is to have an award made no later than December 31 and a new system operational on July 1, 2011. There is a surplus of $56,557 in the Database budget, which provides a cushion for cuts, but not enough to absorb a 5% cut, and there is a shortfall of $42,664 in the reQuest budget. At Auto-Graphics’ annual virtual user group meeting, Bill voiced concern about the download time associated with their new system (Iluminar), which is the focal point for all new user interface development work. Auto-Graphics indicated it is working to resolve this issue. A Search All Collections at Once function has been added to the CT Digital Collections page so that all three collections can be searched as a single database using PowerSearch. No authentication is required to access this page. Gale has agreed to provide us with an additional 10,000 Kids InfoBits bookmarks at no additional charge (the last supply of 10,000 ran out quickly last December).

Steve Cauffman distributed the iCONN Views report showing the views by Academic, K-12, Public and Total views. The total page views declined 14% over the previous year, while the total number of attempts to access the service increased 28%. We think the drop in page views represents the combined effect of fewer resources available to search, due to budget cuts, and substantially improved usability, making it easier to find relevant materials, due to the user interface changes we made earlier in the fiscal year.

Bill announced that Gail Hurley was elected to the position of Senior Director of the New England Library Association Board and Steve Cauffman is chairing the Resource Sharing section of the Connecticut Library Association.
8. Adjourn
John Coleman MOVED (2nd Diane Klare) to adjourn the meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 1, 2010 at the Middletown Library Service Center. VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden
Connecticut State Library