1. Call to Order
John Coleman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes
Deborah Sanford stated that her term should run until March 31, 2011 instead of 2010. Karen Fecko MOVED (2nd Carol Kubala) to approve the amended minutes of February 3, 2010. VOTED unanimously. All in favor.

3. Approval of Agenda
The Digital Collections report was left on the agenda from the previous month’s meeting. Bill asked that it be removed. Sharon Brettschneider would be late to the meeting, so her report on the Division of Library Development planning was moved down on the agenda. It was moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. VOTED unanimously. All in favor.

4. Public Comment
There was none.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Kendall Wiggin reported that the legislature was still working on the budget solution and that there had been no changes and no additional reductions. The State Library testimony on the budget was centered on the results based accountability (RBA) report given to the legislators. A legislator asked if we could charge for iCONN. Ken stated that we were able to raise funds for the special case of the digitization of the Historic Hartford Courant but that there would be no way to raise the funding to pay for iCONN entirely. It would be difficult to offer statewide open access while blocking certain libraries that had not paid. It was also not compatible to the goal of equity of access. Ken has spoken to the Department of Education regarding inclusion of an online encyclopedia in next year’s request for the Race to the Top grant program. There was some concern about the funding only being offered for the life of the grant and how the work would be continued without additional funds thereafter. Ken stated that we have not had an increase in funding for iCONN in 8 years, but the staff has done an amazing job of keeping up its content. The State Library has hired Mark Smith as the new Fiscal Administrative Manager. Mark replaced Rich Kingston who retired last year.

6. New Business
There was no new business to report.

7. Reports
   a. Commission on Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
Ken reported that the State of Connecticut was not awarded the initial broadband stimulus grant, but that they did reapply for the second round. They are asking for funds to get fiber connections to more public libraries. The State Library’s service centers were also included in the request. Sharon Brettschneider reported that she attended a meeting in which the
Department of Public Utility Control and DOIT who are working together on a geomapping project that will show what telecommunication services are available in all areas of Connecticut.

b. Division of Library Development Planning – Sharon Brettschneider
The Division of Library Development is the midst of a planning process. The current plan was completed in 2004. Five focus groups were conducted consisting of three for public libraries, one for academics and one for schools as well as a partnership meeting, consisting of the Connecticut Humanities Council, CLA, CLC, LCI, LION and Bibliomation. The groups discussed numerous issues such as trends effecting libraries and the impacts, library services, what we could be doing and ideas for the future. The responses can be found on http://ct.webjunction.org/ct/dldplanning.

c. Database Committee / Downloadable Audiobooks – Eric Hansen
Eric reported that Gale is building a new K-12 platform. Eric put out a survey regarding the Historical Hartford Courant. The database committee discussed having Gale Infotrac Junior, consisting of a graphical interface, and the standard Infotrac interface. The committee would like to have both, but it is not possible. Everyone, excluding the academics, would receive graphics. Eric also discussed the program being initiated that will enable individual libraries to add titles to the statewide downloadable collection. The State Library will be using some LSTA funds to add to the collection but having libraries also contribute to the site will help with its sustainability. Ingram will set up separate billing for the libraries but the titles would be “shipped” directly to iCONN. The announcement for the program will be released at the end of April.

e. Digital Library Progress – William Sullivan
The bid for the next statewide catalog and portal vendor is planned for release in June. The contract with Auto-Graphics ends in December of 2010. Bill stated that the objective is to have a single bid that will encompass all the services and functions that Auto-Graphics is currently providing, with a planned operational date of July 1, 2011. The selected vendor will be free to subcontract specific services to other vendors. Our last RFP process (2003) was very labor intensive and we are structuring this process to be much more streamlined, subject to approval by DoIT. The FY 2011 budget will impact what we can do; the Governor’s latest proposal is for full funding, but the budget language allows for holdbacks. Bill distributed the Remote Access to iCONN – Monthly Stats. March 2010 broke the previous record for the highest number of successful logins by IP, highest number of logins by library card number and highest number of total logins, and reversed the previous decline in the % of remote logins by IP that are successful. Bill passed around a new folded iCONN brochure that was co-developed and co-branded with Gale. It allows for local customization/branding. The reQuest interstate ILL pilot, which began on October 5, has moved out of pilot stage and is now available systemwide: nine reQuest libraries in CT participated along with libraries in New Jersey, Kansas, Wisconsin, and the Alberta (CA) Government Library.

8. Adjourn
Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd John Coleman) to adjourn the meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 2, 2010 at the Middletown Library Service Center. VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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