CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
Minutes of the Meeting on April 5, 2017

Present: Andrea Buka (via phone), Christopher Hemingway, Barbara Johnson (Chair), Rob McCoole, Matthew Puhlick, Cynthia Sanders, Frank Skornia, Jenifer Smolnik (Vice-Chair), Jenna Stebbins, Kendall Wiggin

Absent: Pamela Graham, Janice Wilson

Others: Dawn La Valle, Stephen Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley

1. Call to Order

Barbara Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:01.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made of new and current board members and staff.

3. Approval of Minutes

Cyndi Sanders MOVED (2nd Jenifer Smolnik) to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017. APPROVED.

4. Approval of Agenda

Jenna Stebbins MOVED (2nd Jenifer Smolnik) to approve the agenda. APPROVED.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. State Library Report

Ken Wiggin spoke of the budget uncertainly on the state and federal level. In the state budget there is the carryover of current cuts as well as the proposed elimination of the borrowIT program. As state funding is cut, the state's maintenance of effort is diminished which makes it hard to meet the federal match, leaving $300,000-$400,000 on the table. The Federal proposed budget cuts funding for IMLS and NEH which affects funding for LBPH, DLD, and other services.

Dawn La Valle spoke about the Futures Conference that will be held September 25 & 26 in Atlantic City. A cooperative group of state libraries, including Connecticut is sponsoring the conference. The last one was held in 2007. Participants from all library types are eligible to attend, and will come away with skills in forecasting and trendspotting. More information will be available in May.

Ken also reported that he is chairing a project of COSLA and IMLS called “Measures that Matter.” The project is aimed at how libraries can tell their stories better with data. They will have an invite-only program in Baltimore and would like to have a plan by September, working with ALA and PLA.

7. Old Business

Steve Cauffman gave an update on findIT CT, reporting that a pilot of requestIT, the interlibrary loan component of the statewide library catalog, findIT will begin April 12. Twenty-four libraries will attend training sessions on the 12th using a very basic ILL system. Steve also mentioned that this Board, at a future meeting, will need to consider charging for the service to cover the cost of building connectors to the various systems that libraries use.
Eric Hansen gave an update on eGO and demonstrated the Amazon Web Service (AWS) test environment that is populated with content from the Ferguson Library. The Avon Free Public Library will be the next system tested. Ferguson is a standalone library and Avon is part of the LCI consortium. The Ferguson installation tested SIP2 integration and OverDrive credentials for access to library content in that platform; both tests were successful. The Avon library installation will test for multi-tenancy, which would permit hosting all LCI member libraries on the same server. An additional concern for eGO is how it will acquire content. DPLA is also investigating content acquisition, and the State Library has communicated with them about a possible mutual solution.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Reports

Ken reported that the Commission on Educational Technology met March 6. Ryan Kocsondy from UConn is the new director. CET continues to work with libraries on e-rate. Connecticut has adopted the GoOpen project of the U.S. Department of Education that encourages states and educators to share openly licensed resources. They will look at how we may include our library resources in GoOpen and/or Simply E. Open textbooks is another project that is important to keeping costs down for students and enable them to afford to take courses. CET is looking at how to expand CEN services, and would like to build better advocacy tools for schools, libraries, town and government officials, to see the benefit that CEN brings to them. Their next meeting is in June.

Eric Hansen reported that the eResources Advisory Task Force met April 5. A new eGO rack flyer has been created. OneClickdigital will launch an updated app in May that will include eAudios, eBooks, and Zinio magazines in one platform. He also reported that the Google analytics he is using to get researchITCT web site usage statistics has shown tens of thousands of hits, and that most use laptops rather than mobile devices to access the content. The State Library is in year 1 of a 3-year license extension with EBSCO.

10. Adjourn

Cyndi Sanders MOVED (2nd Jenifer Smolnik) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

The next meeting will be June 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hurley, Connecticut State Library