

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
December 3, 2009
10:30-12:00

The State Library meeting normally held in November was postponed due to its proximity to the Thanksgiving Holiday. A full quorum was present: Marie Horne, Debbie Hyler, Maria Macaulay, Dan Mackey, Earl Mitchell, B.G. Stephens, The Association of Public Library Administrators was not represented as Sarah McMaster, Director of the Fairfield County Library was preparing for her library's conversion to SC LENDS on the following day. Chess Schmidt who usually represents the USC Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) was not available. To his credit he was late in being notified.

Chair, Dan Mackey called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting were accepted as written.

Reports:

A. Directors Report/Actions

1. **Budget Update** - The 3% budget reduction announced in November brings us to total cut of 7.04% for this fiscal year and a 31.64% for the last two fiscal years combined. The current 3% represents approximately \$327,876. We are waiting final word from the Budget and Control Board before we announce where the cuts will be made. With great regret there is no way that State Aid to Public Libraries will not be affected.

2. **Personnel Update**

- Nancy Rosenwald, formerly director of the Union County Library will be officially joining the State Library as Information Strategies Manager on January 4, 2010. The Information Strategies position is a combination of the Director of Discovery and Delivery position and the Manager of Library Services position.
- With the creation of the Information Strategies position we are undergoing an organizational and philosophical reorganization. Talking Book Services which has been reporting to Leesa Benggio will now report to Nancy along with the staff in the Library Services unit. The staff in the Technical Services area will report to Chris Yates. This is a promotion for Chris who will have responsibility for all technical services areas in Library Services and Talking Book Services. Chris will report to Nancy. Nancy will report to me.
- There are several goals that we are attempting to accomplish. The major ones are 1) placing all public service staff in one group and breaking down the barriers between Talking Book Services and Library Services, 2) Achieving efficiencies and effectiveness within a combined (TBS/LS) Technical Services Area, and 3) Improving Innovation and Technology's capacity by freeing up Catherine Morgan's time to focus on her primary responsibilities.
- With great regrets, Laura Sponhour has accepted a position as a Media Specialist and will be leaving the State Library as of December 11th.

3. **Project updates**

- **SC LENDS** – Since the last meeting of the board, York County, Chester, Calhoun, and Dorchester became SC LENDS libraries. The addition has not been without issue, but we are working through those issues. Florence, Anderson and Fairfield

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- Counties become members of SC LENDS on December 4. This means that a total of 400,000 library patrons have access to over 2 million items. (Key Employees Catherine Morgan, Laura Sponhour, LaBon Hardy)
- **StudySC** – www.studysc.org – **StudySC** provides online content to support South Carolina-specific curriculum standards and makes available a student-friendly environment arranged by grade level and by subject area where students can find the information they need fast. StudySC was launched November 23 and is an offshoot of the SchoolRooms project. We moved all of the South Carolina content created by the State Library for SchoolRooms and moved it to the Study SC website. (Key Employees Amanda Stone, Rob Lindsey, and Laura Sponhour)
 - **Family Friendly Standards** – <http://scffs.org> is a partnership between the State Library and the General Assembly's Education Oversight Committee (EOC). It takes the family friendly standards created by the EOC and places them in a context that is understandable, interactive, and truly friendly. It provides learning activities that support and demonstrate the standards. (Key Employee Amanda Stone)
 - **Broadband Stimulus** – The State Library's grant proposal has entered the due diligence phase. We have responded to all the questions asked of us by the National Telecommunications & Information Administration and are waiting to hear back that we have provided sufficient information and whether or not the information provided supports approval of the grant. (Key Employee Deborah Hotchkiss)
 - **Workforce development** – We are working on a website and also a project supporting smaller libraries with instruction on how to train patrons to use the internet to develop resumes, complete job applications, etc. Learning Express and Ferguson's Career Counseling databases have been added to DISCUS with great feedback. The addition of Learning Express provided a refund of \$48.2 thousand to 18 public libraries and 2 college (Winthrop/Converse) libraries. (Key Employee Denise Lyons, Rob Lindsey, Amy Durenberger)
 - **SCEIS** – South Carolina Enterprise Information System - As of December 2nd, the State Library is on the payroll/human resources module of the SAP system. The system allows for employees to electronically submit time sheets, request vacation, and create work verification documents, etc. All human resource and payroll information will be maintained in one central location. Currently we are using four different systems to enter information for each employee and each position. (Key Employees Leesa Benggio, Paula James, Danielle Woodard, Debbie Anderson)
 - **Federated Search** – We are in the process of implementing a federated search/authentication product. We have over 35 databases of which a subset of these databases must be searched individually to find out what information is contained on a given subject. If one wanted to find all the information on a contemporary author one would have to search Book Review Index, Contemporary Novelists, Lit Finder, and Scribner Writers Series individually. With a federated search all of the databases can be searched with a single query. In addition the project provides for authentication based on IP address. What this means is that the vast majority of users will be able to access the databases from a SC based computer without a logon or password. (Key Employees Catherine Morgan, Amy Durenberger, LaBon Hardy)

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- **School of Library and Information Services/Technology in Libraries Course** – The State Library was asked to provide content to an online course (Technology in Libraries) for the School of Library and Information Science. Curtis Rogers filmed Catherine Morgan providing information on Systems Librarianship & Open Source <http://vimeo.com/7473800>, Laura Sponhour discussing Open Source & SC LENDS <http://vimeo.com/7521796>, and Rob Lindsey presenting on Open Source and Library Web Sites <http://www.vimeo.com/7518117>. Follow the links to see them in action. Feedback from the presentations has been excellent.
- **BG Time** – The State Library has been selected as a site (Along with the State Museum) for Central Carolina Community Foundation's (CCCF) and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's BG Time project. The goal of the mission of BGTIME is to bridge ethnic, economic and generational lines to raise digital literacy among seniors, enhancing their participation in civic dialogue. The program brings senior citizens and college students together around a computer to record (text, video, voice) the experiences of elders while at the same time carrying out the mission of the program.
- **Awards** – At SCLA the State Library received an award in recognition of 10 years of DISCUS (Amy Durenberger) and the Talking Book Services Pioneers were recognized for their service with a standing ovation (Naomi Bradey, Pam Davenport).

B. APLA Report (As Provided by D. Goble)

1. **APLA Meeting** – APLA met on November 20th. A presentation was made by Trish Jerman, of the State Energy Office looking for feedback on a possible Energy Office/Public Library program called the Kill-a-what program. The idea was that libraries could use a meter which demonstrates how much power a device (refrigerator, stove, charger, etc.) was using in the home. The purpose was to make people aware of their energy usage. The discussion was profitable and several program ideas were developed for consideration.
2. **REMI Group** - A second presentation was made by the REMI Group. The REMI group had won the state contract for maintenance on equipment such as computers, copiers, etc. Their pitch was essentially that they could negotiate more advantageous contracts for the libraries and handle multiple contracts with the library only paying one vendor.
3. **PLAD Day** – Initial plans call for PLAD to be held on the same day as the Governor's State of the State address in order to assure the presence of the greatest number of legislators. Providing gift baskets to county representatives is a local option.
4. **Awards** – Ray McBride was named South Carolina Librarian of the Year at the recent South County Library Association Meeting. Dwight McInvaill was awarded the "I Love My Librarian" award by the Carnegie Corporation of New York/*New York Times*. Dwight was nominated by the people of Georgetown County.

C. LISSA Report (As presented by D. Goble and provided by Chess Schmidt)

1. **Cocky's Reading Express** – Students are working hard to send Cocky back on the road.

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2. **UnShelved Presentation** – The UnShelved presentation on Saturday, November 7th in Room 309 of the State Library was well received.
3. **Calendar** – Once again the students of the school has published the mildly attractive men of SLIS as a money raising project.

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