

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
December 7, 2011
10:30-12:00

Present: Debbie Hyler, Dan Mackey, Maria Macaulay, Earl Mitchell, B.G. Stephens, David Goble, and Denise Lyons

Chair, Dan Mackey called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

Reports:

A. Directors Report/Actions

1. Staff

- a. Sandy Knowles will join the State Library as the new director of Talking Book Services. Sandy comes from the Norfolk, Virginia Public Library. She will begin January 3, 2012.
- b. Interviews for the open position in the TBS mailroom were completed December 6, 2012. A decision is expected in the next few days.

2. Events/Programs/Etc.:

- a. PASCAL – Discussions with the PASCAL Board and PASCAL membership have been going well. It is highly probable that we will see one set of databases for the entire state and that PASCAL will participate in funding the new set of.
- b. First Steps – The State Library has entered in to a short term MOU to assist SC First Steps to School Readiness with their administrative functions. This is the first of its kind official MOU between state agencies.
- c. Reduction in State Library Hours – Due to shortages in manpower, library hours have been reduced by 3 hours per day Tuesday through Thursday. There have been a few problems, but overall the closing has gone smoothly. We will reconsider hours after the first of the year.
- d. E-Books – The State Library has begun providing E-Books to state government. This effort extends the reach of the State Library and provides enhanced access to State Library resources.

B. Review – Pee Dee Regional Business Summit on Early Childhood Investment: The summit was held on November 15, 2011. More than 400 attended the invitation-only event designed to educate and engage business leaders and key policy makers on the importance of early childhood development and its connection to workforce development, economic growth, and business success. A major lesson learned was that the evidence on the importance of Early Childhood investment is so compelling that less time can be spent on making the case to the business community and more time should be spent on what to do about it. A statewide summit is being considered as well as a number of additional regional summits.

C. Review – South Carolina Reading Achievement Systemic Initiative Panel: Board member Earl Mitchell was appointed to the panel by Governor Haley as the State Library Representative. The panel is "...directed to define the focus and priorities for state actions to improve the level of reading achievement among the state's young people..." (Proviso 1A.46 to H. 3700). Earl is working to see that the focus of the group is on early childhood intervention and that the State

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Library is included in the solution (see attached letter). The next meeting of the panel is 12/14 in the basement of the Rutledge Building at 9:00 AM.

- D. **Report on State Library/Public Library Early Childhood Initiatives:** Denise Lyons, Director of Library Development, provided the board with a full report on activities including SC Day by Day, DaybyDaySC.org, Summer Reading, Grand Family Resource Centers, literacy programming and registered literacy trainings.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2012 at 10:30.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David S. Goble
Director