

# MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Friday, December 7, 2018

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## ATTENDANCE:

The Maryland State Library Board met in regular session on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. at the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland.

The following members were in attendance: Mr. Alfred Martin, Chair, Dr. Jon Enriquez, Mr. Jim Fish, Ms. Laura Hicks, Ms. Sharon Maneki, Ms. Sharan Marshall, Mr. Wilson Parran, Mr. Joseph Thompson, Ms. Lynn Wheeler, Mr. Robert Windley, and Ms. Irene Padilla, State Librarian.

Ms. Heidi Daniel and Ms. Melissa Daggett were absent (excused).

Dr. Brian Butler and the following staff members were also present: Ms. Leslie Bowman, Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) and Dr. Tamar Sarnoff, Branch Chief, Public Libraries and State Networking (PLSNB).

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the State Library Board meeting of September 14, 2018 were considered. Ms. Marshall moved to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Parran seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

## STATE LIBRARIAN UPDATE:

### *Personnel:*

We have welcomed the following new staff: Yana Demireva, Research and Evaluation Specialist, PLSNB. Positions pending hire include: Computer Network Specialist, LBPH; Maintenance Mechanic, LBPH.

### *Federal FY 2019 Budget:*

- On Friday, September 28, 2018, the President signed a spending bill (HR 6157) that included FY 2019 funding for library programs, including \$242 million for Institute of

Museum & Library Services, a \$2 million increase; \$189.3 million for Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA), level-funding; \$27 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL), level-funding. The Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program was funded at \$27 million.

- The Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) reauthorization bill was passed by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee on November 29, 2018. This bill includes an increase to the minimum Grants to States allotment from \$680,000 to \$1 million. Next up is a vote by the full Senate and then on to the House. There is no time frame yet.

### *Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH):*

#### Programs and Events

- LBPH celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 27 with 83 people in attendance. Governor Hogan sent a proclamation presented by Carol Beatty, Secretary of Disabilities and Barb Cooke, Director of Communications and Outreach. Mayor Catherine Pugh sent a certificate presented by Sharita Thomas, Baltimore City's Office of Human Services, and Senator Van Hollen sent a citation presented by Brent Girard, Constituent Services and Community Outreach.
- The Director is serving on the Librarian Advisory Group for Morpic, a program from the University of Maryland, College Park, Trace Center. Our first meeting was on October 31.
- LBPH presented at MD Tech Connect on December 6 on ADA Compliant Workstations and Adaptive Technology.
- LBPH presented at the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) conference on Making Your Marketing Materials Accessible and Literacy Kits: Making Reading a Multi-Sensory Experience.
- LBPH continues to host Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL) Writer's Live events. This provides the public who are not patrons an opportunity to learn about LBPH and its offerings.
- The Outreach Librarian, Ashley Biggs, and Director took the Media Training offered through MSL. The Assistant Director "audited" the course.
- Andrew Russell, Recording Studio Manager, as well as the Collection Development Librarian, Mary Ramos, and the Assistant Director, John Owen, took an intensive three day training on the recording studio software. Since that time, Andrew Russell has processed over 50 books of the 108 book backlog of books recorded at LBPH over the past five years, but not completed.

- An Open House is being planned for January 2019 to re-open the LBPH recording studio to our volunteer narrators. In preparation, the LBPH Business Manager, Matthew Nixon, is working with the recording studio manager to develop a volunteer program.
- The LBPH Outreach Team visited the Sligo Tech Resource Fair, National Federation of the Blind Maryland Affiliate Annual Conference, Annual Clinical Social Work Conference, Baltimore's Power of Aging Conference, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library Quarterly meeting, and others.
- LBPH is an active founder of the Visually Impaired and Blind Alliance (VIAB Alliance) which is putting together a website with links to MSL, LBPH, Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MD TAP), MD Relay, Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS), Maryland School for the Blind (MSB), National Federation of the Blind (NFB), American Council of the Blind (ACB), Blind Industry Services of Maryland (BISM), Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB), Wilmer Eye Institute (Johns Hopkins), Low Vision Association, Maryland Parents of Blind Children, Department of Aging, Caregivers Association, Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators (MAPLA), and Maryland State Library Network (MSLN).
- LBPH hosted the Braille IN TOUCH program.
- LBPH Youth Librarian, LaShawn Myles, has completed working with the Westport Sense\*story Project in which she provided training to school media specialists while conducting a story time for students at Westport. She also represented LBPH at the Make IT Place training and the NFB Tactile Graphic in Education.
- Ms. Myles is working with Future Makers and WMRL (Western Maryland Regional Library), SMRLA (Southern Maryland Regional Library Association), ESRL (Eastern Shore Regional Library), Frederick and Cecil to use the funding from the MAERDAF (Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund) grant to provide training to librarians and five patron programs concerning STEAM that are accessible. She will also be working with Carrie Sanders, MSL, on the NASA@mylibrary to make the kits accessible as well as managing the kits.
- LBPH hosted author Ronald L. Smith in conjunction with the EPFL children's librarian.
- LBPH TUG programs focused on accessible gifts in October and the Google Home Assistant in November. These programs were led by Jerry Price, Assistive Technology Trainer.
- The Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) program converted textbooks for 59 students across the State.

- In January, LBPH will be hosting both the Library Associate Training Institute (LATI) spring cohort and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Maryland conference.

### *Public Libraries and State Networking Branch (PLSNB):*

#### Programs and Events

- The 2019 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading Program theme has been announced, "A Universe of Stories". MSL has some burgeoning partnerships to bring exciting STEM and space-themed programs to Maryland Libraries.
- PLSNB and LBPH received a grant from the Chief Officers of State Library Administrators (COSLA) and NASA to circulate NASA @ My Library STEM kits. The kits will be adapted for the sensory impaired, so everyone can participate in this STEM-based learning program.
- MSL's latest Book Study started the first week in December. This year's book is Putting Teens First in Library Services: A Road Map, and Teen and Youth service librarians from around the state will participate in monthly phone calls with chapter contributors from around the nation about the content of the book.
- The 2018 Maryland STEM Festival took place October 26th - November 11th, focusing on the use of STEM in the military. Over 350 STEM events happened during this time throughout the state, with over 40% of them hosted by public libraries.
- MSL's What's Next Series welcomed Mega Subramaniam and Beth Bonsignore from UMD's iSchool to present on Design Thinking on October 18, 2019. About 40 people attended and learned about new ways to gather feedback from customers of all ages on library services.
- MSL has offered scholarships for library staff to participate in Financial Management courses out of the University of Georgia. These classes have been very well received, and we look forward to expanding opportunities like this.
- MSL will provide Online Homelessness training with Ryan Dowd to public, academic and school librarians starting this month.
- The fourth annual Tech Connect conference was held on December 6, 2019. This year's focus was on the User Experience. More than 200 people came to this year's event.
- The FY2018 IMLS Public Library survey is now open, and systems are submitting their statistics for last fiscal year. We will use this information in our advocacy work, and share with systems for their needs.

- MSL has awarded approximately \$500,000 in funds through the 2019 Competitive Grants cycle. These grants support infrastructure and innovation projects around the state. One change to this cycle is that we have shortened it to end on June 30, 2019. We hope that this will benefit the systems (and us) by better aligning with the State Fiscal year. The funding will support the following projects:

Calvert

- Early Literacy with Family Childcare (circulating kits for daycares)
- Accessibility for Struggling Readers (Dyslexia Support)

Caroline County

- Feasibility Study (awarded January 2019)

Carroll

- Facilities Study and Plan
- Pepper Bot & Exploration - Introducing robots to Carroll County

Cecil

- Master Facilities Planning
- Teen Tech Lounge

Frederick

- Facilities Master Plan

Harford

- Strategic Plan

Howard

- Assessment and Facilities Master Plan

Kent

- Strategic Plan

Montgomery

- Verbal Judo - Working with difficult customer training

Queen Anne's

- Mobile Makerspace

Southern Maryland Regional Library (SMRLA)

- Strategic Plans for SMRLA Libraries

Somerset

- Rock out when School's out - Teen Space and Programming

Talbot

- Lending Tablets & Wi-Fi Hotspots

*Washington*

- Work Ready Community Boot Camp

*Western Maryland (WMRL) and Eastern Shore (ESRL) Regional Libraries*

- Human Resources Audit

- Enoch Pratt Free Library was named one of the Ten Nicest Places in America by Reader's Digest magazine and was also featured on ABC's Good Morning America.

## CITIZENS FOR MARYLAND LIBRARIES (CML) UPDATE:

Ms. Wheeler provided the following information:

- The Annual CML meeting that was held on November 3, 2018. She thanked Ms. Sarnoff for coordinating the meeting. Ms. Wheeler also acknowledged the good work Michael Figueuro, Keynote Speaker, did as well.
- The next CML meeting is on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Fairview Branch.
- Ms. Wheeler is looking forward to receiving nominations for the Satterwaithe advocacy award, the McCarn technology award, the team of the year awards and the Mary Lou Dewey grant for Friend's initiatives.
- Ms. Wheeler also announced that the Partidge Award was given on November 2nd at the Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS) and gave many thanks to the iSchool for organizing the event.

## COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES (iSCHOOL):

Mr. Marzullo deferred his report until the afternoon.

## ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY:

Ms. Padilla provided the following details:

- The renovation of the Central Library is almost complete. EPFL will be moving back into the building this winter and will hold a grand opening in the fall. Wesley Wilson, Central Branch Chief, gives periodic updates on the progress. Ms. Marshall shared that the ceilings are beautiful.

- Mr. Martin talked about the story Good Morning America featured about Enoch Pratt Free Library as an important connector in the community and how the library visits the communities to help with employment.
- Mr. Thompson recognized the longest serving city employee being an employee of the library.

## MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION UPDATE:

Mr. Enriquez stated there were no updates at this time.

## MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (MLA) UPDATE:

Mr. Thompson provided the following information:

- The Maryland Library Leadership Institute will be held July 17th through the 19th and then again in October. Applications are due February 15th. Ms. Maureen Sullivan will be coordinating the events.
- The MLA Annual Conference will be held May 1 - 3, 2019 at the Hyatt Hotel in Cambridge, MD. Registration for the conference will begin in early January. The theme of the conference this year is "What if..." Conference speakers were listed and Mary Amato, an award-winning children's and YA book author, songwriter, and poet who lives in Maryland will also be there to accept the 2019 Maryland Author Award. The conference brochure can be found at <https://www.mdlib.org/files/docs/conference/MLAProgram19.pdf>.
- Margaret Carty and I attended a meeting on December 4th at the ALA Washington Office. This meeting was organized by ALA Conference Services and representatives of the local chapters were invited, including the Maryland Library Association, DC Library Association, and Virginia Library Association. We discussed plans for the ALA Annual 2019 Conference, June 20 - 25, 2019. Members of each of the three state associations (chapters) are eligible to receive \$50 off the cost of registration for the conference. Margaret Carty can provide you MLA's code. We will also be sharing a table in the exhibit hall and will be seeking volunteers from the associations in the coming months. Those who volunteer at the table can receive a free exhibits pass. Another event that is being organized is a Local Chapters Social, which will be held on the Thursday evening of conference. DC Public Library has an established partnership with a venue in Adams Morgan called the Line DC. They are allowing DCLA, MLA, and VLA to cosponsor this event. ALA members from across the country will be invited to attend. More details will be forthcoming. ALA is also considering organizing a Bookmobile Parade on the Saturday of the conference. Many details

still need to be worked out on this, but Maryland libraries may want to consider reserving their bookmobiles for this day, just in case this idea does come to fruition.

- MLA's New Members Interest Group will offer four web meet-ups this year on Getting to Know MLA. The next session is this Thursday at 2:00 p.m. We are using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, provided by the Maryland State Library.

## MLA LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY ISSUES

Ms. Marshall provided the following report:

- The midterm elections brought a lot of new faces and surprises. Anne Kaiser continues to chair the House Ways and Means Committee. Nancy King is chair of Senate Budget and Tax with Bill Ferguson as vice-chair. Ms. Marshall advised that it is very important that we continue to develop these relationships.
- The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association hosted a legislative breakfast for the "newbies." Ms. Marshall thinks other counties will do the same.
- MLA Legislative Day has not been set. They are still trying to schedule a room. Tentative dates are February 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th.
- The IMLS Bill is up for reauthorization. If this bill passes, IMLS will be authorized until 2025.
- The Copyright Bill to remove the copyright office from the Library of Congress is still pending. Ms. Marshall stated that this should not be a political appointment.
- The lobbying firm for MAPLA was Alexander and Cleaver. Hannah Garagiola has left that firm and has formed her own company, Compass.
- Mr. Fish recommends that we begin to develop better relationships with our legislators.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA:

Ms. Hicks gave the following report:

- Maryland Repository/#GoOpen – OER (Open Education Resources) Initiative
- Our hub at OERCommons.org is live. Work moves forward on adding resources to it. We now have over 350 resources for Maryland teaching and learning in the Hub!
- Maryland Standards for School Libraries and Student Technology Use



- We have written the Request to Publish for the State Board of Education and hope to have our request approved at the January or February meeting. The next step after that is public comment then back to the BOE for final approval (barring any edits).
- School Library Media Online Reporting
- Data collection for the 2018-19 school year will begin February 15 and close May 17, 2019.
- The 2017-18 report infographic is posted on the School Library Media webpage.
- Upcoming meetings and important dates:
- MDK12 Steering Committee
- Winter meeting – Wednesday, December 5 @ Savage Library
- Combined meetings with School Library Supervisors and Instructional Technology Liaisons Monday, March 25, 2019 @ Carver Staff Development Center, Gambrills
- MDK12 Digital Library
- Steering Committee leadership continues their work as part of the Maryland Public Electronic Resource Librarians (MPERL) Committee and the Maryland Library Consortium Board (MLC).
- MILEX – Information Literacy Summit
- Next steps meeting was held on November 29th at the Thurmont Branch library. The task force will now be reorganized as an advisory board to SLRC for facilitating the Summits moving forward.
- The 2019 Summit will be held in July at Anne Arundel CC (tentatively) and will be focused around the connection between information literacy and workforce development/college & career readiness.
- Presentations/Professional Learning from the School Library Media Office
- The IT & SLM office is providing Copyright and Accessibility trainings in Frederick and Allegany counties in January.
- Maryland TechConnect Conference was December 6. Presented by MdLibTech, MDSLA and the State Library through an IMLS grant, the conference theme this year was The Connected Library User Experience. Over 25 school librarians and school library administrators attended.
- Local School System - Library Media Positions

- We are monitoring the budget processes for next school year for possible cuts/reductions.
- The biennial Maryland Teacher Staffing Report is in the approval pipeline and should be out this month.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

## **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES:**

- Mr. Fish asked if School Library Media Specialist had to have library degrees. The Library Law has followed the education law so does this have implications for hiring new directors? Ms. Hicks was no longer in attendance so we will carry over this discussion until the next meeting.
- Mr. Martin asked if there is a shortage of trained people looking for jobs in the libraries. Ms. Padilla stated that that she thought there was still a shortage of library jobs, not a shortage of trained librarians. Mr. Butler stated that the iSchool is looking at IMLS to make sure that students are work ready. He also stated that the gap is between the needs and the dreams of the people.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- March 15, 2019
- June 12, 2019

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.