



STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
March 17, 2016

**Enoch Pratt Free Library
Board Room**

10:15 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Sharan Marshall, SLRC Commission Chair, Director: Southern Maryland Region Library; Carla Hayden; Cathy Ashby; Daria Parry; Kathleen Teaze; Debby Bennett; Dennis Nangle; Irene Padilla; Gordon Krabbe; Wendy Allen; Wesley Wilson, Ryan O'Grady.

Call to Order:

10:15 a.m.

Introductions:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion (Kathleen Teaze), and second (Cathy Ashby) the minutes from January 21, 2016 were approved.

SAC Report:

SAC is looking forward to a Statistics Summit in May 2016, and a new redesign of the SAILOR Database page which, while under testing at the SAC meeting, is now up and running. After examining both the MAPLA and SAILOR public directories, both are found to be up to date and current although SAC will be double checking all contacts at the various agencies to make sure that the sites maintain the accuracy; both directories will also be date imprinted when checked for updates.

SLRC Capital Project Update:

It does not appear that there will be any issues with full funding being allocated for the project; while some monies will be allocated this year, they will then proceed with allocating funding at half-years due to the phasing of the project. The Department of General Services is expected to go to before the Board of Public Works to award construction funding in order to get the project underway next month. Gilbane is both the construction manager and the contractor foreman; groundbreaking ceremonies are in the works with both the Mayor and Governor to be in attendance- once a date is finalized it will be communicated to the group.

Financial Report:

Our new SAILOR database contract, as negotiated by Wendy and her team, will not present any financial issues for us this year or going forward. We are now working on projections to see if there will be a need to request a reallocation of the budget. The MOU requires that MSDE approve budget modifications that would alter expenditures by plus or minus 10% of the original budget.

The draft 2017 budget will be finalized and presented in May for approval.

SLRC Plan Annual Update:

Wesley Wilson, Wendy Allen, and Michael Walsh gave the SLRC Annual Plan Update. (For the full plan please refer to the FY 2016 March SLRC Annual Plan Approved by the SLRC Commission March 17, 2016.)

Upon further analysis of the AUN statistics, it has become apparent that at half-way through the year they are half-way to their yearly goal; meanwhile team continues to increase its publicity and marketing for the end user. Roving Reference has just completed two staff trainings with 50% of the Roving staff, staff buy-in is becoming stronger and inroads into a 'Book a Librarian' program are being explored.

After conducting a survey of the MAPLA community, requests for more SLRC training have led to an expansion of offerings from SLRC the first being the Storytelling Conference this June 2016 in coordination with MLA's Children's Division; SLRC is also happy to report a successful Spring SLRC Conference with many thanks going out to Leslie Bowman of LBPH who has been so wonderful to work with.

Already available, even though the new SAILOR database contract doesn't start until July, are the Hobbies and Crafts, Home Improvement, and Small Engine Repair Reference Centers; libraries can place the EBSCO Discovery single search box on their own web sites to search all the SAILOR resources from a single interface. Digital Maryland continues to harvest collections including the Catonsville at the Turn of the Century, and the James Wilfong Architectural Photographs collection. SLRC is still the only public library system that uses RELAIS, all the others are academic.

Special Collections that have been hidden for over 100 years from the database and the catalogue are now visible thanks to digitization efforts; a Oral History Workshop, made possible by IMLS, DLDS, and SLRC featuring Linda Shopes, Oral Historian is expected to have 50 people in attendance in April. SLRC continues to strengthen its partnership with schools both digitally in providing IP access for the schools to Heritage Quest, and through presentations to high school students on Anne Frank, a class of developmentally delayed and physically challenged elementary students on Mother Goose, and to 50 Senior Theresian Scholars at Notre Dame.

Draft Annual Plan for 2016-2017:

Wesley Wilson, Wendy Allen, presented the Draft SLRC Annual Plan. (For the full draft plan please refer to the FY 2016 March SLRC Annual DRAFT Plan.)

This plan is drafted on the responses received from the MAPLA survey, as well as increasing the presence of SLRC.info and continuing to develop and design more specialized training based on the requested needs of the library community; in addition, SLRC will seek to expand electronic access to Maryland State Documents and to continue to communicate the status of the renovation, and establish supportive connections with the Maryland Regional Library Community. It is SLRC's goal in this plan to foster a culture of lifelong learning not just for the library community but for its patrons as well.

Strategic Planning:

A Planning to Plan Committee is appointed to start looking into the planning process: Wesley Wilson, Wendy Allen, Debby Bennet, Daria Parry, and Dennis Nangle.

Other:

The next Commission meeting will be held in the meeting room at Orleans Street Branch on May 19, 2016 at 10:15am.

Meeting adjourned: 11:32 a.m.