

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
September 16, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis A. Humphrey, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry, and Thomas Viall

Members absent: Bart Hollingsworth, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Shirley Long, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Phyllis Lynch

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- Proposed Library Board of Rhode Island Meeting Schedule 2013-2014
- OLIS Webpage – Affordable Care Act (ACA): Resources
- The Essential Library: Community Leadership Strategies, Barrington Public Library – November 18, 2013
- RI Active Talking Books Plus Readers by City and Town (2013)

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Karen Andrews and introduced the Library Board Members.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the June 17, 2013, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

Moved by: Joan Retsinas

Seconded by: Carol Terry

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Tom Viall thanked the Board Members for their service and advised them they are fulfilling the board's mission and requested that they submit any items which they feel should be addressed. The Chair offered congratulations on behalf of the board to Karen Mellor for being named the interim Chief of Library Services.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

OLIS Staffing

Karen Mellor reported that Karen Andrews is the new Assistant Administrative Officer for OLIS, having joined the staff in mid-June, and that Howard Boksenbaum retired effective June 30, 2013. Cheryl Space, Youth Services Coordinator, was out for the summer and Alicia Waters facilitated the Summer Reading program in Cheryl's absence.

OLIS Budget

The State of Rhode Island is currently involved in the annual budget process. OLIS has submitted documents to the Budget Office, which will submit the 2015 budget to the Governor in early October.

Donna DiMichele stated that there is currently no federal budget in place for the federal year and the new grant allocation period which begins on October 1, 2013. OLIS is currently disbursing year two of the 2013 allocation. Because of the budget uncertainty in Washington, IMLS is not able to provide guidance on federal funding for federal FY2014 at this time.

Delivery Bins

Donna DiMichele reported that a total of 3480 library delivery bins have been purchased and are slated for delivery this week. Libraries were advised in a detailed memorandum about the new delivery bins process. Old bins will remain in the custody of the individual libraries at this time. OLIS is issuing a bulleted reference list for libraries regarding new bin implementation procedures.

IMLS Visit

James Lonergan, the IMLS State Program Officer, visited OLIS on September 10-12, 2013, Donna DiMichele, OLIS LSTA Coordinator, organized the logistics of the visit. This visit was a review of the LSTA Grant Program at work in Rhode Island. During the visit, a variety of OLIS projects including Continuing Education, Youth Services, Talking Books Plus, and statewide databases were highlighted and state collaborations were presented.

Site visits included RI Family Literacy Initiative classes at Cranston Public Library's William Hall branch, the Marian Mohr Library in Johnston, Pawtucket Public Library, and the Providence Community Library (PCL). The library staff at PCL reported to the IMLS Officer that the LSTA subgrant given to them by OLIS several years ago for the Citywide Extended Learning Program allowed them to build the infrastructure they needed to continue the program. James Lonergan requested that Michelle Novello from PCL write a brief article about the PCL grant and its outcomes for the blog on the IMLS website.

Karen and Donna reviewed OLIS' five-year plan with James, and Cathy McMahon, the OLIS Fiscal Officer, met with James and OLIS Management Team regarding financial matters.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Karen Mellor spoke about OLIS' role in communicating with public libraries' regarding the ACA, and the part which libraries will play as this legislation is implemented. OLIS has posted information on its website, will be running a continuing education program on healthcare resources, and will also be working with the Department of Human Services to get the word out to libraries about ACA and health resources. If members would like information about the ACA, send Donna your email for OLIS' ACA Google group.

Talking Books Plus (TBP) Survey

TBP staff have compiled a demographic report about TBP users. A general discussion ensued regarding a proposed human interest story which could be presented to local papers for publication.

The Chair queried members about the potential outcome for this proposed article. Members advised that a print story would get the word out to the public about TBP, and inform people about new technologies for the blind and disabled. A tie-in with the digital revolution series currently running in the Providence Journal was suggested.

Other Items

Donna DiMichele discussed an outcome from the Protecting the Past grant which has been realized from the collaboration with RI Emergency Management. Donna also reported on the annual PawSox game for the summer reading program finale.

Motion to approve: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds reported that there has been no new legislative action; the General Assembly adjourned at the end of June.

Karen Mellor reported on legislation introduced at the end of the 2013 session, the Joint Resolution to create a special legislative commission to be known as the Broadband Policy Advisory Board Commission. The commission was to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for broadband development and opportunities in the state. The bill was heard by House Corporations but no action was taken.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Filling position of Chief of Library Services:** A PAR (Personnel Action Request) was initiated in the State of RI Human Resources system in April. No action has been taken and positions are not being filled on a statewide basis.
- B. LBRI Membership:** The Chair and Donna DiMichele have compiled a spreadsheet regarding board member tenure. The Chair asked members who have served multiple terms and wish to move on to other ventures when their current term is complete to inform him. The Chair requested recommendations for new LBRI members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The proposed 2013-2014 Library Board Meeting Schedule was discussed and adopted. The Chair recommended that the meeting scheduled for November 18, 2013, be canceled, and that board members attend The Essential Library: Community Leadership Strategies program at Barrington Public Library on that date. The program is presented through collaboration among OLIS, the RI Library Association (RILA) and the Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA).

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
October 21, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
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Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Louise Herrington-Bright, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Retsinas, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- The Essential Library: Community Leadership Strategies, Barrington Public Library – November 18, 2013

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the September 16, 2013, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Moved by: Kristen Chin

Seconded by: Bart Hollingsworth

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

The University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Services will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on November 8, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

John Chrastka, the speaker for the *Essential Library: Community Leadership Strategies* workshop at the Barrington Public Library on November 18, 2013, will be at the Trinity Brewhouse in Providence for another event at 7PM. All are invited.

The Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) produced a 2014 calendar entitled *Tattooed Librarians of the Ocean State*. The calendar has received national press and sales of the calendar are excellent.

The Chair will be meeting with Karen Mellor, Donna DiMichele, and Chaichin Chen of OLIS to discuss the linking of statewide library resources into one statewide catalog. Organizations, including the Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Resource Sharing Working Group, the Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN), and Ocean State Libraries (OSL), are actively engaged in this discussion.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

2015 Budget

The 2015 Budget has been submitted to the governor. Thirteen staff positions are allocated in the unconstrained OLIS 2015 Budget.

Delivery

The covered Delivery bin implementation is proceeding with a minimal amount of library materials being forwarded to OLIS for re-routing to libraries. The feedback from public libraries is positive and a delivery count survey will commence on November 3.

Protecting the Past - RI and Disaster Recovery Centers

Donna is attending the 2013 New England Library Association (NELA) Conference in Portland, ME to present the Protecting the Past – RI program in a session on similar programs in the US.

As part of the RI Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Support Function 11 (ESF 11) Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources, and Historic Properties, ten Rhode Island public libraries are pre-screened as disaster recovery centers. The libraries include Barrington, Cranston, Cumberland, East Providence, Narragansett, Newport, North Scituate, Riverside, Warwick, and West Warwick.

Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) application process is progressing smoothly in Rhode Island. OLIS would like to initiate a Continuing Education (CE) program in collaboration with Broadband Rhode Island (BBRI) to promote the ACA in public libraries, and is seeking a library to host the event.

Tiverton Library Construction

The Tiverton Library will hold their ground-breaking ceremony on October 26, 2013. Karen Mellor will attend the ceremony; Senator Reed is expected to attend.

Talking Books Plus News

Andy Egan is speaking at meetings at senior centers across the state to talk about new digital technologies available to Talking Books Plus (TBP) patrons and also to

learn about the technologies that seniors use. The meetings were coordinated by In-Sight.

OLIS is preparing an RFP for warehousing and shipping of TBP materials and machines as the current vendor contract will be expiring at the end of December.

AskRI

The AskRI Bus advertising campaign is underway. OLIS is planning a survey of librarians and library staff as part of the evaluation process of AskRI resources, and to seek input about other possible AskRI online resources.

Institute of Museum & Library Services Grants

- The University of Rhode Island's Harrington School of Communication and Media has received a planning grant of \$50,000 for Media Smart Libraries, a project to promote the use of children's film and digital media for literacy. Renee Hobbs, director of the Harrington School, is planning a national conference for advocates including film makers, educators, and librarians. Cheryl Space, OLIS' Youth Services Library Program Specialist, and the Providence Children's Festival, will be on the planning board for this project.
- Providence Public Library has received a grant of \$500,000 to create "Adult Lifelong Learning Access (ALLaccess)" a model for implementing increased access to adult education and workforce services for populations with low educational attainment, low English literacy, low digital literacy, or disabilities. Providence Public Library and Cranston Public Library will work with other adult education partners from across the state to develop a model for increased access to adult education resources and workforce services. OLIS is also a partner in this project.
- Providence Community Library (PCL) has received a grant of \$250,000 to create programming that will prepare children who have not participated in formal early learning programs for kindergarten. The Ready to Learn Providence program from The Providence Plan (ProvPlan) will partner with PCL on the "Ready for K!" school program.

Public Library Annual Reports

The majority of Public Library Annual Reports have been completed. One library has not met the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement and three libraries need to submit revised documentation.

Motion to approve: Joan Retsinas
Seconded by: Monica Nazareth-Dzialo

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

The position has not been posted; budget constraints are currently delaying the filling of positions across state government.

B. Library Board of Rhode Island Vacancies

The Chair reviewed the current LBRI member tenure expiration dates and requested that members whose terms will be expiring on December 31, 2013 remain in their positions until the end of the June 2014 legislative session.

Louise Herrington-Bright referred to RIGL §29-3.1-3, which states that “Public members shall not be appointed for more than two (2) successive three-year terms”. The Chair thanked the board for their recommendations for new board members.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Karen Mellor announced that an initiative from the President of the American Library Association (ALA) encourages all to sign the *Declaration for the Right to Libraries* on the ALA website.

The Chair reiterated that the LBRI November 18, 2013 meeting is canceled so that LBRI members may attend the *Essential Library: Community Leadership Strategies* seminar at Barrington Public Library from 1-4:30PM. Please register for this event on the OLIS website.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2013.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Moved by: Carol Terry

Seconded by: Monica Nazareth-Dzialo

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Members Attending: Louise Herrington-Bright, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Joan Ress Reeves, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Retsinas, Mary Ann Slocomb

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: None

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the October 21, 2013, meeting

A recommendation was made by the Chair to postpone approval of the minutes until the next board meeting.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

The Chair, Karen Mellor, and Donna DiMichele attended the 50th Anniversary of the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies held on November 8, 2013. LBRI member, Joan Ress Reeves, was honored at the event.

The Continuing Education program, *The Essential Library*, held at Barrington Public Library on November 18, 2013, was a success with a large turnout of library staff members and trustees.

The COLA annual meeting will be held on February 11, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. The annual 'Sweetheart of the Year' will be announced at the meeting.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

DOA Reports

Karen Mellor will distribute the OLIS monthly RI Department of Administration report to the LBRI membership beginning in January 2014.

2015 Budget & LSTA

The Rhode Island State Budget will be released in January 2014; OLIS has submitted a budget for full funding of 13 FTEs and all programs, and a constrained budget as directed by the Budget Office.

The Federal budget has been passed; no specific news on LSTA funding is available yet.

Annual reports

The annual report process for public libraries and two state institutions has been completed. The town of Johnston did not meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement, but a waiver has been approved.

State Program Report - Donna DiMichele

OLIS Staff have completed their reports for the State Program report due to the IMLS on December 30, 2013. Donna will review and edit the narrative; Karen Mellor will complete the financial section of the report.

The Essential Library - Donna DiMichele

There were sixty-nine attendees at the *Essential Library* program held at Barrington Public Library on November 18, 2013. Thirty-nine of the attendees, eleven of which were library trustees, completed the program evaluation.

Evaluation responses were positive and respondents were pleased to have had an opportunity to interact with other library staff and trustees. OLIS will consider having John Chrastka return for another engagement. LBRI members requested copies of the breakout session notes.

Protecting the Past: ESF 11 Summit - Donna DiMichele

The RI Steering Committee for Protecting the Past and the RI Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) convened a summit on December 4 for supporting partners of the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 Appendix. The ESF 11 Appendix, *Protection of Cultural Resources and Historic Properties*, is called up during a disaster.

Jamia McDonald, RIEMA Executive Director, and John Washburn, RIEMA Operations Manager, made opening presentations describing the functions of the Emergency Operations Center and the ways all the ESFs worked together. Steering Committee members carried the discussion further with descriptions of the types of support the partners can provide.

LORI Updates

- **Technology Scan:** A new technology scan is ready for a January 2014 deployment as part of the annual LORI certification process. The scan was developed by a committee from the LORI Resource Sharing Working Group and will provide useful data which will be posted on the OLIS website.

- **Survey & statistics:** The bi-annual LORI Delivery count results are posted on the OLIS website and provide interesting data on net lenders, net borrowers and the delivery system. The LORI Standards Report includes data on technology in libraries.

Tiverton Library Groundbreaking

Karen Mellor attended the Tiverton Library groundbreaking on October 26, 2013. Senator Reed and Representative Cicilline were present and spoke about the importance of libraries to the community.

Talking Books Plus

The Request for Proposals for a new contract for warehousing and shipping talking books materials and machines was posted in November. OLIS staff will review the responses this week.

AskRI updates

AskRI is adding a new resource from ProQuest, African-American Heritage. A new version of Learning Express is also available.

One Catalog

The Chair met with the LORI Resource Sharing Working Group regarding the proposed single statewide catalog ("One Catalog") of library holdings. LBRI members requested that a link be sent to them for the 2005 One Catalog Report from the Lib Futures Committee. One Catalog could culminate in either a single library catalog or as a virtual catalog that bridges different library catalogs.

OLIS 2014

- **Standards:** The newly adopted Public Library Standards and supporting materials will be posted on the OLIS website. The LORI standards and the Library Construction Reimbursement Appendix F, which caps the reimbursement amounts per square foot, are due for review.

- **Continuing Education:** A Community Needs Assessment workshop is planned for 2014.

Motion to approve: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

The report of the Chief of Library Services was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rose Ellen Reynolds reported that there may be legislation proposed to modify the Maintenance of Effort requirement, and that legislation regarding endowments may reappear.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

The State is refraining from posting positions until the State Budget is released.

B. Board Vacancies

The Chair reported that LBRI board positions which will be vacant at the end of this legislation session include representatives of public library trustees, general readers, academic libraries, and special or corporate libraries.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Standards Revision: The LORI Standards have not been revised for nine years and require review as technology needs have changed. The Public Library Construction Reimbursement Regulations Appendix F should be reviewed to consider updating the cap for construction costs per square foot.

Members suggested that a committee of the Board be formed to review the LORI Standards and gather data; members should be drawn from the Board and the library community and represent all types of LORI libraries. This item should be placed on the January 2014 docket for new business.

The Chair requested that any revisions to the Standards be completed by the end of this legislation session.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Donna DiMichele reported that John Bucci of the William Hall Library in Cranston has retired and his replacement is Adrienne Gallo, formerly the Branch Librarian at Oaklawn. Stefanie Blankenship is now the Branch Librarian at Oaklawn Library.

Westerly Public Library and Providence Public Library will be announcing their new directors this week.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

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Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Joan Ress Reeves, Carol Terry

Members Absent: Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Retsinas, Mary Ann Slocomb, Thomas Viall

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: William Anger, Miriam Hospital Library

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: None

I. WELCOME

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the October 21, 2013, meeting

The meeting minutes were approved.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Bart Hollingsworth

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the December 16, 2013, meeting

With minor changes, the meeting minutes were approved.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Louise Herrington-Bright

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

The annual COLA meeting takes place on February 11, 2014, from 5-7 p.m. at the RI State House. The COLA meeting follows the annual Rhode Island Library Association Legislative Day. Howard Boksenbaum will be named the 'Sweetheart of the Year'.

Board members were asked to contact the Chair if they would like to remain on the Library Board or leave the Library Board at the end of their term. The appointment and reappointment of LBRI members is found in RI General Law § 29-3.1-3.1.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Donna DiMichele has been reappointed to the Rhode Island Historical Records Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring in January 2017.

New Public Library Directors

Brigitte Hopkins, previously director of the West Warwick Public Library, has been named as the new executive director of the Westerly Public Library. Providence Public Library has named Jack Martin, formerly of the New York Public Library, as their new executive director. There is an announcement on Rhodarian.

2015 State Budget & LSTA

The RI State Budget is due to be released on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The LSTA budget has passed Congress, and the American Library Association is spearheading a campaign to get LSTA funding restored to pre-sequestration levels.

IMLS-LSTA – Donna DiMichele

OLIS completed its state program report to the IMLS which reports on the federal grant and all the projects funded by the grant. The report was submitted on time and included the OLIS fiscal report.

OLIS is conducting a survey of staff time used for OLIS projects. The time survey is a federal requirement under the Code of Federal Regulations for agencies that receive federal funding.

Protecting the Past – Donna DiMichele

The Protecting the Past – RI federal grant for preservation and disaster preparedness has been extended through May 2014. This extension will allow the project manager to follow through with initiatives from the successful Emergency Support Function #11 Summit of December 04, 2013. This extension will conclude the three-year grant program.

LORI Updates – Donna DiMichele

The annual certification will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. OLIS staff has been creating new forms for this process. The survey now includes a technology assessment rather than a technology scan. A customer satisfaction survey regarding the delivery service is scheduled for the library community. The LORI resource sharing working group is working on the One Catalog project and vendor demonstrations have been scheduled for February.

Talking Books Plus – Request For Proposal

Perkins Institute of Watertown was awarded the contract for Talking Books Plus, which is effective as of January 1, 2014. Perkins is providing additional services in the

new contract, including duplication on demand and more local titles. They will also handle interlibrary loans.

AskRI

National Public Radio has been running AskRI ads and, beginning in January, there will be redesigned AskRI bus ads. As the two-year contract with Providence Community Library is expiring, a Request for Proposals will be posted on the OLIS website to solicit libraries interested in providing services as the Statewide Reference Resource Center.

LSTA Sub-Grants

Federal funding may be available for LORI grants pending review of the revised 2014 and 2015 State budget after they are released. A subcommittee of the Board will be formed to review grant proposals.

Ken Findlay pointed out that a LORI Grant gave a great start to a now-ongoing program at the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI). He recognized Joan Retsinas for an article she wrote in *Rhode Island Prime Time* about volunteers in the Books Beyond program at the ACI. This program is being mirrored by South Carolina.

National Library Legislation Day 2014 – May 5 & 6

Registration for the National Library Legislation Day opens in late January 2014. Karen Andrews will be coordinating the effort with direction from Donna DiMichele and will contact LBRI members with registration information.

Essential Libraries Notes – Donna DiMichele

Donna requested that members, present at the *Essential Libraries* seminar in November, advise her of major items mentioned at the seminar break-out sessions that were not included in the notes distributed prior to the meeting.

HELIN Conference

The HELIN Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Bryant University and a report on the conference will be presented at the next LBRI meeting. The director of the Digital Public Library of America will be a speaker at the event.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rose Ellen Reynolds reported that the RI Finance committee membership is being finalized at this time. Karen Mellor reported that LBRI members will be notified of any pending library legislation and that the bill information will be posted on the OLIS website.

Ed Garcia asked if OLIS and the Attorney General had determined that libraries were compliant with the Homeless Bill of Rights legislation. Karen Mellor affirmed that libraries are not to discriminate based on a person's address when they issue library cards to patrons.

Ed Garcia inquired if meetings should be scheduled with gubernatorial candidates. Rose Ellen Reynolds recommended that there be some form of communication with candidates in late spring or summer. Karen Mellor suggested that materials issued to the candidates highlight library services to the general public and job seekers.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services – There is no update to report at this time. Karen Mellor will report any updated information related to OLIS that may appear in the budget.

B. Board Vacancies – LBRI members are requested to advise Tom Viall whether they want to stay on the Library Board or leave the Library Board when their tenure is complete.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

LORI Standards: Karen Mellor recommended to the LBRI that the LORI standards be fully rewritten and requested that the LBRI establish a committee to facilitate the rewrite. Ken Findlay made a motion for the LBRI to establish a committee to create the standards. Joan Ress Reeves seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Vice-Chair requested that LBRI members who would like to serve on the committee volunteer by the March LBRI meeting. Those who wish to volunteer or who have recommendations for the committee should forward that information to Karen Mellor. Committee work would not begin until April.

Construction Reimbursement – Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities: The revisions to Appendix F will not be lengthy and OLIS will survey construction costs in New England prior to the revision. LBRI members that would like to participate in the revision review were requested to volunteer by the March LBRI meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. William Anger, librarian at the Miriam Hospital, attended the meeting at the invitation of Mary Ann Slocomb and introduced himself to the membership.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Moved by: Phyllis Humphrey

Seconded by: Ken Findlay

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Members absent: Kenneth Findlay, Louise Herrington-Bright, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Mary Ann Slocomb

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: Eileen Dyer, Providence Community Library, Co-chair of the Rhode Island Library Association's Legislative Committee

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- Introduction to the Lori Grant Program

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the January 13, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Joan Retsinas

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Tom discussed his attendance at the successful and well-attended RILA and COLA events that took place on February 11, 2014. Howard Boksenbaum was honored with COLA's "Sweetheart of the Year" award.

The RILA annual conference will be held at Salve Regina University on June 2-3, 2014. National Library Legislative Day will be held on May 5-6, 2014, in Washington, D.C. Karen Andrews will coordinate attendance for NLLD.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. 2015 State Budget & LSTA Funding

Karen Mellor reviewed Federal, State, and LSTA funding for OLIS. The LSTA grant allotment has increased and the 2015 state budget as proposed by the Governor has decreased. OLIS will determine if the maintenance of effort required for LSTA funding will be affected. The Chair recommended that the Library Board's Legislative Committee send a letter to the Rhode Island House Finance Committee within the next two weeks regarding the unfilled Chief of Library Services position and the reduction of OLIS funding. OLIS has 13 Full Time Equivalent positions listed in the proposed state budget, but only 12 are funded.

B. LORI Grants

OLIS will be issuing \$200,000 in LORI grants. Donna DiMichele is conducting LORI grant workshops at Jamestown Public Library on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 and Cranston Public Library on Thursday, February 27, 2014. Applications for LORI grants are due on March 14, 2014 and LORI grant funds must be spent by September 30, 2014. All types of libraries are eligible for LORI grants.

C. Public Library Standards

The Public Library Standards have been posted on the OLIS website and will be in effect as of July 1, 2014.

D. AskRI Request For Proposal

A request for proposal will be issued prior to the next LBRI meeting for the Statewide Resource Reference Center. Rhode Island state law requires that a request for proposal for the Statewide Resources Reference Center be issued every two years.

E. Protecting the Past – RI

Protecting the Past - RI calendars were distributed to the LBRI members, and are a product of the Protecting the Past – RI project. The objective of the calendars is to offer monthly preservation recommendations for cultural heritage organizations.

F. HELIN Conference

The HELIN conference, with approximately 200 attendees and 3 speakers, was held at Bryant University on January 15, 2014. Anya Kamenetz, a contributing writer at *Fast Change* magazine, discussed her book, *DIY U (Do It Yourself University)*, and changes in the delivery of education because of internet and online educational resources. Dan Cohen, founding executive director of the Digital Public Library of America (dp.la), discussed the Digital Public Library. As of January 2014, the Digital Public Library had approximately 5.5 million items and 1200 participating US libraries. Susan Crawford, author of *Captive Audience: The Telecom Industry and Monopoly Power in the New Gilded Age*, discussed the lack of broadband penetration and accessibility in the United States.

G. OLIS 50th Anniversary

The Department of State Library Services was established on July 1, 1964. The Chief would appreciate receiving suggestions from the Library Board about celebrating the agency's 50th anniversary.

Motion to Approve: Joan Retsinas

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

The report of the Chief of Library Services was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** Rose Ellen Reynolds reported on RI State Senate bills S2265 and S2397. Karen Mellor thanked LBRI members for informing OLIS of any bills that could potentially have an impact on libraries. OLIS will post bills and actions taken on the Legislative Updates page of the OLIS web site.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There is no update at this time. Karen Mellor will report OLIS-related information that may appear in the budget.

B. Board Vacancies

Tom thanked the Library Board for their responses to his request for information. The Chair has crafted a tenure list for the current Library Board membership, and identified Library Board positions that will require representation at the close of this legislative session. The Library Board's Public Library Trustee position is currently vacant.

C. LORI Standards

LORI Standards revision activities will begin in late May 2014. The Chair has a list of Library Board members who have volunteered to participate in the LORI Standard revision process.

D. Construction Reimbursement – Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities

Construction Reimbursement - Appendix F revision activities will begin in late May 2014.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. LORI Grant Review

The Chair requested four to six volunteers to facilitate the grant review and award process. The volunteers will form into two groups that will divide the grant applications. When the reviews are complete, the groups will meet to discuss their findings and award the LORI grants. LORI grant applications are due to OLIS on March 14, 2014, and OLIS would like to distribute them to reviewers on March 17, 2014.

B. SRRC Grant Review

The Statewide Reference Resource Center request for proposal will be issued for the 2015 budget in April 2014.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Donna DiMichele announced that the 2014 RI Annual 'Reading Across Rhode Island' book is Robin Sloan's *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*. The children's 2014 RI Annual 'Reading Across Rhode Island' book is *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Phyllis Humphrey

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
March 17, 2014
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Phyllis Lynch, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: William Anger, Miriam Hospital, Association of Rhode Island Health Science Libraries; Eileen Dyer, Providence Community Library, Co-chair of the Rhode Island Library Association's Legislative Committee; Mr. Dzialo; Sarah DeVito, guest of Phyllis Humphrey

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- Plain, Bob. (March 13, 2014). *State library funding rewards Barrington, punishes Central Falls*. Retrieved from <http://www.rifuture.org/how-state-library-funding-rewards-barrington-and-punishes-central-falls.html>

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the February 24, 2014 meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Bart Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Ed Garcia

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Tom Viall thanked the Library Board members for their review of the letter that he sent to the State of Rhode Island House Finance Committee. The House Finance Committee meets on Wednesday, March 19, at 1 p.m. The only agenda item for the House Finance Committee meeting is the State of RI Department of Administration Budget that should include OLIS. If the agenda item does include OLIS, the Chair will request to testify in order to reiterate the message sent in the letter. The Chair encouraged Library Board members to attend the House Finance Meeting to support the return of funding for a thirteen-member OLIS staff.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. One Catalog

The One Catalog group has completed the vendor demonstrations. The One Catalog group will issue a report at the beginning of April with an evaluation of the products reviewed in the demonstrations and the group's recommendations for further action.

B. AskRI RFP

The Statewide Reference Resource Center Request for Proposals will be posted this week on the OLIS website.

C. AskRI updates

The trial of the Reference USA database is currently being delayed because of technical issues. A reference librarian from AskRI has left to take another position and the Providence Community Library is seeking a librarian to fill the position.

D. NLLD 2014 (May 5 & 6)

Please register as soon as possible for the NLLD event as the room at the Liaison Hotel in Washington DC, where the event is being held, has a maximum capacity. American Library Association membership is not a requirement for registration for NLLD.

E. LORI delivery service customer satisfaction survey - Donna DiMichele

A survey was distributed on March 13 to 239 library directors, LORI liaisons, and ILL contacts to assess satisfaction with LORI delivery. There are currently 88 responses. Donna DiMichele will report the survey results at the next LBRI meeting.

F. RFP for delivery - Donna DiMichele

To encourage input from the libraries regarding the RFP for delivery, a committee will be established with members from each type of library. The current vendor contract expires in 2015.

G. Protecting the Past - RI funding - Donna DiMichele

Protecting the Past - RI funding will end at the end of May 2014 and a report will be submitted to the IMLS. RIEMA and FEMA have made OLIS aware that grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available for Protecting the Past - RI. The RI Historical Society will apply for the grant on the project's behalf. Should the grant be awarded, it will support Protecting the Past - RI activities planned as a result of the summit held in December 2013.

H. RI Council for the Humanities - Donna DiMichele

Donna is part of the business planning process for the RI Council for the Humanities (RICH), the parent organization for the RI Center for the Book. A small group of people is creating a business plan for the RI Center for the Book at RICH. Louise Moulton of the RI Center for the Book and Donna DiMichele were selected to participate in the group.

I. Pew Report

There is a new report out from the Pew Research Internet Project titled, *From Distant Admirers to Library Lovers—and beyond: A typology of public library engagement in America*. The national study reports on users of public libraries. Lee Rainee, Director of Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, will be at the Rhode Island Library Association conference on June 2 -3, 2014, at Salve Regina University.

J. LORI Grants

There were 29 LORI Grant applications received requesting a total of \$622,000.

Motion to approve: Joan Retsinas

Seconded by: Ken Findlay

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

- Bill H7634, the Broadband Commission bill, has been introduced by Representative Linda Finn. The language of the bill has been changed to include additional commission members but does not include OLIS. OLIS is investigating adding OLIS as a commission member.
- Bill H7942, Section 1 defines that 'except with respect to libraries the term "meeting" shall apply only to meetings of the board of directors.'
- Bill H7764 (libraries as child safe zones, prohibiting the hiring of sex offenders): The Chair recommended that the bill is not a LBRI matter.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There is no update at this time.

B. Board Vacancies

The Chair has a docket of LBRI member recommendations for the Governor's office. Bart Hollingsworth, Carol Terry, Mary Ann Slocomb, Phyllis Humphrey, and Ed Garcia will leave the board at the end of their tenures.

C. LORI Standards

LORI Standards will be discussed in April following the LORI certifications.

D. Construction Reimbursement

Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities will be discussed in April following the LORI certifications.

E. LORI Grant Review

Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Retsinas, Bart Hollingsworth, Tom Viall, and Ken Findlay volunteered to participate in the LORI grant review process. Former and present OLIS staff members will be invited to participate in the LORI grant reviews. Karen Mellor requested additional recommendations for grant readers.

F. RRC Grant Review

The SRRC request for proposal is scheduled to be posted next week. Libraries interested in the proposal will be requested to return applications by the middle of April.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RIFuture.org

The LBRI discussed an article published on RIFuture.org. The article, *State library funding rewards Barrington, punishes Central Falls*, was written by Bob Plain.

B. Wood River Free Press

In a recent edition, The Wood River Free Press, located in Westerly, RI, published a glowing article about ebooks.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

- A.** Ms. Eileen Dyer, Co-chair of the Rhode Island Library Association's Legislative Committee, announced that the RILA Legislative Committee is working with a lobbyist and the library community to have the General Assembly fully fund grant-in-aid at 25% per RIGL 29-6 2.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

**The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
April 28, 2014
at the William Hall Library,
Meeting Room (ground floor)
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905**

Members Attending: Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocumb, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Lynch, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: Protecting-the-Past bookmark

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the March 17, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Phyllis Humphrey

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

A letter, regarding the underfunding of OLIS in FY2015, written by the Chair and previously sent to the RI House Finance committee, was re-sent to the new RI House Finance committee after the recent changes in the RI General Assembly. The letter was also sent to the new Speaker of the House, Nicholas A. Mattiello.

The Governor's office has released a press release about the LORI grants.

The Chair requested that LBRI members advise National Library Legislation Day attendees about upcoming RI library events so that information about the events can be shared, during the visits by the RI delegation of libraries to RI Congressional members, on May 6, 2014.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. LORI Grants

Nine LORI Grants totaling \$202,000 have been awarded and the Governor's office issued a press release about the grants. Various news outlets, including The Patch, WJAR, and the RI affiliate of National Public Radio, have reported on the grants. Twenty-nine grant

applications were received, requesting a total of over \$620,000; OLIS established a wait list for other high-scoring projects in the grant review process in the event that additional funds become available during this grant cycle. The Chief thanked LBRI members for their assistance with the grant process.

B. AskRI/Statewide Reference Resource Center RFP

The Statewide Reference Resource Center proposals are due today.

C. LORI Updates – Donna DiMichele

i. LORI Standards

A committee is being formed to determine if the LORI Standards will be rewritten or revised. The committee will be comprised of at least three public librarians, three academic librarians, a representative for school libraries, and a representative of special libraries. The first meeting of the LORI Standards committee will be convened the week of either May 12 or May 19. Since the LORI standard revision committee is a subcommittee of the LBRI, Tom will request a volunteer from the LBRI membership to serve on the LORI standards committee.

ii. Customer Service Survey

In March 2014, OLIS sent a delivery service survey to LORI libraries. The survey response rate was 63.2% with 75% of the overall responses coming from 53 public library staff. The academic libraries' response to the survey was 84% and 53% of school libraries responded. Rose Ellen Reynolds recommended that future surveys contain a section for libraries to communicate about specific delivery situations that may have directly had an impact on a patron.

D. Protecting the Past – RI – Donna DiMichele

The week of April 27 is ALA Preservation Week. Donna distributed Protecting-the-Past bookmarks, with preservation tips, to the Board. The bookmarks were mailed out to libraries with a one-sheet flyer about Preservation Week and May Day. The RI Historical Society did not apply for a grant from the RI Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation program to continue the Protecting the Past - RI program as the scope of the project did not fit the grant category and the amount of available funds was insufficient. Activities for the current grant will end in May 2014. Any plan to continue the work of Protecting the Past - RI will be addressed at the final Steering committee meeting in May.

E. Youth Services

i. Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Cheryl Space, OLIS Youth Services Coordinator, has been elected chair of the inclusion / diversity committee of the national CSLP.

ii. Kids Reading Across RI

Kids Reading Across RI kicks off on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the RI State House and marks the start of the Summer Reading Program. The book selected for this year's KRARI program is *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein.

iii. Fizz Boom Read, Spark A Reaction, Literary Elements

The theme for the children's Summer Reading Program is 'Fizz Boom Read', and 'Spark A Reaction' for the teens. The theme for adults at participating libraries is 'Literary Elements.'

F. Edge Assessment and Impact Survey

OLIS is promoting two national assessment tools for public libraries. The Library Edge initiative, underwritten by the Gates Foundation, the Urban Libraries Council, OCLC, and various library organizations, allows libraries to assess technology in their library and develop a plan of action to meet their community's technology needs. Five RI public libraries participated as sample libraries to help develop the benchmarks, and another 16 public libraries are part of the current round of assessment by invitation of the Edge initiative. OLIS hopes to eventually make the tool available to all public libraries.

The Impact Survey, developed by the University of Washington from a grant from the Gates Foundation, enables libraries to survey library users about their use of library technology. Libraries can deploy the survey by inserting a piece of code into their web site which leads visitors to a survey.

Both survey tools are available through the fall at no cost. OLIS will collect data from both surveys to create a report on the state of technology in RI public libraries and the use of that technology by Rhode Islanders. Data is also available to libraries at the local level to support advocacy efforts for libraries. OLIS is publicizing the Impact Survey with the hope that as many RI public libraries as possible will participate.

G. Ocean State Libraries (OSL) Kiosk

OLIS worked with OSL to place a virtual library, in the form of a touch-screen kiosk, in the atrium at the Department of Administration Powers Building. The kiosk allows library patrons to borrow e-books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

Motion to approve: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

- i. Rose Ellen requested that the LBRI remain aware of the current RI House Finance budgetary proceedings and changes to the RI House Finance committee membership.

- ii. Bill H7942: On Wednesday, April 30, 2014, there will be a hearing on H7942. The bill will exempt libraries from the Open Meeting law, with the exception of meetings of libraries' board of directors.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There is no update at this time.

B. Board Vacancies

Nominations for several LBRI positions have been submitted to the Governor's office.

C. LORI Standards

The LORI Standards committee will meet either the week of May 12 or May 19 to determine if the LORI Standards will be rewritten or revised.

D. Construction Reimbursement

The update or revision of Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities, regarding square footage reimbursement, will be reviewed following the LORI Standards revisions.

E. LORI Grant Review

With the successful award of LORI Grants, the LORI grant review agenda item is moved from unfinished business to finished business on the LBRI meeting agenda.

F. One Catalog

Final approval for funding the One Catalog is pending. The One Catalog agenda item will be moved from unfinished business to finished business on the LBRI meeting agenda.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The LBRI meetings for May and June 2014 will be moved from the Department of Administration Powers Building to either Cranston Public Library or William Hall Library.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

There was no public comment.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Moved by: Carol Terry

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

**The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
May 19, 2014
at the William Hall Library,
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905**

Members Attending: Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Thomas Viall

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: William Anger, Miriam Hospital, Association of Rhode Island Health Science Libraries

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: Kids Reading Across Rhode Island bookmark

I. WELCOME

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the April 28, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Edward Garcia

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

On behalf of Tom Viall, the Vice-Chair extends special thanks to Joan Ress Reeves, Jane Perry of School Libraries of Rhode Island (SLRI), and Karen Mellor, for a successful National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington D.C.

The Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) conference is June 2-3, 2014, at Salve Regina University.

The Chair sent a letter to Representatives Hearn and Finn about the LBRI's support for the creation of a legislative Broadband commission. The letter requested that the structure of the commission include the OLIS Chief of Library Services or designee. RILA supports adding the OLIS Chief of Library Services to the proposed Broadband commission.

Ed Garcia and Bart Hollingsworth have volunteered to serve on the Library of Rhode Island Standards Review Committee.

On May 15, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to release a proposal for network neutrality rules that allow 'fast lanes' on the Internet, with the result that some

content providers may pay for faster service and thus receive preferential treatment, making information access unequal.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. State Spending

Constrained spending rules are now in effect for all state agencies, as lower revenues and increased spending are projected for the upcoming budget year. Agencies are being asked to review spending and eliminate or delay any expenditure that is not absolutely critical for the remainder of FY2014 and for FY2015, including hiring.

B. NLLD 2014 (May 5-6, 2014)

The primary topic for discussion with legislators was level funding for LSTA at \$180,900,000. Any reduction will result in reductions to the Grants to State Library Agencies program. Additional issues discussed with legislators included:

i. E-Rate

The E-Rate program that provides discounted telecommunication rates to libraries and schools is being modernized by the FCC. The application process for E-Rate is complex and burdensome for libraries; library advocates are asking that the FCC simplify the process and provide more money for libraries.

ii. Net Neutrality (Open Internet)

On May 15, the FCC voted to release a proposal to reinstate network neutrality rules that include 'fast lanes'. Fast lanes allow Internet service providers (ISPs) to charge content producers a premium for faster service to push their content out; websites that cannot afford to pay will be relegated to slower service, diminishing the equity of access provided by an open Internet. The FCC ruling opened a 120 day period for public comment on the proposed rule changes before it takes a final vote. The comment forum is located at <http://www.fcc.gov/comments>.

iii. Workforce Investment Act

Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act was passed by Congress in 2013 and includes provisions to recognize libraries as entities engaging in workforce development activities and authorizing them to serve as one-stop partners. The Senate version has not yet been voted on.

iv. Open Access: Fair Access to Science and Technology Research (FASTR)

The FASTR legislation opens access to research information funded by the US government. Currently there is a significant wait period for free access to taxpayer funded research; academic institutions now pay a premium to gain access to government, grant-funded research. Legislation would reduce the wait time for free access to taxpayer funded research.

v. USA Freedom Act

The USA Freedom Act will reign in provisions of the Patriot Act that allow for warrantless searches and warrantless surveillance of citizens.

vi. Electronic Communications Protection Act (ECPA)

The ECPA protects the electronic communications privacy rights of citizens. The 2013 update to the law provides protection for communications utilizing current technologies.

vii. Email Privacy Act

The Email Privacy Act prohibits service providers from knowingly divulging email communications to the government without a warrant.

C. LORI Grants

Libraries that received LORI Grants are working on their projects and funds are being disbursed for projects.

D. One Catalog

The \$63,200, One Catalog grant to Ocean State Libraries has not yet been approved by the state Budget Office.

E. LORI Update - RFP for Delivery Services (Donna DiMichele)

OLIS has convened a small committee with representatives of public, academic, and school libraries to review a draft of the RFP for delivery services. The three representatives were asked to seek input on the draft from the library sectors that they represent.

F. Protecting the Past (Donna DiMichele)

Protecting the Past, under the auspices of the Connecting to Collections implementation grant, will have its final Steering Committee meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2014. A proposal for continuing the work of Protecting the Past – RI will be discussed at the meeting. The final LSTA report on the grant is due August 31, 2014.

G. Talking Books Plus & Accessible Libraries

Talking Books Plus coordinated a continuing education session for Accessible Technology in Libraries that featured speakers from the Northeast ADA Center and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities.

H. Youth Services

i. Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

CSLP is commissioning a study of the outcomes of summer reading, including statistical data and actual stories about the positive outcomes for those who engage in summer reading. Monica Nazareth-Dzialo recommended an individual who can offer training about how to effectively use data to support programs.

ii. Kids Reading Across RI (KRARI)

The KRARI summer program kick-off takes place on May 31, 2014, from 2-4 pm at the State House. Board members were encouraged to attend.

I. Edge Assessment and Impact Survey

The Edge Assessment and Impact Survey are gathering data and outcomes to bolster the argument about the value of libraries in people's lives, whether for their work, pleasure, or personal growth.

J. Statewide Reference Resource Center (SRRC)

Responses to the RFP are being evaluated.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

- i. Rose Ellen Reynolds has written to the new members of the RI House Finance committee requesting the restoration of \$122,000 that was removed from the OLIS budget.
- ii. Ed Garcia reported that Cranston Public Library has a bill in the legislature for a bond referendum for library renovations.
- iii. Karen Mellor reported that Pawtucket Public Library has a bill in the legislature for a bond referendum for library renovations.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There was no update at this time.

B. Board Vacancies

Nominations have been submitted to the Governor's Office.

C. LORI Standards

The first meeting of the LORI Standards Review Committee will be May 28, 2014. The LORI Standards committee will have eleven members including a representative for special libraries. Ed Garcia and Bart Hollingsworth will represent the LBRI.

D. One Catalog

The One Catalog grant to Ocean State Libraries has not been approved by the Budget Office yet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

Louise Herrington-Bright shared an editorial letter praising eBooks and the Ocean State Libraries' E-Zone.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2014 at the William Hall Library in Cranston.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Moved by: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Edward Garcia

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

**The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
June 16, 2014
at the William Hall Library
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905**

Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Edward Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kenneth Findlay, Louise Herrington-Bright, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Ress Reeves

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: None

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed: None

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the May 19, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Moved by: Bart Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Monica Nazareth-Dzialo

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

The Chair extended his thanks to Rose Ellen Reynolds for presiding over the May 19, 2014, LBRI meeting in his absence, and to Ed Garcia for hosting the April, May, and June LBRI meetings at Cranston's William Hall Library. Tom thanked LBRI members for their updates about legislative issues.

Tom attended the Pew Research presentation by Lee Rainie, Director of Pew Research Center Internet and American Life Project, at the RILA conference, on June 3. Pew Research regularly conducts national surveys on libraries; the reports are informative and Tom recommends signing up for alerts on such reports.

The Chair attended the national launch of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) financial literacy program at the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library in Johnston on Monday, June 16. CFPB's financial literacy program, which is taking place at libraries across the country, will be a collaboration between CFPB, OLIS and the RI Library Association; RI is the first state to launch a statewide campaign. Senator Jack Reed, CFPB Director Richard Cordray, RILA President Jenifer Bond, and Karen Mellor were at the library to announce the partnership.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. State Budget

The RI state budget passed the House Finance committee and went to the Senate for ratification. The budget contains a decrease of funding for OLIS.

B. AskRI

i. Award

Providence Public Library (PPL) was awarded the two-year contract to be the Statewide Reference Resource Center (SRRC). PPL was the only bidder for the SRRC contract.

ii. Transition

Providence Community Library will manage the transition of the SRRC to PPL with funding from OLIS. The AskRI reference librarians will begin working with Providence Public Library on July 1, and AskRI operations will transition to PPL during the summer months.

iii. Survey

An AskRI survey is in process. Survey results will be made available to LBRI members upon completion. The survey is requesting information about the databases and services being used by libraries.

C. Protecting the Past-RI – Donna DiMichele

Protecting-the-Past held its final meeting in May. OLIS will continue to participate in any future iteration of Protecting-the-Past but not in a leadership role. OLIS will take responsibility for the emergency support function for Protection of Cultural Resources and Historic Properties, and Rhode Island dPlan. A Steering Committee follow-up conference call to determine who will take leadership is scheduled for July 9, 2014.

D. Youth Services

i. KRARI

The Kids Reading Across Rhode Island event took place on May 31, 2014 at the State House. The event had the highest attendance to date with 500-600 attendees.

ii. Fizz Boom Read, Spark A Reaction, Literary Elements

The Summer Reading Program will begin at the State's local libraries next week. The reading program themes for this year are science related.

E. Edge Assessment and Impact Survey Report

Public libraries are using the Edge Assessment and the Impact Survey for assessing and planning public library technology. The Edge Assessment enables libraries to assess their technology, understand how it is being used, and formulate a strategic plan for

technology in the library. OLIS can review the results of the survey to determine how to better support libraries in the area of technology planning.

The Impact Survey surveys end-users about their use of technology in the library. Libraries can embed a link in their website asking patrons to take the survey. The survey provides statistics and information on computer use and includes formatted reports that document how the community uses library technology.

F. Counting Opinions

OLIS has contracted with Counting Opinions to use their LibPAS tool for collecting public library annual report data. In addition to gathering required federal data and grant-in-aid application information, Counting Opinions can also be used by libraries to produce comparative reports of library statistics. The Counting Opinions service also includes a module for public libraries to register summer reading program participants online; participants can use the program to track their reading progress during the summer.

G. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Financial Literacy Program

The Chief further discussed the launch of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's financial literacy program, which OLIS plans to launch in RI this fall. Approximately 50-60 librarians, library supporters and others interested in financial literacy attended the event. OLIS will work with the RI Library Association (RILA) on the financial literacy program, combining the resources and successes of RILA's Money Smart Week with the resources of CFPB to craft a year long program.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

Rose Ellen Reynolds reported on legislation that impacts OLIS and libraries. The Broadband Advisory Committee legislation is being held for further study. Bill 7696, creating a Career Pathways advisory committee for the Governor's Workforce Board, would add OLIS to the advisory committee. A list of the current legislation involving libraries will be forthcoming.

B. LORI Standards

Donna DiMichele reported that the LORI Standards review committee met on May 28 and June 11, and determined that the LORI standard and the Interlibrary Loan Code require revision.

The revision charge from the committee's finding will be sent to the LBRI by email.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services

There was no update at this time.

B. Board Vacancies

The nominations, to fill board vacancies and for members whose appointments have expired, were submitted by the Governor and heard by the Senate Committee on Education. There are three nominees for the LBRI positions including Dr. Rosita Hopper for Academic Libraries, Alison Davis Maxell for Special Libraries, and Cristina M. Amedeo for General Library User. A letter was received today from the Governor's office about a member nomination to fill the Public Library Trustee position.

The Chair thanked the departing LBRI members, Bart Hollingsworth, Mary Ann Slocomb and Carol Terry for their service.

C. One Catalog

A \$63,200 grant for One Catalog has been awarded to Ocean State Libraries (OSL) to work with the HELIN consortium to develop a shared access catalog. The shared access catalog will bring together the OSL and HELIN catalogs. The next steps will be setting up a Memorandum of Agreement and establishing a committee to oversee the implementation of the project.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Garcia has been re-elected to the American Library Association Council for a three-year term, and appointed by Governor Chafee to the newly-created Council of Economic Advisors for a three-year term.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rhode Island State Law Librarian, Karen Quinn, is retiring at the end of June 2014.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2014, at the Department of Administration in Conference Room B.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Moved by: Kristen Chin

Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb