

**Multi-type Reference Group
Minutes
Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

Members Present: Zach Berger (RILINK), Patricia Brennan (RIC), Jessica D'Avanza (Barrington and Warwick), Jane Granatino (Barrington), Andrea Hajian (La Salle), Amanda Izenstark (URI), Alicia Waters (OLIS)

Members Absent: Melissa Chiavaroli (Cumberland), Maura Keating (Bryant), Nancy Maddocks (Barrington Middle), Mary Zammarelli (St. Joseph), Lisa Zawadzki (Cranston)

Introductions: Alicia welcomed new group member Jane Granatino, Head of Reference at Barrington Public Library.

Departures: Zach Berger and Jessica D'Avanza announced they will be leaving the group. Nancy Maddocks will also be leaving the group. Alicia thanked them all for their hard work and dedication. Jane will replace Jessica and Zach will recruit a school library replacement.

News/Announcements: Alicia informed everyone that OLIS will be celebrating their 50th anniversary year beginning July 1. OLIS began as DSLS in 1964 and changed names in 1996. The state budget for OLIS is very tight for the upcoming year. Karen Mellor remains as Acting Chief Library Officer with no permanent replacement on the horizon.

Tish introduced RIC's new Interim Library Director, Tovah Reis at the beginning of the meeting. RIC's library budget was partially rescinded in January and therefore there was no book budget for the second half of the year and library lost some contract staff due to lack of funding. On a positive note, enrollment is strong, the library will undergo a renovation in the next four to five years and the library recently added 32 Nexus 7s for student loan.

Amanda noted that URI will be naming an Interim Library Director by the end of July. The freshman *First Year Experience* class is undergoing changes and the library is awaiting the syllabus to see how it will impact the library's component. The library will be getting a new catalog - Ex Libris.

Zach was happy to announce that RILINK is installing new servers funded by a LORI grant. The RILINK Summer Conference, "Uncommon Engagement: Innovative Learning and Creative Research for Student Success" will be August 12 and 13. The keynote speakers are Stephen Chinosi from Newton High School North and Kevin McGrath from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School speaking on "Inspire and Engage: Libraries as Innovation Labs."

Jane reported she is in the process of significantly weeding the Barrington print reference section and reviewing the library's website. This summer, they are launching an adult summer reading program, which has been popular at other public libraries.

Jessica reported that Warwick will soon be lending Chromebooks and their current technology loan of 24 iPad minis are very popular.

Andrea shared that the La Salle librarians will be teaching an 11 lesson digital and information literacy program to all Freshmen next year as part of their semester long Into to Computer class. Much of the program is modeled after Jen Thomas' DigiLit program at Bishop Stang high school.

Evaluation of Joint Program Debrief: Amanda shared the results of the April 29 Changing Face/Space of the Library attendee survey. The survey can be found at tinyurl.com/ri-ebooks and the password is changingFace. Alicia will send the link out to our group, as well as members of the Reference Sharing Group. Most survey results were average or higher, and most participants included comments. Some participants complained about the noise between the tables and all agreed that the next conference should be in a much larger room or in several smaller breakout rooms.

There was some discussion about the Mass eBook Project and Deb Hoadley's comment that the eBook Project was not meant to replace OverDrive in the public libraries. Jessica informed the group that Overdrive is no longer negotiating with consortiums, but perhaps if the New England libraries joined together as a region, this would help put added pressure on OverDrive and the other vendors still holding out (MacMillan). Jessica also mentioned that the OSL Steering Committee is intrigued by BiblioBoards and have added this discussion to an upcoming agenda. Jessica pointed out a statistic that 77% of OverDrive's titles are fiction and 23% nonfiction.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at OLIS.