

South Dakota State Library Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
May 6, 2021 at 1:30pm CT
Video Conference Call
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

REGULAR MEETING

- Members Present** Tom Nelson, Jane Norling, Monte Loos, Natalie Anderson, Travis Aslesen, and Janice Minder (joined at 1:40)
- Others Present** Kathleen Slocum, Laura Kelly, Sarah Easter, Barb Nickolas, Lynda Lowin, Marcia Kaup, Brenda Hemmelman, Wynne Nafus Sayer, Shawn Behrends, Daria Bossman, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library.
- Call to Order/
Roll call** Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 1:32 pm CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.
- Declaration of
Conflicts of
Interest** None
- Adoption of
Agenda** A MOTION was made by Norling and seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda as presented.
Anderson – Aye Aslesen – Aye Loos – Aye
Norling – Aye Nelson – Aye
MOTION CARRIED
- Welcome** President Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Approval of
Minutes** A MOTION was made by Loos and seconded by Norling to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting.
Anderson – Aye Aslesen – Aye Loos – Aye
Norling – Aye Nelson – Aye
MOTION CARRIED
- Report of the
State Librarian** Daria Bossman reported on:
- Retirement June 8, 2021
 - Thanks everyone for a good 13 years.
 - Will be moving to Ralston/Omaha, Nebraska
 - Personnel
 - (Susan) Kate Kosior starts May 24, 2021 as the new Braille and Talking Book Manager
 - Cheyenne Chontos starts May 24, 2021 as the Technology Coordinator
 - Will be working remotely from Sioux Falls

- Alissa Adams, School Library Technology Coordinator, will be leaving in August.
 - This position was advertised May 5, 2021.
 - Could be a remote position.
- American Rescue Plan act
 - 2.2 Million dollars
 - Opens May 10, 2021
 - Must align with the LSTA 5-year plan
 - School, Public and Academic categories
 - Awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000
- Carson Block, Consultant
 - In-person training March 25-26 at the State Library
 - Training one on one with Cheyenne Chontos
 - Hired to do our IMLS 5-year evaluation (2018-2022)
- IMLS “Framing the Future” grant/ A multi-state program
 - “Train the trainer” program
 - 13 libraries participating in SD
 - Training next week about strategic planning
 - In-person training in the fall
- State agencies start “LEAN” process
 - Evaluating procedures/processes
 - Kathleen Slocum will represent the State Library

Comment from Nelson: Daria has been very patient. He has learned a great deal from her and will miss her guidance and leadership. Thank you personally and from the State Library Board. She will be missed.

Comment from Norling: With Daria’s guidance and leadership, libraries in SD are definitely better than they were 13 years ago, and she has done great job. We appreciate her.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS **Report from President on State Librarian Search**
Nelson reported that he has reached out to Secretary Sanderson letting her know the board is ready to do what she feels is necessary.

Bossman relayed that Secretary Sanderson did request a list of librarians who had offered to be on a search committee.

Staff Reports **Laura Kelly, Children & Youth Services Coordinator**
The Stephanie Miller Davis grant is in its third year supporting summer reading programs in small, rural communities, in partnership with the SD Community Foundation and the SD State Library. They distributed \$25,000 to 25 libraries this year. Laura helps coordinate the grant efforts and spread the news to librarians about this grant opportunity. A virtual awards grant ceremony was held in April. The overall impact of this grant has helped establish new literacy programming, the 1000 books before kindergarten program, added much-needed furniture, books, and STEM kits. During the pandemic, they made it possible for libraries to supply take-home kits and activities, plan outdoor activities and host virtual performers.

Our new public library VLOG, Loud Librarians Lead, conducts interviews with librarians across the state who are excited to share their knowledge and expertise. This is an opportunity for them to demonstrate leadership roles and impact other librarians. Interviews are recorded via Zoom and an episode has been posted each month since the beginning of the year.

Shawn Behrends, State Data Coordinator

Last year the State Library contracted with Mile Up Marketing Solutions in Lead, SD to build websites and provide hosting for 40 of our public libraries that did not have websites. We call this the libraries digital/virtual branch because the new library websites provide access to resources such as the library's on-line catalog, e-book collections, and databases. This year an additional 10 libraries are joining the program. The new websites are secure, they meet current accessibility standards and use responsive design to work well on mobile devices. New this year, each of the participating libraries have \$150 credit that they can use to make improvements to their sites. This gives them the opportunity to build out their sites by adding things like extra pages, news feed, or an events calendar. This is made possible with federal LSTA funds.

Who-Fi, wireless counter software, increases the accuracy of their wi-fi count and makes it easy to track wi-fi usage in the library. To date we have 76 participating libraries and we hope to continue to add libraries. Unlike the website initiative that is limited by contract, we have a statewide contract for all public libraries to use it. About 30% are not participating. The who-fi support staff walks through the activation process by phone. It is very easy to come onboard and costs the library nothing.

Brenda Hemmelman, Collection Services Librarian

The State Library is looking at purchasing/replacing the following with the ARP funds

- A large scale, v-cradle scanner that will cost about \$100,000.
 - Replacing digitation scanner that was purchased in 2012.
- Replacing our microfiche/film readers with newer, more user-friendly machines.
- More content for our Gale e-books database
 - About \$80,000
- Additional content for SD Titles to Go
 - Approximately \$108,000
- Braille and Talking Book is also looking into a new braille/braille printer.

Q & A from Board

None.

Next Meeting

July 29, 2021 at 1:30pm CT via zoom/online

September 29, 2021 at 1:30pm CT tentatively in Pierre or could be in early October.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Loos and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 pm CT.