

## **Council on Library and Network Development**

May 12, 2017

Schreiner Memorial Library

Lancaster, WI

Following are summaries of some of the public interest topics discussed during the May 12 COLAND meeting:

**PLSR Update:** the Steering Committee, which includes representatives from libraries of various sizes around the state, selected WiLS (Steph Morrill & Bruce Smith) as project managers through a competitive RFP process & under their guidance the project has been making steady progress as documented in the email notifications Marla has been forwarding through our Trustee email accounts & in Exhibits 14 a through f in today's Board packet.

PLSR is looking at improving cost efficiency through 2 primary means that they term cooperation & aggregation. Two examples are: 1) by cooperating on technology support local libraries can lower their costs and improve support; 2) through collaborative purchasing, library systems can increase their buying power and reduce costs.

PLSR information sessions have been & will continue to be held at the WAPL & WLA conferences. Public input continues to be solicited & feedback from a number of stakeholders including COLAND has been sought & will continue to dominate COLAND meetings for the foreseeable future.

**Biennial Report:** By statute, on or before July 1 of every odd-numbered year, COLAND is required to transmit to the State Superintendent a descriptive and statistical report on the condition and progress of library services in the state and recommendations on how library services in the state may be improved. The next report is due by July 1. The report will include information about COLAND's Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> century library services and the work of the PLSR group, as well as information from the various COLAND goals committees.

In the **LSTA Update**, John DeBacher reported that the LSTA five-year report was due on March 31, and the next five-year LSTA plan is due on June 30. DPI has been seeking input from constituent groups for the next plan.

In the **DLT Standing Report**, Martha Berninger reported the Wisconsin School Digital Library Consortium RFP is moving forward toward the goal of providing an e-book collection for schools, supplementing the school media print collection, at a cost of \$1 or \$2 per student. Schools may use their Common School funding to pay for the license.

### **Legislative Update**

COLAND members were reminded of the legislation currently moving through the state legislature that would change the Wisconsin Constitution & abolish the office of State Treasurer. Among other library organizations, WEMTA is concerned about the impact this legislation could conceivably have on the Common School Fund, which is overseen by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, comprised of the Secretary of State, the State Attorney General & the State Treasurer & is a primary resource for school libraries to purchase books & technology resources.

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