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“Donuthead” project a sweet treat for Waterloo/Cedar Falls area kids

It's not often that a librarian gets as excited as Paige Nangle about a new program. But you'll want to stand back when you ask her about the “Donuthead” project.

“It was an incredible project, which to this point has been the absolute highlight of my professional career,” said Nangle, a youth librarian in the Cedar Falls/Waterloo libraries.

“Donuthead” is a popular book written by Sue Stauffacher from Grand Rapids, Michigan. And it was the book chosen for the Cedar Valley's Youth Read program, which in some ways is similar to “All Iowa Reads,” said Nangle.

“It occurred to me that if we were doing this kind of project for adults, there was no reason we couldn't do it for kids,” Nangle said. “I had no delusions about attempting a statewide project, but I thought a metro area project was certainly feasible so I began my search for the perfect book.”

Nangle's first goal was to see if Stauffacher was interested in coming to town for a couple of days of workshops and presentations. Stauffacher agreed and the project began to take shape.

Nangle said she knew immediately that the project would be more successful if others were involved, so she contacted a local bookstore owner who agreed to help sponsor the author's visit. Later she met with the principals of the elementary schools in both Cedar Falls and Waterloo.

“We had decided to target fifth graders to meet the author because the book's primary character is a fifth grader,” said Nangle. “It was actually amusing because {the principals} began arguing over which of them would get to send their kids to meet with Sue.”

In fact, the principals requested that Nangle contact the author to see if she was willing to stay a few more days. Stauffacher generously agreed to a one-week residency.

“It was an absolutely exhilarating week -- from the time we met her at the airport until our potluck dinner on her last night in the metro area,” said Nangle.

In order to have enough books for everyone, which included children from surrounding communities, each library purchased 12 copies of the book. Grand Rapids Public Library lent them 60 more copies. Sets were available for teachers who wanted to have every student in their class have a copy.

“We also wanted to work the arts into the project and since compassion is one of the book's themes, we hired a visual artist to work with the fifth graders at the schools,” said Nangle. “That turned out to be a fascinating aspect of the project and produced some wonderful art projects which were displayed at the library and at University Book and Supply.”

The week kicked off with both Waterloo and Cedar Falls mayors issuing “Cedar Valley's Youth Reads Donuthead Week” proclamations. Stauffacher met with over 1,200 children during the workshops in addition to kids who attended author receptions and book signings at both libraries. University Book and Supply hosted a reception and panel discussion during the author's visit that Nangle said was well attended by many members of the community.

Carol French Johnson, director of the Cedar Falls/Waterloo public libraries noted that the project was “absolutely wonderful.”

“We would like libraries to learn about this book. It's a great example of a youth title that doesn't include wizardry, but that kids and adults love,” said French Johnson.

With such great results, Nangle said she and her co-workers are already planning a similar event and are in the process of contacting the author to see if a residency is possible.

“It was a great deal of work but we had fun and it was incredibly satisfying to watch Sue interact with the kids and to see their responses to her,” said Nangle.

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Sposeto and Freed appointed to Iowa Commission of Libraries

Frank Sposeto III of Collins and Jan Freed of Des Moines were recently appointed by Governor Vilsack to serve on the Iowa Commission of Libraries.

Sposeto attended Interstate 35 High School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Des Moines. He served three years in the U.S. Army during Desert Storm. When he returned, he began school at Des Moines Area Community College and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in aerospace engineering. He's worked at the Baltimore Zoo, Wild Adventures Theme Park, Adventureland, the Blank Park Zoo and the Des Moines Botanical Center. He currently manages a motel in Newton.



He and his wife Jennifer have three children who attend Collins-Maxwell school.

Sposeto is president of the Friends of the Collins Public Library, is a volunteer fire fighter and a member of the American Legion.

"Being selected to serve on the Iowa Commission of Libraries is an honor," said Sposeto. "I have always enjoyed reading and have used public libraries all my life. I applied for this appointment so that I could help sustain the libraries that my children and neighbors enjoy and can continue to enjoy for years to come."



Jan Freed, Ph.D., professor of business management, has been teaching at Central College in Pella since 1981. She was recently awarded the newly created Mark and Kay DeCook Endowed Chair in Leadership and Character.

In addition to teaching, Freed has co-authored two books on continuous improvement in higher education and one book on teaching and learning. Since leadership is her main focus, she is active in her church and in the community. Jann and her husband John Fisher have three teenage boys.

Freed said her love of libraries fueled her passion for reading and writing. "Whether touring colleges with my sons or visiting communities on trips, I always try to find the college or community library," said Freed.

"Since I seek out libraries for the peace, calmness and stimulation, being appointed to the State Library Commission made sense to me. I look forward to serving in ways that support the long-term health of libraries."

Important Dates - 2005

June

June 30 - Direct State Aid Funds expended

July

July 1 - Renew EBSCOhost with State Library

July 4 - Fourth of July holiday observed (State Library closed)

July 31 - Following reports due at State Library:

Direct State Aid, Open Access, Access Plus, and LSTA sub-grant final reports

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Leininger joins State Library staff

The State Library is happy to announce that Michele A. Leininger has accepted the position of continuing education consultant. The position became open when Sandy Dixon was named program director of library development.

Leininger grew up in Altoona and Ida Grove. She received her master's in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. She was recently a senior librarian with the Des Moines Public Library where she was involved with planning for the move to the new downtown library, supervising clerical and page staff, and training library staff system wide.

Her public library experience also includes youth services, collection development, electronic databases, readers' advisory, library programs and planning.

Leininger is familiar with statewide library issues through her work on the Iowa Library Association Governmental Affairs Committee.

Her position at the State Library will focus primarily on continuing education. She will oversee the certification program, Public Library Management I and II, and will put more emphasis on the State Library's continuing education programs. She can be reached at (515) 281-6788, 1-800-248-4483 or michele.leininger@lib.state.ia.us.

Dixon is taking on more planning and management responsibilities. She will still answer library legal questions and stay involved in the Open Access program, Library Service Areas board nominations and the trustee handbook.



U.S. Census Bureau experts to conduct Iowa workshops

Economic data users will want to mark August 11 and 12, 2005 on their calendars.

That's when experts from the U.S. Census Bureau will be in Iowa to conduct economic census workshops in Des Moines and Iowa City. The three-hour, hands-on workshops will cover:

- uses of economic census data
- the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
- economic census products
- working with economic census data on the web
- annual business data from the Census Bureau

There will be time for exercises on the web and ample opportunities for questions and answers. The workshops will be hosted by the State Library of Iowa's State Data Center program and the University of Iowa Libraries. Workshop locations and hours are:

Des Moines: 9 a.m. to noon, August 11

Des Moines: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., August 11 (Filled)

Iowa City: 9 a.m. to noon, August 12

The workshops are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. You must register in advance at www.census.gov/econ/census02/guide/ec02conf.htm, or call Beth Henning, coordinator, State Data Center, 1-800-248-4483.

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Iowans visit Congress to ask for support for LSTA Funding

A delegation of Iowans attended the May 3-4, 2005 National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC.

Attending were Mary Wegner, State Librarian; Dale Ross, Iowa Commission of Libraries Chair; Kate Martin, Head of Collection Management and Special Services, Univ. of Northern Iowa, and current Iowa Library Association (ILA) President; Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library Director and president-elect of ILA; and Pat Coffie, Waverly Public Library Director and ILA Governmental Affairs Committee Chair.

The group met with members of the Iowa Congressional delegation to seek support for library legislation now pending in Congress. They met with Congressmen Jim Nussle, Leonard Boswell, Tom Latham and Jim Leach, and staff from the offices of Congressman Steve King, and Senators Tom Harkin and Chuck Grassley.

The event is sponsored by the American Library Association and other concerned organizations to raise awareness about the importance to local communities of federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Said State Librarian Mary Wegner, "The Congressional visits gave us the opportunity to tell the story of Iowa libraries. We discussed how the State Library uses federal LSTA funding to improve libraries and library services for Iowans through such programs as the EBSCOhost databases, the Iowa Center for the Book, development of the Summer Library Program and more. We think it is important to let our federal senators and representatives know the importance of LSTA funds."

More than half of all Iowans benefit from LSTA funding. In FY04 and FY05, the State Library received \$1,806,556 and \$1,858,287 respectively to fund programs for 1.6 million Iowa library users, as well as salaries of library development staff who generate and maintain heavily used statewide library services.

President Bush is asking Congress for a \$15.3 million increase to the LSTA budget for this year. Total funding would be \$221,325,000. The increase would come at a time when people are visiting and borrowing from libraries at record numbers, while libraries face unprecedented cuts in state and local resources.



From left, Congressman Jim Leach, Mary Wegner, Kate Martin, Pat Coffie, Susan Craig and Dale Ross.



Exciting new items on Telling the Library Story web site

Looking for a catchy slogan? Need more proof of the value of your library in the community? Looking for some great posters to place in your library? Then be sure to visit the State Library/Library Service Areas' Telling the Library Story (TTLS) web site.

The American Library Association came up with lots of jazzy slogans for its Smartest Card campaign, such as "Why buy when you can borrow?" "Free @ Your Library," and "Encourage your child to ask a pro - your librarian." You will also find a great article, with a very comprehensive webliography of research studies, on the economic impact of all kinds of libraries. Both of the above are located under Plot. ([Click here.](#))

In addition, the State Library of Illinois used LSTA money to produce some fabulous 8 1/2 x 11 posters that any library can use. Check them out under Bookmarks and Posters. ([Click here.](#))

New items are added regularly to the TTLS web site. Be sure and check it regularly for new resources and ideas! www.silo.lib.ia.us. Look under Library Development, Telling the Library Story.

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Task Force makes recommendation on OCLC project

Last fall, the State Library received a bid from OCLC for unlimited access to a single statewide union catalog of library holdings based on OCLC records, with a statewide interlibrary loan system operating from the union catalog. This plan would have given all libraries access to high quality cataloging records as well as access to an Iowa subset of OCLC's electronic WorldCat. A statewide task force was formed to evaluate the advantages, disadvantages, and budget feasibility of the bid. The task force was composed of users and non-users of OCLC, with librarians from university, college and community college libraries; large, medium and small public libraries; Library Service Area staff; and State Library staff.

The task force met several times between September and May. Members closely analyzed the bid and examined numerous pricing scenarios.

State Library staff and the task force have reluctantly concluded that it is not possible to accept the bid at this time, for budgetary reasons. The proposed OCLC bid offered many advantages, and OCLC was very helpful and flexible in price negotiations. Unfortunately, neither the State Library nor the current non-OCLC libraries have the financial capacity to sustain participation in this project over time.

Task Force members hope that Iowa will be able to move to a statewide OCLC system in the future, and recommend that Iowa libraries gradually develop readiness to move to an OCLC group catalog. To begin to develop that readiness, the State Library's SILO staff will work to upgrade the SILO Locator. All non-OCLC libraries will be encouraged to purchase accurate, high-quality cataloging records. Standards for submitting records to the Locator will be updated, and they will be enforced starting July 1, 2006. Cataloging education sessions will be offered statewide over the ICN.

More detailed information about these plans will be available at Town Meetings. If you have questions, please contact the State Library at 515.281.4105 or aschmitz@silol.lib.ia.us or mary.wegner@lib.state.ia.us.

Another group of Bulgarian librarians swing through Iowa



A group of six librarians from Bulgaria make a quick stop in Iowa recently. They will attend the American Library Association conference in Chicago and visit "sister libraries" in Iowa.

Front row from left, Miroslava Katsarova; Bob Anderson, president of IRIS, which received the grant to fund the interchange program, ABLE; Dmitrina Borisova; Back row from left, Barb Corson and Sandy Dixon, State Library; Snejana Ianeva, translator; Slava Draganova, State Librarian Mary Wegner; Ivanka Yankova; Ivan Alexandrov; and Aneta Doncheva.

Iowa librarians who recently visited Bulgaria will be featured in the next issue of *Footnotes*.

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“Let’s Make it Legal:” Marriage statutes are a piece of wedding cake with help from the State Law Library

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Ah, the summer wedding season is upon us! In the whirlwind of choosing dresses and tuxes, flowers, food and honeymoon destinations, some brides and grooms pause in the midst of the chaos to call their local public library or the State Law Library with legal questions about their approaching nuptials. *My friend bought a certificate from the back of a magazine that says he’s an ordained minister; can he officiate at my wedding? My fiance wants to get married in Puerto Rico; would that wedding be legal once we get back to Iowa? I just found out that my fiance has a lot of debt; can his creditors come after me, too, once we’re married? My daughter is 16 years old and wants to get married; can she do that without my permission? Do my fiance and I have to have a blood test when we get our marriage license? How do I know whether or not I’m already in a common-law marriage?*

Chapter 595 of the Iowa Code is entitled “Marriage” and outlines our state’s laws regarding the legal aspects of the wedding ceremony. Section 595.10 is entitled “Who may solemnize” and says that marriages may be officiated by a judge or a person ordained or designated as a leader of the person’s religious faith. State government does not license, register or in any other way monitor the status of religious leaders in Iowa, so there is no verification process an ordained or “designated religious leader” must go through in order to legally perform a wedding ceremony.

Section 595.20 is entitled “Foreign marriages—validity” and says that a marriage which is valid in any other state, territory, country, or any foreign jurisdiction is valid in Iowa if the parties meet the requirements for a valid marriage here. There is some paperwork to carry back to the couple’s county recorder, but otherwise, there is no reason to avoid that tropical beach front ceremony.

Iowa Code chapter 596 is a brief introduction to our state’s laws on premarital agreements. We law librarians are aware that a lot of couples draft a covenant between themselves, but the legal community recommends that the bride and groom go to separate attorneys who will jointly write a contract which protects each of their client’s interests. Chapter 597 is entitled “Husband and Wife” and addresses the legal boundaries of the marriage relationship. Section 597.17 is entitled “Liability for separate debts” and says that neither the husband nor the wife is liable for debts incurred by the other before marriage. They’re also not responsible for each other’s debts incurred separately after marriage and one party’s income and assets cannot be tapped to meet the obligations of the other. Sections 597.18 and 597.19 say that the same principle applies to contracts, as well as torts, civil injuries and damage awards. Section 597.1 is entitled “Property rights of married women” and says that a married woman may own, manage, sell, convey and will both real and personal property; in such transactions, her husband has no legal interest therein.

Iowa Code section 595.2 is entitled “Gender—age” and covers state laws pertaining to the legal age at which citizens may marry. In this state, both the bride and groom must be at least 18 years old. Subsection 4 lists the circumstances under which 16- or 17-year-olds can get a marriage license—with either their parents’ permission or by a judge’s order. Before 1961, Iowa boys could marry when they were 16 years old and girls could marry at 14 years. In 1961, the age was changed to 18 for boys and 16 for girls. In 1975, the legal age for girls was raised to 18 years. In 1982, the legislature abolished the law that required “premarital syphilis examinations,” or blood tests, before an Iowa marriage license could be issued.

Perhaps our most popular inquiry of all regards our state’s statutes on common-law marriage. There aren’t any! Interestingly enough, the state legislature has never dealt with the question of common-law marriage, so we have no state laws about it. The Iowa Supreme Court, however, has deliberated the legal issues involved with such an arrangement many times. The justices defined “common-law marriage” in the precedent-setting case *“in re the*

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Marriage of Winegard,” 1979 (278 NW2d 505). They said, “The three elements requisite to a common-law marriage are (1) present intent and agreement to be married, (2) continuous cohabitation and (3) public declaration that the parties are husband and wife.” Contrary to popular belief, there is no magical number of years—such as seven—that a couple must cohabit before they’re automatically in a common-law marriage in Iowa.

If you’d like a copy of this historical decision to keep on file—or help filling any requests for legal information—please call the State Law Library at (515)281-5124 or 1-800-248-4483, fax us at (515)281-5405 or e-mail us at law@lib.state.ia.us.



Mandy Easter married her husband John in the law library on November 27, 2004. It takes a very, VERY unusual circumstance to get permission to hold private events in the Capitol. In Mandy’s case, she not only works in the law library, but met her husband there. After many pleas, they were given permission to marry there.

Speaking of marriages....

*Article by Laura Billings (excerpt)
St. Paul Pioneer Press
May 1, 2005*

What do you get for the bride and groom who have everything?

How about one copy of “Beowulf,” the Ingmar Bergman DVD collection, 10 copies of “Cat in the Hat” and 14 copies of “Austere Academy” by Lemony Snicket.

All of these titles and more than a hundred others are on the gift registry of Laura Offerdahl and Pat Harris, a St. Paul couple who, if everything proceeded as planned, got married Saturday afternoon at Assumption Catholic Church. But none of the books, CDs or DVDs they put on their wish list will accompany the newlyweds on their honeymoon or on their move to a new house.

Instead, every single tax-deductible item purchased by wedding guests — including the books they love the most — will go on the shelves of the St. Paul Public Library, where they can be enjoyed by the system’s 245,607 library card holders.

Why would a couple of newlyweds give up the chance to receive a half-dozen crystal vases and candlesticks to donate their loot to charity?

“We already have more than enough stuff,” says Offerdahl, 32, who works for the League of Cities, and who is already having trouble finding a spot for the bust of Elvis Presley that her relatives have a tradition of giving to the most recent couple to marry. “And we thought we’d like to come up with a really unique way to commemorate our wedding.”

Donating their wedding gifts toward The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library emerged as an obvious choice for a few reasons. Harris, 39, the City Council member for Ward 3, also chairs the library board. Harris’ mother has a serious library habit, checking out 10 to 15 titles a week.

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"People are always surprised when they see how expensive things are that the library has to buy," says Peter Pearson, president of the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. He says that Harris and Offerdahl are the first couple to approach the library about a wedding registry, but he hopes they won't be the last.

"We hope this could be a kind of a prototype, so that more people could know about it," he says.

Harris says the only downside of this registry has been explaining it to guests who are suspicious of Internet shopping, or confused about how to use a computer.

"Otherwise, it's been a great thing," Harris says.

"After all, a wedding is kind of a reflection of who you are. This registry is just about supporting something that's been important to us our whole lives."

Certification update

Congratulations to the following public library staff certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

Willona Goers, Johnston
Angela Martin-Schwarze, Des Moines
Nancy Medema, Bettendorf
Deborah Noonan, Scott County
Toni Sinclair, Glidden
Karla Tenley, Clarence
Susan Zeigler, Exira

Fort Madison voters approve library bond

On June 7, Fort Madisonians voted in favor of a \$1.4 million library bond to help build a \$2.5 million library. Nearly 800 people voted in favor of the of the bond; 256 voted against it.

The city has raised \$578,000 in donations, \$80,000 in private grants and will receive a \$600,000 Community Attraction and Tourist (CAT) grant because the bond passed.

The new library is scheduled to open in December 2006.

New Glidden librarian says EBSCOhost a real steal

For anyone who wonders whether EBSCOhost is a great deal, talk to Toni Sinclair, a former library director at Santa Clara High School in California.

Only nine days into her job as Glidden Public Library Director, Sinclair said she was delighted to find that the State Library of Iowa subsidizes EBSCOhost.

"We loved it in Santa Clara, but we could only afford a minimum number of EBSCOhost databases because of the cost," said Sinclair.

"We had around 3,000 students, many of whom would tear articles out of our journals to get the information they wanted. EBSCOhost was a life saver for us."

It is especially important for small libraries because it gives the community access to thousands of magazines for a nominal fee.

EBSCOhost is affordable because the State Library covers the majority of the costs through a statewide partnership with the Area Education Agencies.

Librarians who have not signed up for EBSCOhost can still do so. Contact Judy Jones, State Library, judy.jones@lib.state.ia.us, 1-800-248-4483 or (515) 281-4499.

The charge for public libraries to subscribe is \$25 plus \$.025 for each person in your community. For the same price as one or two best sellers, librarians can make this wonderful information resource available to their communities.

They deserve it.

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Membership as a Staff Development Initiative

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Support staff have significant opportunities for professional development through membership in library associations. Membership has traditionally been a way to make essential connections that benefit one's work and personal life. However, many support staff do not consider association membership as a regular part of their career development. With encouragement from progressive directors and department heads, support staff can begin to see association membership as a vital, natural component of their professional journey.

Membership is an often overlooked staff development area. Studies have consistently shown that feelings of 'connection' motivate staff to perform better at work, have lower absentee rates and stronger personal identification with the success of projects. Look for ways to encourage your support staff to make connections with others in their field by joining a library association. Demonstrate that you believe in your staff by identifying ways they can personally contribute to a library association as a member.

Your state organization may have a special interest group for support staff. {Editor's note: The Iowa Library Association has a Support Personnel subdivision. Visit <http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=6> for more information.} Local paraprofessional and support staff groups are often organized "by staff for staff" and can be an excellent venue for involvement. The American Library Association (ALA) recently lowered membership dues for support staff to \$35.00/year, making membership in the national organization very accessible. ALA offers distance education and skills building workshops, support staff conferences, and opportunities for committee work. Information about support staff participation can be found at www.ala.org/ssirt along with information about specialty divisions and round tables at www.ala.org/membership.

Membership can also be used as a staff appreciation technique. Consider gifting a yearly membership in ALA or your state association for an employment anniversary. Offer membership as a prize during National Library Workers Day or a staff appreciation day. You can encourage your board or friends group to provide membership as a non-salary benefit for key employees. Any efforts to encourage support staff in their career development will return dividends to your library through a well motivated, better informed, and more connected staff.

State Library a partner in governor's Great Places initiative

Sandy Dixon, State Library, is serving on Governor Vilsack's Great Places initiative committee.

The Great Places concept is designed to bring together the resources of state government to build capacity in communities, regions, neighborhoods or districts to cultivate the unique and authentic qualities that make the places special. The Great Places initiative will also bolster the state's other successful economic tools like Vision Iowa and the Iowa Values Fund.

Eight regional forums were held across Iowa to kick off the initiative (Clear Lake, Spencer, Council Bluffs, Pella, Cedar Falls, Muscatine, Cedar Rapids and Des Moines). The state's Great Places team is made of representatives from 18 state agencies, including the State Library.

The team will receive invitations by July 1 from places that want to pursue the initiative. Throughout July and August, Great Places "coaches" will work with the places to get their offers ready for presentation in September. By October 1, a citizen advisory council appointed by the governor will help select three "pilot" Great Places. Negotiation of partnership agreements with those places will take place through the fall, with final agreements by December 31, 2005.

For more information visit <http://www.iowagreatplaces.gov/>.

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Present: Paul Roberts, Dale Ross, Pam Bradley, Monica Gohlinghorst, Jann Freed, Frank Sposeto
Staff: Mary Wegner, Carol Simmons, Annette Wetteland, Sandy Dixon, Barbara Corson, Judy Jones, Mary Cameron, Beth Henning, Michele Leininger, and Steve Cox
Guests: Eunice Riesberg and Katherine Von Wald
Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.0 Set Agenda

Agenda was set as presented.

2.0 Introduction of new Commissioners

Jann Freed and Frank Sposeto III were introduced to the Commission. Freed is a professor of business management at Central College in Pella; Sposeto manages a hotel in Newton and is president of the Friends of the Collins Public Library. Both discussed their involvement and interest in libraries. They were welcomed by Commissioners and State Library staff.

3.0 Approve Minutes

Bradley moved to approve minutes as presented, Roberts seconded, motion carried.

4.0 Financial Report

Cox gave a short overview of the financial report for the benefit of the new Commissioners. Both federal and state budgets are on target for the FY05. Cox explained that State Library staffer Karon King is on a fellowship in Washington, D.C. and the Federal Patents Office is paying her salary this year. He also explained that funding for the State Library's operating budget in FY06 will be the same as last year. Iowa libraries will receive an additional \$300,000 through the Enrich Iowa program, with these funds coming from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). Ross gave a short overview of Library Service and Technology Act funding. Wegner noted that three years ago state funding for the State Library was cut by 34 percent, and no additional funds have been appropriated since that time, resulting in a \$557,000 annual drop in State Library funds per year.

5.0 Communications

A. Commission Reports

Roberts reported upgrades of the Horizon system at the Clarke College library. Roberts reminded commissioners that the Iowa Library Association (ILA) fall conference will be at the River Center in Dubuque this fall. Gohlinghorst welcomed the new commissioners and reported that she had visited the new Kalona Public Library. She said the Council Bluffs Public Library is still working on long-range plans and have planned a mini-retreat with Karen Burns from the Southwest Iowa Library Service Area. Bradley reported some controversy over contracts between the Burlington Public Library and two small communities they serve. Ross thanked Gohlinghorst and Roberts for helping with the State Librarian evaluation. He said he will attend the American Library Association Conference in June and had participated in the ALA Legislative Day visit to Washington, D.C. in May.

B. State Librarian's Report

Wegner introduced Beth Henning, Barb Corson and Sandy Dixon. Henning reported that Iowa is one of eight states selected to host Economic Census workshops this summer. Experts from the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct the workshops in Des Moines and Iowa City on

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August 11 and 12. Henning is on a national review panel to try and determine why people move into and out of Iowa. The study will be conducted through the Community Vitality Center and Iowa State University. On June 8, Henning will give a presentation on Iowa demographics to central Iowa human resources professionals, sponsored by the Iowa Department of Economic Development and the Greater Des Moines Partnership. She also gave the new Commissioners some background information on the State Data Center. Henning is currently serving on the national steering committee for the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

Corson reported on the Library Services unit of the State Library. The State Library is starting its annual Door-to-Door campaign to disseminate information about the State Library to other state agencies. Corson said this has been a good marketing tool for the State Library. Library Services staff continue to work on collection inventory. Corson said she attended a digitization presentation in Washington, D.C., along with Paul Ertz, the State Library's SILO technician from Ames. The presentation was sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress.

Dixon reported on the Library Development unit. Library Development is federally funded and includes programs such as youth services. She noted that Cameron just completed summer reading workshops around the state that help librarians develop programs for children and young adults. Dixon said that Rowland had just finished publishing the library directory, and that he also gathers public and school library statistics. Dixon introduced Jones and noted that she is involved in the library's grant programs, state databases, and the LSTA and e-rate programs. Dixon said she is currently trying to fill the position of Information Technology Support Worker who will be heavily involved in data input. She also noted that six of the eight Gates Grant Training sessions have been completed.

Wegner reported that Barbara Mack and Emily Navarre have been chosen for addition to the National Advocacy Honor Roll, a project of the American Library Trustee Association and the American Library Association. She said that the State Library intends to develop an electronic mailing list for school library personnel, so the State Library can share pertinent information about its annual school library survey with school library staff. She also reported that State Library staff are investigating the sale of a set of books by Curtis about North American Indians.

C. Special Reports

1. Dixon introduced Michele Leininger, new State Library Consultant for Continuing Education. Michele gave a brief overview of her background. Leininger comes to the State Library from the Des Moines Public Library.
2. Katherine Von Wald, Coordinator of the Iowa Center for the Book, explained that the Iowa Center for the Book has a 22 member advisory council that meets twice a year. She thanked all of the volunteers who help make the Center for the Book and its programs a success. A new project of the Center is to identify all of the literary awards offered in Iowa and post them on the ICB web site. She also provided information on the Letters About Literature project which is a national reading promotion program for youth. Iowa had a national winner this year – Edward Chen from Ames. Von Wald requested that Ross write a letter of congratulations to Chen from the Commission.

D. Library Service Area (LSA) Report - Eunice Riesberg, Northeast Iowa Library Service Area (NEILSA)

Riesberg gave a short overview of the LSA system and the northeast area. NEILSA just completed eight workshops offered as part of the Gates Continuing Education Grant. Several libraries within NEILSA are involved in 28E cooperative agreements and she said her office has been heavily involved in the process. Riesberg explained that NEILSA staff also run the Iowa Literacy Resource Center.

6.0 Public Comment

None.

7.0 Action Items

- A. Appoint nominating committee for Commission officers
Ross asked Gohlinghorst and Bradley to be on the nominating committee. Both accepted.

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B. Appoint budget subcommittee

Ross requested Martens and Boyd to serve on the subcommittee with him. Ross asked Simmons to contact both, who were unable to attend the meeting. Simmons will make the request and report back to Ross as soon as possible.

C. Appointments to Library Service Area boards

Dixon gave an overview of the appointment process. Dixon distributed handouts of the public library trustee representatives to the boards whose terms are through 2009, and the at-large representatives whose terms are through 2009. Gohlinghorst moved to certify the trustees' elections. Sposeto seconded. Bradley moved to appoint the at-large representatives, Roberts seconded. Both motions carried.

D. Articles of incorporation for the foundation for the Iowa Center for the Book

Wegner explained that the Iowa Center for the Book wants to develop a foundation so the group can receive monetary gifts to help support projects. She asked that they approve articles of incorporation. Bradley moved to approve as written, Sposeto seconded, motion carried.

E. Approval of Chapter 2, State Library Administrative Rules (discussed at last meeting)

Ross explained that at the last Commission meeting, Chapter 2 of the Administrative Rules were discussed but not approved. Roberts moved to approve as presented, Bradley seconded, motion carried.

8.0 Discussion Items

A. OCLC group services bid

Wegner discussed the work of the statewide task force which was formed to evaluate the bid for statewide cataloging, interlibrary loan and other services from OCLC. The task force, working closely with State Library staff, has reluctantly concluded that the State Library will not be able to accept the bid for budgetary reasons. The State Library, through its SILO office, will work to improve the quality of the records in the Locator database. More cataloging education will be provided for Iowa librarians, and Iowa public libraries will be encouraged to consider purchasing cataloging records from CatExpress. The State Library plans to purchase the OCLC group catalog of Iowa libraries who are already OCLC users within the next six to twelve months.

B. Enrich Iowa - Additional funding

Wegner said that with Governor Vilsack's help, Iowa libraries will receive \$300,000 in additional funds for Enrich Iowa. The funding will come from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. She asked the Commission for comments and recommendations on how to distribute the money. Several options were suggested and discussed. Wegner will report back to the Commission after contacting the governor's office.

C. Evaluation of State Librarian

Ross reported that Commissioners Ross, Gohlinghorst, and Boyd evaluated the State Librarian. They requested input from a randomly selected group of public library directors, as well as from selected State Library staff members, LSA Administrators, and the ILA president. Primarily positive responses were received, and Ross reported that the evaluation committee's rating of the State Librarian is very high. Ross thanked the committee for their help and said he looks forward to working with Wegner in the future.

Wegner said she looks forward to future challenges and working with her "wonderful" staff.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 9 & 10, 2005, Hotel Pattee, Perry, Iowa