

**RPLAC meeting – Winter Library Directors Meeting
Bull Street Library/Live Oak Regional Library – December 2, 2015 (Savannah, GA)**

RPLAC members present: Jimmy Bass, Leard Daughety, Claudia Gibson, Alan Harkness, Stephen Houser, Beth McIntyre, Gary McNeely, Geri Mullis, Holly Phillips, Helen Poyer, Richard Sanders, Roni Tewksbury.

Attendees:

System type	System name	Representative
Urban Single County	Bartow County Library System	Carmen Sims
Urban Single County	Conyers-Rockdale Library System	Stacy Brown
Urban Single County	Henry County Library System	Carolyn Fuller
Urban Single County	Houston County Public Library	J. Sara Paulk
Urban Single County	Marshes of Glynn Library System	Ben Bryson
Urban Single County	Newton County Library System	Lace Keaton
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Athens Regional Library System	Valerie Bell
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Greater Clark's Hill Regional Library System	Mary Lin Maner
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Middle Georgia Regional Library System	Jennifer Lautzenheiser
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Northeast Georgia Regional Library	Delana Knight
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Northwest Georgia Regional Library	Darla Chambliss
Urban/Rural Multi-County	Uncle Remus Regional Library System	Ben Carter
Rural Single County	Brooks County Library	Scott Routsong
Rural Single County	Elbert County Library	Janet Burroughs
Rural Single County	Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Library System	Martha Powers-Jones
Rural Single County	Roddenbery Memorial Library	Pam Grigg
Rural Multi-County	Cherokee Regional Library	Lecia Eubanks
Rural Multi-County	Coastal Plain Regional Library	Kathy Griffis
Rural Multi-County	Pine Mountain Regional Library System	Cynthia Kilby
Rural Multi-County	Southwest Georgia Regional Library System	Susan Whittle
Rural Multi-County	Three Rivers Regional Library System	Clint Moxley
Rural Multi-County	Three Rivers Regional Library System	Diana Very
Rural Multi-County	Troup-Harris Regional Library System	Keith Schuermann
	GPLS	Wendy Cornelisen
	GPLS	Jessica Everingham
	GPLS	Julie Walker

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM

Motion from Geri Mullis to approve the minutes of the September RPLAC meeting.

Motion seconded by Gary McNeely.

Unanimous vote to approve minutes.

Introduction from RPLAC Chair Alan Harkness.

Report, re: Strategic plan for GPLS.

“Communities of practice” with sessions divided geographically.

Sessions will be set up to advise GPLS about their strategic plan.

The goal is to have a draft at the May 2016 directors meeting, a final version by July.

LSTA information from State Librarian Julie Walker.

RPLAC is to help with recommendations on spending LSTA funds.

Whitney Payne's job has shifted and Jessica Everingham will be overseeing LSTA funds.

GPLS has (historically) used LSTA for on-behalf expenditures – “more bang for the buck” – rather than for individual grants (ex. STEM/STEAM grants).

LSTA started October 1st.

LSTA has to support Federal goals.

LSTA information (continued) from Assistant State Librarian Jessica Everingham.

The LSTA 5-year plan is available on the GPLS website – please look at it for intent.

The current plan expires on September 30, 2017.

Updating the plan will require 9-12 months, and also has to be evaluated (and the evaluation has to be included in the timeline).

LSTA pays toward GLASS, PINES, on-behalf expenses, rent, GLASS and IT salaries, IT expenses, Primitime for the Summer Reading Program.

The final financial report for the fiscal year is on the website.

GALILEO, OCLC, training and continuing education can use LSTA funds – also the professional library, communications, website & e-mail hosting, and boot camps.

What would RPLAC like to see LSTA funds being spent on?

Susan Whittle/Question: Can 10 years of LSTA expenditures be posted on the website?

Diana Very/Comment: IMLS focuses more on discretionary grants. For example, large, multi-state projects. Focus may be more on research than on patrons.

IMLS is looking for partnerships with projects that have large impact. GPLS received a grant for collaboration for COSLA for the E-rate clearinghouse.

GPLS can count on \$4.5 million for projects.

Suggestions for projects (maybe to fund with leftover money at the end of the FY)?

Geri Mullis: Preservation (discussion).

Diana Very: Makerspaces.

Jennifer Lautzenheiser/Comment: Doesn't mind competing for grants.

J. Sara Paulk: E-books.

Wendy Cornelisen: Suggestions for an E-book committee?

Susan Whittle: More packaged exhibits.

Darla Chambliss: Partnership opportunities with technical colleges.

Julie Walker: Cooperation with the USG is a good thing – we need visuals.

Beth McIntyre: Get Georgia Reading.

Pam Grigg: Funding for small, local museums.

Stephen Houser: NEA grants-related projects.

Keith Schuermann – Enhancement of PINES courier service.

Jennifer Lautzenheiser: Extra service during the Summer Reading Program?

Julie Walker/Comment: Let GPLS know if you think GPLS is doing something that lacks value these days.

Susan Whittle: Digitization and E-books. Digitization of local authors and classics?

Question: What kind of projects are getting funded?

Julie Walker: Professional and continuing education.

Alan Harkness: Awareness campaigns for libraries, including GALILEO.

Diana Very: More awareness of GALILEO – billboards, etc. (Seconded by Scott Routsong.)

Beth McIntyre/Comment: “Libraries Transform” campaign is a worthwhile campaign.

Wendy Cornelisen/Comment: Will be speaking about awareness at the directors meeting.

Martha Powers-Jones/Comment: Pointed out “Georgia Grown” campaign.

Motion to adjourn – meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted –

Richard Sanders – RPLAC Secretary