

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

BOARD OF LIBRARIES

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Midstate Regional Library - Berlin

10:30 A.M.

June 14, 2005

Present: John Rosenthal, Chair
David Brown
Susan Bruce
Aline White
Joan Rahe
Sybil B. McShane, State Librarian

Marianne Kotch, Public Library Support Services Director and Steve Gold, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration, were also present.

- 1. Minutes – David moved to approve the minutes as written.**
- 2. Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration – Introduction & Remarks – Sybil**

introduced Steve Gold to the Board. Steve described some of his major duties and those of the office of the Secretary of Administration. He said his role is to look at how we can make government better and serve the people better. Steve said that he had looked at all the by-laws and legislation affecting the Board of Libraries. He advised that in the board's advisory capacity they should examine and provide input regarding library issues but should not be involved in policy making. He asked the Board what they feel the Secretary of Administration's office should be thinking of for libraries in the future. He then opened the floor to questions and comments. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's ability to look at and advise Sybil on policy making and the Board acting in support of Sybil. Joan asked about additional funding for the Department of Libraries. Steve advised no additional funding would be available in the near future.
- 3. State Librarian's Report – *The Green Mountain Book Award* (GMBA) program was kicked off at the Vermont Library Conference in May. Sybil handed out bookmarks that contain the 2005-2006 book list. Five sets of the GMBA books were raffled off at the conference. The GMBA is a**

pilot program targeting students in grades 9-12. Sybil also handed out posters entitled *What Do Librarians Do*. These were also handed out at the conference. All *Freeman Grants* must be completed by December 31st. Sybil distributed a *Resource Sharing Grant* utilizing \$25,000 in LSTA Federal funds. Grant calculations were based on prior year interlibrary loan records. Grant amounts ranged from \$25 to \$1,200 each. The prior Secretary of Administration, Mike Smith, wanted Sybil to hold more staff meetings. She recently met with her directors and supervisory staff to discuss the book, *Lessons Without Limit*, and the power points written by the authors. *VOL* – The school librarians and independent college librarians have noticed students moving from grade school to high school or high school to college have experience using these data bases. *Public Relations* – Sybil met with Daisy Benson, President of the Vermont Library Association, to discuss how to move forward as a group with the forums. After the VLA July meeting and the BOL August meeting they will meet again to have a joint effort. *New Database* – The DOL has recently purchased an on-line genealogy database for use by public libraries. *Nancy Graff* – Unfortunately, Nancy's new book had several typographical errors and was returned to the printer to be reprinted. *Bookmobiles* – Sybil has been talking with Sherry from Senator Jeffords office, but a special earmark to continue support for the bookmobiles for federal FY06 is unlikely.

4. **Minimum Standards Updates** - At the April meeting, the Board requested copies of the Standards Status Report that Marianne had compiled for Sybil. Marianne provided each member with the report and discussion ensued regarding why the various libraries did not meet standards and what assistance they would need to help them meet standards the next year.
5. **Updates** – David attended the VLA conference. He met with librarians from small libraries. David said their biggest concern is being micro-managed by their library boards.
6. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and the board retired to the computer lab to see a demonstration of "WebJunction Vermont".

Sybil Brigham McShane, Secretary