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ILLINOIS CENTER FOR THE BOOK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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Thursday, May 21, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT

Karen Danzack-Lyons - Chicago

Peggy Montes - Chicago

William Seiden - Chicago

Ray Elliott - Champaign

Tom Jones - Springfield

NOT PRESENT

Michael Tyler

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Anne Craig - Springfield

Cyndy Colletti - Springfield

Bonnie Matheis - Springfield

Jeanne Urbanek - Springfield

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danzack Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Chair Danzack-Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll Call was taken by Bonnie Matheis.

A motion was made by Tom Jones to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting. Peggy Montes seconded. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Craig discussed the uncertainty of the Secretary of State's budget. There is not a lot of information but lots of speculation. The office is bracing for cuts as the state is in a very desperate situation. The

Secretary of State is very supportive of the libraries and the hope is the legislature will echo his support. In the meantime, the staff of the Illinois State Library continues to forge ahead by offering quality programs, CE and services.

All members are current on their Ethics and Conflict of Interest forms. These will need to be updated before the next meeting as it will be a new fiscal year.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

- **Family Reading Night:** Will take place Thursday, November 19. The theme is "Camp Out with a Good Book!" Orders placed before the end of August will be mailed in September. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply is depleted. We will be partnering with the Illinois Library Association on the 2016 poster and bookmark graphics.
- **Illinois Author's Wiki:** We continue to update and add new authors.
- **Illinois Emerging Writer's Competition:** Last year's award ceremony took place November 21, 2014. The winners were from Harrisburg, Roselle and Chicago. Bluestem at Eastern Illinois University is a new publishing partner for this year. We are currently accepting entries. The deadline to enter is June 30. This is a post mark deadline.
- **Illinois Literary Heritage Award:** We are always looking for partnerships with other organizations to present this award – in the same manner that we partnered with the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site Association and Festival on the Literary Landmark in April.
- **Read for a Lifetime:** Jeanne Urbanek, the Read for a Lifetime coordinator, reported there were 862 students and 25 adults from 50 high schools and public libraries who participated in the 2014/2015 school year program. A total of 4777 books were read which averaged 5.39 books per reader. 24 seniors received four year certificates and 18 students read all 25 titles. Two seniors read all 25 titles during 4 years of high school. Top 5 most read books: *Divergent*, *Giver*, *Maze Runner*, *Eleanor & Park* and *Burned*.
- **Illinois Center for the Book Website and Logo:** Bonnie continues to work with Jim Shepard, Illinois State Library IT, to update the Center website, logo and web presence.
- **Illinois Times Article:** Kyle Peebles, the ISL Communications Director; Henry Haupt, the SOS Press Secretary; and Bonnie were interviewed by Roberta Codemo in January for the *Story Time in Springfield* article in the Spring 2015 Capital City Parent insert. See Appendix B to review the article.

CENTER FOR THE BOOK, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Letters about Literature:** Jeanne Urbanek was the preliminary judge and Advisory Committee member Michael Tyler was a state judge. The Awards Ceremony took place on May 13, 2015. State winners received \$200 each and were from Gillespie, Wilmette and Oak Park. The books read were about Albert Pujols, the Harry Potter series and Mary Oliver's poem *When Death Comes*. The Level III state winner was also selected as the Level III national winner. For that, she also received a \$1000 from the Library of Congress.
- **National Book Festival:** Will be Saturday, September 5, 2015. We will be highlighting the Illinois Reading Council's Prairie State Award Winner, Tom Lichtenheld. Tom is a New York Times

Bestselling author and illustrator from Illinois. Bonnie will be contacting him shortly to see which book he would like highlighted at the Illinois table in the States Pavilion at this year's Festival.

- **States Idea Exchange:** The annual meeting of the state Centers took place May 7th and 8th at the Library of Congress. The meeting was two full days this year. A Library of Congress Affiliate logo was unveiled and talk continues about a national digital literary map. Each year, the state Centers are responsible for submitting annual Activity Highlights of previous year's top programs to the Library of Congress. See Appendix C to review the highlights.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **United for Libraries:**
Literary Landmark: On Saturday, April 25th the Secretary of State, ISL and ICB dedicated the Literary Landmark at the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site during the Carl Sandburg Festival. Director Craig and Bonnie attended the dedication. Both Director Craig and Illinois Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein spoke at the dedication. The bust of Carl Sandburg was also dedicated that day. It was a wonderful program. This dedication was the kick-off/first in a series of Literary Landmarks being dedicated across the nation during Children's Book Week. See Appendix D for the Secretary of State's press release.

- **Illinois Reading Council:**
Annual Conference: Their annual conference has moved from taking place in the Spring to the Fall. This year, the conference will take place October 1 – 3 in Peoria. In the past, we have been allowed a table to hand out Family Reading Night posters and bookmarks along with other Center for the Book information. Last year, 600 Family Reading Night posters and 23,700 bookmarks were distributed.

ILLINOIS READS: This year, we updated the Secretary of State letter on the IL READS website to include information about the Family Reading Night link. The Kick-off was April 18 in Westmont. See Appendix E. The program highlights the work of Illinois authors and Bonnie serves on the Book Selection committee. The committee will meet in July to select the 2016 books/authors. Bonnie keeps a running suggestion list as she reviews Illinois authors for the Illinois Authors Wiki.

- **Illinois Library Association:** This year, academic, public, school, and special libraries will come together for the first combined annual conference of the Illinois Library Association and Illinois School Library Media Association, in collaboration with the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries and the Special Libraries Association Illinois Chapter. The conference will take place October 22 – 24 in Peoria. Bonnie will be making a presentation with Tammy Potts – *ILLINOIS READS + Family Reading Night = A Reading State of Mind*. Bonnie has been working with Chris Graves of ISLMA to highlight the IL READS authors one day of the Illinois Authors Showcase.

A motion was made by Tom Jones to invite the 2015 ILLINOIS READS authors as the Illinois State Library/Illinois Center for the Book sponsored authors at the 2015 Illinois Library Association Illinois Authors Showcase in Peoria at no cost to the Illinois Center for the Book. Ray Elliott seconded. Motion passed.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:

- **Grant Reading and Monitoring:** Since the last meeting, Bonnie has reviewed and monitored Another Back 2 Books Grants and Illinois History Digital Imaging Grants.

- **Miscellaneous:** Bonnie attended the RAILS Library System Meetings on Jan 23 and March 27, 2015; the All Systems Board Meeting on May 12, 2015; and the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Meetings on January 8 and April 9, 2015.

FINAL BUSINESS

Fall Meeting Date: The next meeting will take place in conjunction with the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference on October 22 or 23 at the Peoria Civic Center. A room can be made available to us for Oct 22 after 9am or October 23 until 4p. Once Bonnie has made arrangements, she will be in contact with the committee members with the specifics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Peggy Montes moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 am. The motion was seconded by Bill Seiden and passed.