

**CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER  
Minutes of the Meeting on April 2, 2008**

**Present:** Hal Bright, John Coleman, Karen DeLoatch, Irene Iwan, Diane Klare, Carolyn Marcato, Kate Sheehan, Arthur Skerker (chair), Carol Weinshel, Jonas Zdanys

**Others:** Lynette Baisden, Sharon Brettschneider, Steve Cauffman, Gail Hurley, William Sullivan, Gayle Bogel (guest speaker)

**Absent:** Robin Dutcher, Sarah Gager, Deborah Sanford, Kendall Wiggin,

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

John Coleman MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> Hal Bright) to approve the minutes of February 20, 2008.  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. Public Comment**

There was none.

**5 State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin**

Sharon Brettschneider gave the State Library report in Kendall Wiggin's absence. She distributed a written State Librarian's report. She reported that the State Library is not expecting the legislature to increase any budget item with the exception of a restoration of \$50,000 in the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) grant line. The Connecticut Library Association (CLA) is advocating for increases for iCONN, CLC, Connecticut and public library construction. Raised Bill 5790, an act concerning the Internet and protection of children includes libraries in the definition of Internet service providers and therefore subject to its provisions. The State Library is concerned this bill will impose filtering and other regulations on libraries. Ken has suggested some substitute language for the bill which the CLA lobbyist is distributing to various legislators. The State Library Board approved the revisions to the *Timetable and Guidelines for the Public Library Construction Grant Program* at their March meeting. Among the changes is a provision that extra points will be given to libraries whose construction includes the minimum certification for an energy efficient design. Libraries with construction projects over \$10 million will be required to have the minimum certification. The maximum grant for construction for public libraries has been increased to \$1 million dollars. The State Library will be conducting a survey during the week of April 7 -11 to determine the average delivery time for items placed on Connecticar.

Mary Engels and Steve Cauffman coordinated a project to have library card application forms translated into 15 languages for public libraries to use. Information regarding the project, along with the translations may be found at:

<http://ct.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=19934>.

**6. Department of Higher Education Report – Jonas Zdanys**

Jonas Zdanys reported that the Board of Governors has also discussed Raised Bill 5790. Each institution of higher education has different policies and concerns regarding

filtering and freedom of access. He also reported that Gibbs College will be closing in December 2009. It is working with the Department of Higher Education on a transition plan to ensure that students will be able to transfer to other colleges and not lose tuition payments. There are 919 students enrolled at the college. The college will complete the programmatic course work for students that are currently enrolled. Jonas stated that the closing of the college may have an effect on iCONN and the demand for electronic information material.

## **7. New Business**

a. Use of iCONN by K-12 Public School Students – presentation by Gayle Bogel  
Gayle Bogel presented her study *The Use of iCONN by K-12 Public School Students* that she completed as part of her doctoral work at the University of North Texas. Bill Sullivan noted that the study shows a view of iCONN usage that we have heretofore not been able to see because of the time it takes to acquire and compile the data. The report examined iCONN's usage by district and by district reference groups (DRG). She also found a strong correlation of usage and training – i.e., those districts that attended iCONN training sessions invariably experienced higher iCONN usage.

b. CDLAB Vacancy – Student Member – Arthur Skerker  
Art Skerker stated that the Board is currently looking for a student from a school or college to fill Robin Dutcher's slot. Robin's term expires on 4/4/08. He asked if Board members had any potential candidates for a replacement to please notify him or Bill Sullivan.

## **8. Reports**

a. Commission on Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin  
There was no report given.

b. Database Committee – William Sullivan  
Bill Sullivan reported that CCALD will meet on Friday to discuss the CCALD online survey results that favored replacing LexisNexis Academic with Campus Research. Bill also reported that from FY2002 through FY2008 LexisNexis' rate of pricing increase was *nine times* that of all other academic databases as a whole.

c. Digital Library Progress – William Sullivan  
Bill Sullivan distributed the tables of contents of Requests for Information for the federated search interface and the statewide catalog. Separate RFIs were developed in order to increase the number of vendors that could respond. The RFI's will help to show what capabilities exist in the marketplace, or are being planned, and will inform the development of a formal RFP. The RFI should be issued by April 14 with responses due by May 14. The RFP should be issued in September 2008. Kate Sheehan recommended that more emphasis be given to usability in both RFIs. We received 17 applications for the Electronic Resources Coordinator position. Bill Sullivan, Mary Engels and Sharon Brettschneider will interview candidates on Monday. Bill distributed a document prepared by our Outreach Coordinator, Mary Hogan, entitled *Links to [www.iCONN.org](http://www.iCONN.org)*, which tabulates how Connecticut library websites are linking to iCONN. All libraries she has contacted so far have indicated that they have adequate promotional material and have received adequate training. Mary will give a full report at the June CDLAB meeting. Bill distributed the remote access to iCONN stats for March 2008, which registered the highest ever number of successful and total logins using the *Try This!* button, and the highest combined total of logins using both the *Try This!* button

and library card number. The number of successful logins for that month was up 27% over the previous year, despite the fact that no radio advertising has been done since September/October 2007.

**9. Adjourn**

Hal Bright MOVED (2<sup>ND</sup> Karen DeLoatch) to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY. The next meeting will be held on June 4, 2008 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden,  
Connecticut State Library