

Summary of Meeting

Meeting opened with a discussion of the research and recommendations of the 3 work groups, databases, one catalog and life long learning. There was general consensus that for the upcoming legislative session attention should be focused on gaining funding for statewide databases.

The comment was made that funding for life long learning activities would provide the greatest long term benefit for citizens.

Three subcommittees were appointed. All will report at next meeting.

Karen Quinn will chair a group that will more closely define short and long term costs and benefits of databases.

Betsy Dennigan will chair a group looking at possible revisions of current library legislation.

Peter Deekle will chair a group considering regional funding options for libraries.

Senator David Bates was elected co-chair of the commission.

Dale Thompson volunteered to be the commission's recording secretary.

The Commission was officially named in memory of Karla Harry, the Gordon School librarian and community activist who died in November.

Discussion of extending the life of the commission until April 2008 with a reporting date to the General Assembly of June 2008.

Next commission meeting January 31, 2007, 2:00PM