

Minutes

LibFutures Steering Committee, Cranston Public Library

March 10, 2006

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED

1. Meetings with Betsy Dennigan and Elizabeth Roberts

Need to get commission legislation approved this session.

Discussed reports of 3 work groups and need for financing approaches. Agreement that this would be a difficult year to gain any additional revenue for libraries but we should move ahead with getting ours needs before the general assembly. Dennigan agreed to introduce a House bill H7219 for \$2.3 million. 1 million for databases for 1.3 million for HELIN/CLAN interface. The 2 items were selected because of the wide impact both would have on improving equal access to information and promoting lifelong learning for all.

2. Commission legislation hearing in the Senate, positive vote. House hearing yet to be scheduled.

Dennigan working on hearing date for H7219 before House Finance Committee. Work has begun on identifying potential speakers to include students, Educators and COLA rep. Work has also begun on talking points to support the legislation.

Fran Farrell-Bergeron has made contact with Speaker Murphy's office to gain his active support of legislative efforts.

3. David Macksam asked the organizations on the steering committee to review their 2 choices of representatives to the steering committee and to notify him of any changes. David will provide updated list for next meeting. David still needs to hear from ARIHSL, CLAN, CRIARL, RILA, SLA, and State Resource Center.

4. Dorothy Frechette requested a letter of support from LibFutures for grant funding that RILINK is seeking to upgrade and expand their computer system. Macksam wrote letter 3/13/06.

5. Anne Parent suggested that the steering committee consider establishing a smaller group to act as a coordinating council for the steering committee. Agenda item for next meeting.

6. Bob Aspri and Kathy Boyd will further explore with Innovative pricing for the Interface and products for school libraries.

7. Schedule of future meetings

April 27 3:00Pm Salve Regina U Library Special Collections Room

May 24 3:00Pm East Providence Main Library, 41 Grove Ave.

June 20 3:00Pm Cumberland Public Library , 1464 Diamond Hill Rd.