

SSLMP Spring Section Business Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2006

5:30-8:00 PM

Garden Room, Ramkota Hotel

Casper, Wyoming

The spring meeting mini-conference opened with an hour-and-a-half of booktalks from Ron and Barb Scherry of Great Northern Books, Montana. Their booktalks are for grades K-12 (mostly K-8). <http://www.gnbooks.com/fair.shtml> Unfortunately their booklist recommendations aren't listed on their website, but their contact information is. They will come to your school and do booktalks with your students as well as set up a book fair. If you send Jan Segerstrom a self-addressed and stamped envelope, she will send you a list! Send envelope to Jan Segerstrom, P.O. Box 10646, Jackson, WY 83002

Meeting Attendance: There were 23 section members in attendance at the school library section business meeting/no-host dinner. Two non-members attended from out-of-state (Montana and South Dakota). New faces included Bonnie White, Kathy Pagel, Jeff Kitterman, Sally Hoover, Genee Eggleston, Susan Decker, and Julie Crumrine. There were 29 participants in total at the business meeting and networking dinner.

Lesley Boughton, Wyoming State Librarian, was the "honored" guest at the School Library Media Section on Friday, April 21st at their spring business meeting/mini conference.

A. The following State Library topics were discussed:

1) The Wyoming Legislature has appropriated \$10 million to the University, community colleges, and public libraries in the state - 2.9 to the public, 4.3 to UW and 2.8 to the community colleges. The full text of the amendment is included in the state budget [pp. 69-71]

2) The current base of databases for WYLD will continue to be licensed by WSL.

3) The University and community colleges will hopefully help with the purchase of EBSCO's upgrade package that can definitely benefit the K-12 population.

4) The public libraries each received a base grant of \$87,800 plus "extra \$" on top of that, based on population. It's hoped that 5% of the extra can be used to help upgrade WYLD database selections and purchase a new online database: *Opposing Viewpoints*. Our high school libraries need to help encourage the public libraries to spend 5% of their newly received monies in this way as *Opposing Viewpoints* is a most valuable resource of information access in our school libraries. Plus, high school students who have been trained in utilizing online databases effectively that exist both at the college/university levels and in the public and school libraries enter the colleges/universities with a much high level of background knowledge and skills.

5) \$1,000,000 was approved for the Wyoming Newspaper Project. This project will transform Wyoming history into an invaluable primary resource. It's the first time ever that the public domain Wyoming newspapers (1849 to 1922) will be read in their entirety. There will even be

one site that's translating the newspapers into Arapahoe. Erin Kinney, Wyoming State Library, is the project's director. View what's done and timeline of publication @ www.wyone newspapers.org

6)Literature Letters National Writing Contest*there was a Wyoming Winner! She will receive\$500 gift certificate from Target as well as an all-paid trip to Washington, D. C. where the ceremony will be held. Details regarding Wyoming's national student winner can be found on the WSL webpage.

7)Jim Wilson (Alta resident) is a supporter of an alternative to EdGate (WedGate) that is called School Rooms. It's part of the Ohio Education System and provides K-12 educational resources that are broken down into high school, middle school and elementary along with student and parent supporting resources . Jim McBride will be made aware of it and librarians are encouraged to explore as much as you can in it and spread the word. It looks much, much more rich in a wide variety of resources than WedGate at first glance.

B) Questions that the SSLMP had for Lesley...

1)Status of WYLD databases [status of funding the current WYLD databases is stable for next year.]

2)Funding for school library summer programming [looking into alternative possibilities through the State Library—will know by Monday or Tuesday if approval has been granted.LSTA funding for this past year was distributed in a different way than in years past. The SSLMP need to start earlier in planning summer programming events.Ideas need to be presented early this summer and the actual proposal needs to be submitted by January 2007 at the latest.Jerry Krois is the main contact for distribution of LSTA funds.]

3)WYLDCat – moving toward “single search” in a public portal environment—a ways off but is part of the State Library & WYLD vision. Of course, it's not moving fast enough for our State Library "Cutting-edge" WYLD team!:-)

4)Downloadable Audiobooks will be available from the State Library as of July 1st! You can access them through WYLD (link on the WYLD page). The State Library has purchased 65,000 Adult and High School downloads for this year. The State Library chose not to "buy the book" but instead to go with a company that utilizes “pay by the use” concept so that multiple users could download the same book title (i.e. Da Vinci Code) at the same time. The books can be downloaded onto any type of multimedia device that supports Windows Media Player.I-pods don't work but MP3s do! The overall cost of this service ends up being less than \$1.00 per book. Exciting news!Patrons will use their county library cards to access the downloadable versions of the books which will self-destruct in 21 days due to copyright policies. This services comes to us from *NetLibrary* and *Recorded Books, LLC*.

C)State of School Librarianship in Wyoming: Opportunities for a Better Educational Future: research study done by Susan Vittitow provides lots of support in its questionnaire-qualitative findings for putting certified librarians in every elementary school and “growing our own”

librarians in Wyoming to fill retiree positions. It also emphasizes that summer programming and workshops are most valuable to our state's school librarians. The study did conclude that there is a need to match survey data with enrollment data from the Wyoming Department of Education to more clearly see the state of librarianship in different schools and districts. It also suggests that another study should be done that focuses more closely on those who don't have school library certification.

Questions for SSLMP: *What can we learn from this study? How can we use it to our advantage?*

D) Fall WLA Conference – Gillette, Wyoming – September 27-30A very full agenda for school librarians—we are encouraged to attend all days, but especially Thursday through Saturday until noon!The national past president of AASL will be attending and speaking along with Great Northern Books presenting their most popular book fair sells. The

AASL Leadership/Collaboration Institute (8 hours) is the highlight for school library personnelCEU credit and possibly UW graduate credit (5959 enrichment) will be available.Suggestions for other programming options from participants in the spring meetingincluded Robert W. Leasenby, Criminal Investigation (307) 777-6614 Cheyenne. Topic: Internet Safety & Predators.

E) MARK YOUR CALENDARS!Information Power Summer Institute is BACK--August 8-10! TheSSLMP members attending the business meeting strongly supported the offering of the annual Information Power Summer Institute despite the lack in grant funding opportunities for this coming summer. The dates of the Institute will be **August 8-10** with a “menu” type programming from which participants can choose which learning opportunities in which they want to participate. The Wyoming State Library has just granted us monies to cover national speaker, Joyce Valenza, if she confirms her invitation to visit Wyoming! There will need to be a slight registration fee to cover the speaker's expenses as well as other Institute costs that have been covered by a LSTA grant in the past.More details will follow as soon as Joyce Valenza is confirmed. However, whether Joyce can come or not, the institute will still be held in Casper due to facility practicality in terms of cost (free) and its central.location for participants. The SSLMP brochure will need to redesigned this summer at Information Power. Projects to work on include the Standards Integration Charts and Information Power vs. NETS. We will also try to get Jim McBride and/orCheryl Schroederfrom the State Department to come and meet with us.

To find out more about Joyce Valenza visit her at <http://mciu.org/~spjvweb/jvweb.html> or visit her school library website at <http://mciu.k12.pa.us/~spjvweb/>

UW 5959 enrichment graduate credit (\$40 per credit hour) and CEU credit will be available for the Summer Institute.

More details to come in the very near future after we hear a confirmation of funding for the speaker for the summer institute.

F) Wyoming Reading Awards were announced along with 2007 nominations. Official winners Unofficial lists for next year's nominations were passed out but all the award winners and 2007

nominees will be posted on the WLA website as soon as they are submitted to Erin Kinney at the State Library.

G)SSLMP Office Nominations – In his absence from the Spring Meeting (one should never miss the spring meeting or you, too, could get nominated!) Richard Landreth, our token Nationally Certified Librarian was nominated for the upcoming Chair-Elect position. Mary Jayne Jordan is the 2007 Chair. We are also in need of a secretary. Please consider helping us remain strong in our leadership across the state as well as within the Wyoming Library Association by nominating either yourself or a friend for Chair-Elect (run against Richard) or secretary. PLEASE fill my email mailbox with nominations! We need a slate of officers before the September fall conference in Gillette.

H)Certified Librarian staffing quotas in our school libraries– NCA (North Central Accreditation) is the determining factor in most districts. What's the NCA's new updated recommendation for school libraries? Plus, check out how your district is going to distribute the State Funding Model's "Block Grant." This grant comes with a suggested guideline for using some of the funds for staffing our libraries, but that doesn't mean it's how the district has to use it. A proposal for placing 1 certified librarian per 250 students at the elementary and 500 students at the secondary level was submitted but those attending the delegate assembly said they don't remember hearing anything about this proposal.

I)13-Digit ISBN Numbers information -- 13-Digit ISBN Numbers for DUMMIES! is an online document that Lesley Boughton presented at our meeting that could help in understanding how the change from 10-13 digits may affect our libraries. Basically the word is that it shouldn't affect us as it's the automation system companies' responsibility to make sure our systems work properly.

J)United Streaming -- Check it out at www.unitedstreaming.com It's the newest wave of the future in multimedia purchases. United Streaming offers 1000s of video clips (most 20 minutes in length) from educational videos/DVDs as well as 1000s of downloadable graphics and images. Their pricing is per year and it covers the public performance rights for your access to its entire library of multimedia. Several school districts in Wyoming are already using United Streaming and Jan will send out a summary of comments once she's received them. The two that she has received have been very positive in the benefits and ease of use of this cutting-edge technology. You can sign up for a 30-day trial for free which gives you access to the entire library to decide if it's something in which you may want to participate.

K)Think.com is an educationally safe blogging software that is web-based. Currently, there is an elementary and middle school using it in Teton County. It was highly recommended at last summer's NECC convention in Philadelphia. Both of the teachers using it say it's extremely easy to get up and using. Probably the most difficult part of it was getting Teton County School District approved. There are very strict rules and procedures you must follow to ensure Internet safety with this learning tool. It also offers a secure email system with huge vocabulary list of words that students can't use in their correspondences. Actually looking over the list turned my face "red"! I hadn't even heard of some of the "Do not use words" before! www.think.com

L) Our Katrina “adopted library” for Wyoming is seeking a select group of AR book titles. Carla Howard has the list of requested books. If anyone has duplicate or spare copies of any of the AR books on Carla's list or would like to contribute money toward the purchase of AR books as a school, class, or community project, please contact Cara for names of books still left to be adopted. Carla_Howard@ncsd.k12.wy.us

M) Copyright Awareness Training for school staff - Jan conducted a copyright awareness training at Sheridan High School in early April. It was similar to the "Top 10 Copyright Privileges" and the "Top 10 Copyright Infringements" that Jan presented two summers ago at the Information Power Institute, however, with numerous updates in information and examples. Jan could be available to present in your school on a consulting basis. If you have an interest in this type of training for your school, contact LaDonna Leibrich at Sheridan High School Library as an reference for what it was like for her staff to go through the training as well as its value.

A valuable new book for Copyright Awareness in schools is Carol Simpson's Copyright Catechism

LaDonna Leibrich leibrichl@scsd2.com(reference)

Jan Segerstrom jasegerstrom@teton1.k12.wy.us (contracting the awareness training)

N) Summer Opportunities:

i) What's New in Children's Literature K-8, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa July 12-13 [graduate credits available for listening to 40+ booktalks and time for individual reading during the workshop, not on your own time!]

ii) BYU Summer Reading Workshop for Young Readers, July 13-14, Provo, UT [Nancy Farmer, Leonard Everett Fisher, Shannon Hale, J. Patrick Lewis, P.J. Lynch, Brian Pinkney]

iii) NECC (National Education Computer Convention) July 5-7, San Diego, CA [Sponsored by ISTE]

O) ½ CEU credit was available -- The following people listed below turned in CEU credit sheets for 1/2 CEU. If you turned in a paper for credit but your name doesn't appear on the list, please let Jan Segerstrom know ASAP!

Leatham, Noreen
Farris, Alice Hild
King, Shelly (Michelle)
Fanning, Sheryl
Leibrich, LaDonna
Eisenmenger, MaryLynn

Howard, Carla
Hoover, Sally
Rutherford, Ann
Keller, Judy
Hampton, Christine
Jording, Peggy (Margaret)
Anderson, Rita M.
Good, Sharyle K.
Datus, M. Marie

P) Summer email addresses – If you don't get this copy of the SSLMP minutes at an email which will be valid during the summer, please send your summer address to Jan Segerstrom so that you are ensured of any summer emailings regarding INFORMATION POWER SUMMER INSTITUTE

Q)If you find out that someone isn't receiving SSLMP email from our schools mailing list, please let Jan Segerstrom know. Being part of the mailing list is free. You don't have to be a SSLMP member, but we'd like it if you were!

The spring meeting concluded around 8:00 PM with the final approval of the Information Power Summer Institute being scheduled for August 7-9, BUT the dates were changed the next day to August 8-10 (Tuesday - Thursday) so that they allowed for people to have a full weekend outing before having to be in Casper for the Institute. There will be a registration fee similar to the spring meeting's registration fee this year so plan accordingly in your budgeting for this summer. Graduate credit per hour will be \$40 for this summer, I believe, as it will go up in the fall to \$45 per credit.

Saturday, April 22: David Loertscher Summary: "Ban Those Bird Units"

Saturday's workshop was attended by 32 SSLMP members who learned about alternative methods for using information gathered during research other than writing a research paper. The 14 models that David presented also promote higher level thinking skills (analyze & synthesize information) .The use of a wiki to synthesize and analyze information was presented and David shared his website for creating your own wikis at www.seedwiki.com You will need to register but it's free. The final portion of the workshop discussed a variety of ways to promote reading in your schools through the library. Materials for this workshop can be purchased from LMC Source www.lmcsource.com This is David's resource material company in Salt Lake City. The two most popular resource books that were purchased are 1) Ban Those Bird Units and 2) Build Your Own Information Literate Library. Both books can be purchased at LMC Source online.

Other Shared Resources During the Workshop:

A) Library Reference Book available from Wyoming State Library for checkout:

Information Literacy and the School Library Media Center

Joie Taylor

Libraries Unlimited Professional Guides in School Librarianship c2006

B) BER Seminars on CD-ROM Go to www.ber.org and look for Video Training Resources link/All available video programs and locate name of seminar you want OR click on Utah or Colorado and look at the different seminars offered. There's a link to purchase.

What's New in Children's Literature – Peggy Sharp

What's New in Young Adult Literature – Debbie Hipes

C) Articles from *School Library Journal* in support of school libraries and certified staffing:

--Ross to the Rescue: By Brian Kenney

--The Final Hurdle? By Ann Jason Kenney

Information for minutes provided by SSLMP Chair-Elect Mary Jayne Jordan, State Librarian
Lesley Boughton and SSLMP Chair, Jan Segerstrom

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