

OCLIS Meeting
OCLIS Meeting 3/2/04
at State Library

Presided by Anne Abate, Chair of OCLIS

1. Doug Evans, Executive Director of Ohio Library Council (OLC) presented an OLC special report: **Library Futures Initiative**. For the Initiative, 100 librarians got together and created a final report, which was published in OHIO LIBRARIES and as a standalone document. The OLC-led task forces analyzed current public needs and how public libraries can respond. They tried to look beyond immediate budgetary concerns and identified leadership needs and practical projects. Among the projects are: 24x7 reference (for which a state RFP is due this week); training and development; and statewide adaptive technology. A “Library Institute” is being proposed to act as a Think Tank that will identify longer-term strategies for librarian competencies and library funding. A business plan is in development for it to operate as a 501 (c)(3). A community benefit analysis for Ohio needs to be done (Florida has done this). Thanks go out from OCLIS to Doug Evans for filling us in on this important Initiative.
2. Minutes and treasurer’s report were distributed. Treasury has \$1783.63
3. OCLIS website had over 200 hits last month. Members approved a \$100 payment to register an oclis domain www.oclis.org and pay for 5 years of registration. Mary Conroy will handle via OHIONET.
4. The oclis email list has 150 subscribers. Subscribers are the only ones who can post to the list. Association reps are encouraged to post their news and events. OCLIS organization members and Ohio librarians are invited to subscribe. Traffic is low: about 10 messages per week.
5. OCLIS will initiate a project: to update our Bylaws and Guidelines, and Handbook. Minutes and actions were intended to be kept in the Handbook. Anne Abate will obtain a copy of the Guidelines and create revised Guidelines for the July meeting.
6. John Burke, Ohio Library Collaboration, discussed their group activities and proposed an Ohio library leadership meeting to talk about the Futures Initiative more widely. A conference is proposed. A lunch for about 35 people before ALAO (Nov 12) was suggested. A Committee was formed to recommend next steps: John Burke, Anne Abate, Suzanne Smailes.
7. Old business:
The Ohio Health Science Librarians Association (OHSLA) refused the \$300 grant from OCLIS through a letter from Sara Murphy. OHSLA did not accept the stipulation to offer reduced rates to non-OHSLA members; they thought it was difficult to define OCLIS members, and the loss in revenue might be more than the grant. This might be addressed in the OCLIS Guidelines revisions.

8. Retirement news: two representatives who have participated in OCLIS activities and meetings will be retiring this year. Mike Lucas, the State Librarian (State Library of Ohio), and Jo Yeoh, (Riverside Hospital Library) OHSLA representative, will both retire on 6/30/04!

9. In member news, each organization listed future workshops and other activities. Some highlights:
 - ORALL will be Oct 13-15th
 - SLA Cincinnati is sponsoring Beyond Science Fiction in March
 - GCLC has many events this spring, and is working with SLA and SO-ASIST to sponsor “New Developments in Library Technology” in April. OPLIN stopped supporting Video conferencing; GCLC formed task force to consider providing support and multi-site statewide video programs.
 - Aug 17-18 Spectrum Dinner (OCLC) and Diversity Conference (OLC, OHIONET, State Library) in Dublin Ohio
 - Ohio Preservation Council – reorganizing. Partnering with other organizations on grants and workshops
 - NORASIS meets in April. They give 2 or 3 scholarships per year
 - OTLA – Cincinnati Vatican Exhibit was of special interest
 - OELMA oelma.org has new website. See School Library and Media – April – for their study showing students are learning through Ohio libraries
 - ALAO November 12 in Dayton. 30th Anniversary. “Positioning Libraries, Positioning Selves” May 24th Support Staff event on Pay Equity with ALA President Elect
 - SLA Cleveland “Elevator Talk” April
 - ASIST- NO Roger Fiedler Cyberinfo at KSU Digital Newspapers
 - SLA Conference in June in Nashville
 - OLC Spring Conferences in March in Kent, Dayton, Cleveland
 - OLC Tradeshow in Columbus May 21
 - OLC Annual Conference Sept 29- Oct 1 Cincinnati
 - OHIONET events www.ohionet.org
 - OHSLA Midwest region – Ruth Holtz from National Library of Medicine to talk about grants

Next OCLIS meeting will be July 13, 2004 at the State Library of Ohio

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