

Colorado Association of Libraries, Legislative Committee Minutes
Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:00 am
Commissioner's Room, Denver Public Library

Call to Order

ATTENDING: Dana Abbey (online), Jerry Braden, Ray Coffey, Jim Duncan, Robin Filipczak, Eugene Hainer, Diane Lapierre, Rose Nelson, Brittany Raines, Elena Rosenfeld, David Sanger, Mollie Steinmann, Stephen Sweeney (online), Ruben Valdez, Rebecca Winning (online)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April Minutes – approved as written.

Calendar of Activity updates for 2017

| Event Date | Event Name | Details |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| June – Sept | Legislative Committee Hiatus | No meetings scheduled unless there is a need. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please email the list to bring issues forward: cal-legislative@cvi-lists.org |
| November | Budget Setting for Legislative Com. | Usually a zero budget for regular work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes grant request for NLLD attendees |

LOBBYIST'S REPORT [Jerry Braden, Amber Valdez, Ruben Valdez]

Legislative Session Wrap-up

Budget

- **The Long Bill was approved. It included the \$2.5 million for publicly funded libraries.** It is expected that the Governor will sign as soon as the review is completed.
- The bill requiring school districts to split funds more equally with charter schools was a big compromise during the session. Its passage was likely due to House Speaker Crisanta Duran's ability to communicate with the Unions.
- Of all of the bills passed this year, SB17-267, Sustainability of Rural Colorado, will provide the biggest fiscal help to the state. This bill should provide some relief from TABOR as it moves Hospital Provider Fees into an enterprise fund, it allows use of Certificates of Participation (CoPs), and allocates 10% of the fund to transit. \$30 million will go to schools.
- Small business credit from marijuana funds were approved.
One of the challenges of this bill is that all State departments will be expected to submit a 2% decrease to their budgets. The cut is not mandatory so the legislature may choose to not enforce the cuts.
- Senate Republicans killed a lot of bills that had monies attached so there might be some dollars available for distribution.

Colorado House Resolution to US Congress and Legislator of the Year Award

The House Resolution in support of libraries introduced by Representative Leslie Herod (District 8) was approved by a unanimous vote. Jerry and Ruben followed-up with Senator Angela Williams who concurred that it was appropriate to not pursue the resolution with the Senate.

For her interest in supporting libraries through an effort to encourage the US Congress to continue grant funding, the Legislative Committee has identified Representative Herod as the 2017 Legislator of the Year.

As Denver Public Library is in Representative Herod's district; Robin Filipczak, who is both a DPL staff member and chair of the CAL Awards Committee will take lead on writing a paragraph for the CALCON Awards program as well as coordinate an event at a DPL location. There was brief speculation whether the local event could be held on October 6, 2017 – the day the Legislative Committee is meeting and before CALCON.

General Information

- Ruben shared that this was one of the best legislative sessions ever seen for Colorado. The final agreement on the SB17-267, even with the number of additional items were added to it, was a good bill to pass. It will provide relief in several areas.
- As of the May 12th meeting, there was a question as to whether the Governor would call for a Special Session. The Senate President warned that nothing will happen so that the action would be a waste of money. On May 19th, it was announced there would NOT be a special session.
- The 2018 elections will be next year's priority for legislators. It is likely what is happening in Washington D.C. will impact state politics. Some of the races to track include:

- If Representative Ed Perlmutter runs for Governor, there will be a race to fill his seat in the US Congress.
- Senator Beth Martinez Humenik (Dist 24) might have a fight to retain her seat.
- Senator Lucía Guzmán (Dist 34) is term-limited.
- Representative Dan Pabon (District 4) is term-limited.

Proposed Action to Bring to CAL Board

Mike Johnston, former Colorado State Senator and candidate for Governor spoke at the 2017 Inter-Library Loan Conference. His responses to questions posed by attendees, indicated that he lacked knowledge about library funding, services, and operations. As he is one of many candidates that will be running for office in 2018, it seems appropriate for CAL to help inform the incoming legislative body on libraries as well as learn about their thoughts and concerns.

After some discussion, the Legislative Committee decided to recommend that the CAL Board approve developing an information sheet and asking the CAL Board to identify a Task Force to take this action. Upon recommendations from our Lobbyists, if this action is taken, the resulting document and possible in-person conversations will occur after the primaries (likely July 2018).

Worth Monitoring

- Members of the Legislative Committee were alerted to a potential trend of comments that impact libraries. During a congressional hearing, a person from Arapahoe County spoke against library funding and noted that library boards should be elected.
This year also had a parent from Cherry Creek School District request that EBSCO be banned from schools. While both requests did not impact legislation, this is a trend to monitor and possibly address.
- Jon Caldara, President of the Independence Institute, might pursue a lawsuit against the State for the Lease to Purchase program.

Bill Tracking

| Bill Number & Title | Sponsors | Details | Final Decision |
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| 2017-18 (SB17-254) – Long Appropriations Bill | Sen. K. Lambert Rep. M. Hamner | JBC set budget – including possible library funding | Passed Senate |
| SB17-258 – Using Open Educational Resources in Higher Education | Sen. K. Lundberg Rep. B. Rankin | House & Senate Appropriations – reengrossed | Governor signed 05/03/2017 |
| SB17-279 – Applicability Recent Urban Renewal Legislation | Sen. B. Humenik Sen. R. Zenzinger Rep. M. Gray Rep. S. Beckman | Compromised language between CML, CCI, & SDA | Sent to Governor 05/18/2017 |
| SB17-287 – Income Tax Credit for Donation to Endowment Fund | Sen. K. Priola Rep. A. Garnett | Provide a 25% take credit for donations up to \$100,000 to a charitable endowment. | House Committee on Finance refer unamended to Appropriations 05/08/2017 |
| HB17-1193 – Small Cell Facilities Permitting and Installing | Rep. T. Kraft-Tharp Rep. J. Becker Sen. A. Kerr Sen. J. Tate | Small telecom companies can place cell antennas and other cell devices on government facilities. | Governor signed 04/18/2017 |
| HB17-1301 – No Withholding Student Transcripts for Library Fines | Rep. D. Michaelson Jenet Sen. R. Fields Sen. C. Holbert | House assigned to Education – if approved will weaken the wording. Stricter for charter schools | Sent to Governor 05/10/2017 |
| HB-1349 – Establishment of the Ratio Valuation for Assessment for Residential Real Property | Rep. Pabon Rep. Van Winkle Sen. T. Neville Sen. Court | Sets ratio of valuation for residential to 7.2%. | Sent to Governor 05/22/2017 |

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Lobby Day Follow-up

John Wilkinson, serving as our State Coordinator, worked with a team that included Deborah Deal, Julia Hill-Nichols, Eugene Hainer, Michelle Jeske, Kim Johnson, Diane Lapierre, Sasha Miller, and Carol Satersmoen to visit legislative offices in Washington DC.

Gene reported that people they talked to sounded very supportive. In general, there seemed to support in appropriations that the cuts would not go through for the various social services being mentioned. Senator Gardner was singled-out for his sponsorship of bill with a senator from Michigan to work on data transparency issues.

Keep contacting Senators – they are appropriating an additional \$1 million to IMLS. That will add dollars to Colorado this year. ALA is strongly encouraging a big push to have Senators sign the "Dear Appropriator" letter for IAL and LSTA. This is especially critical as President Trump's \$56 billion savings program targets library and education funds.

Other priority issues on the Library radar included revisions to copyright; loss of federal funding to other programs such as ESSA, NEA, and NSF; and requests that the FCC change rules on Net Neutrality and eRate.

| Bill Number & Title | Sponsors | Details | Status |
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| HR960 – Amend IRS Code of 1986; tax-exempt financing of certain Govt. Owned buildings | Rep. Mike Kelly • Ed Perlmutter cosponsoring (joined 03/01/2017) | This is a cap and possible restriction on bond use. Halts use of CoPs. CO uses bonds so anything limiting use is a risk. | In House Ways and Means Committee |

PAC REPORT

Aspen reported that the PAC supported funding Lobby Day and candidate donations. Due to these activities, the reserves are quite low. She has asked for donations and fundraising help. Members of the Legislative Committee are planning to meet with the PAC over the summer to identify action that will help rebuild these reserves.

ASSIGNMENTS, FOLLOW-UPS, AND NEXT STEPS

| Who | Action | Timeline |
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| Co-chairs | Present to CAL Board: Concept of developing an information sheet for 2018 elections candidates – identifying what libraries do for Colorado citizens and soliciting input from the candidates. Ask the CAL Board to create a task force to develop wording and process to keep decision-makers informed. ---If approved, note that Rebecca Winning (JCPL) is interested in serving on this task force. | June 9, 2017 CAL Board Meeting June 9, 2017 CAL Board Meeting If approved start work to have finished product by July 2018 |
| Aspen Walker, Dave Sanger, Diane Lapierre, Elena Rosenfeld, Ray Coffey | Develop Fundraising Plan for the Colorado Libraries PAC | June – Sept 2017 Meetings -- action timeline TBD |

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Dr. Kathy Anthes, the new Commissioner of Education will be at the Aspen Institute. Gene will work coordinate a meeting with her and the Legislative Committee.

NEXT MEETING **October 6, 2017**

No meetings scheduled: June, July, August, September

NOTE: if there is an item that needs to be brought forward, please share on the email list: cal-legislative@cvi-lists.org if a meeting is required, we can establish one.

- October 6th Meeting topic: Determine whether the 2018 Legislative Agenda should focus in increasing the State Grants funding level. **note: Colorado does not compare with other states as our funding method is different**

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IN THIS ISSUE:

Status of IMLS \$\$:

The full House has approved library funding at FY17 levels. By a 29-2 vote, the Senate appropriations committee approved full funding also, plus a \$4M increase for Grants to States (i.e. LSTA). That recommendation now goes to the full Senate for a vote later this month. This [Library Journal article](#) has more detail about the process and what happens next. A big thank you to everyone who made calls since the news in March about library funding being eliminated.



Budget Resources:

It's budget season. You will be getting your first draft soon. To help you and your fellow board members finalize for 2018, here are some timely considerations from some local government experts, Jennifer Tanaka and Sarah Hunsche: www.sdaco.org/m/downloads/2017/T-10%202018%20Budgeting%20Considerations.pdf



Pointing to Policies:

When we provide board training around the State, we emphasize that one of the main duties of our library trustees is to develop policy. We also field a lot of calls in this area. Because of this, we maintain a policy bank on our website with samples on topics ranging from meeting rooms and materials' challenges

to marijuana and guns in the library : www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/librarydevelopment/publiclibraries/Policies

We'll be showcasing some timely policy materials in the next few issues. This month, there has much discussion around fines and fees. Here is a State Library white paper that deals with fines relating to children's materials: www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/removingbarrierstoaccess

Trustee Networking:

As has been mentioned in prior issues, we at the State Library are always looking for innovative ways to get our Colorado library trustees the training they need. We also are hearing you are interested in simply being able to "rub elbows" and network with fellow trustees.

Sharon Morris and I will be meeting in the coffee lounge area at the Colorado Association of Libraries conference: www.cal-webs.org/ on Friday, October 13 at 5pm to talk about offerings you'd like to see for trustees in 2018 and beyond. Please join us for a coffee break and to share your thoughts!

If you can't make it to CAL, please send your ideas via email to Jacqueline.



Ask Jacqueline



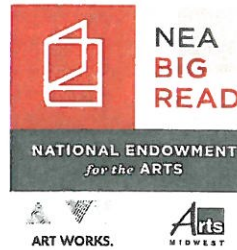
Prior to her State position, Jacqueline Murphy worked as an attorney for various Colorado library systems, including consulting with cities and counties. At the Colorado State Library, she provides support for public library leaders including resources for library districting, trustee training, director orientation, strategic planning, capital projects and community initiatives.

NEA BIG READ

ALL PUEBLO READS

POST-APOCALYPTIC FICTION BRINGS PUEBLO TO LIFE

OCTOBER 2017

SPECIAL
EDITION

"NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest."

Locations Key:

AV Avondale Satellite
BK Barkman

BS Beulah Satellite
GI Giodone
LU Lucero

LB Lamb
LY Library @ the Y
GV Greenhorn Valley

PW Pueblo West
RA Rawlings

About NEA Big Read All Pueblo Reads

by Jon Walker

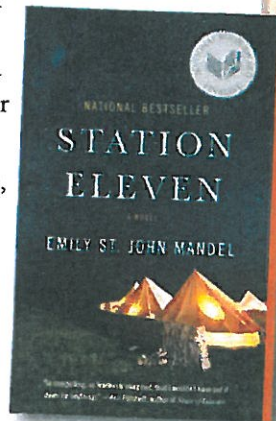
October 2017 marks Pueblo City-County Library District's 13th consecutive year of All Pueblo Reads.

This year we are fortunate to add the resources of the NEA's Big Read grant. This year's featured work is *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. This project is a major part of our regular effort to cultivate a culture of learning and discussion in our community by bringing everyone together around reading great books. Reading splendid literature leads us to examine ourselves, our relationships and the world around us. Talking about great literature with friends, family, and neighbors adds richness and depth to our lives.

A myriad of events and activities are scheduled in conjunction with NEA Big Read All Pueblo Reads 2017. These include book discussions, film screenings, musical and theatrical performances and more. Programs take place throughout the month of October. We also have arranged for plenty of copies of this wonderful book and several companion pieces to be available at each of our local libraries for your reading, viewing and listening pleasure. Please join in the learning and fun for NEA Big Read All Pueblo Reads 2017, featuring the post-apocalyptic adventure by Emily St. John Mandel.



Jon Walker



Kickoff events

Civilization Celebration Family Fun Fest

All events are Friday Oct. 6 at Rawlings Library
6-7:30 p.m., Courtyard
Bring the family for a night of fun with live music from The Flock! Watch performers from the Salida Circus. Appetizers and drinks provided. Free and open to the public.



Discover Health Opening Reception

6-7:30 p.m., InfoZone, 4th floor
A reception to view Discover Health/Descubre la Salud, a bi-lingual exhibit for Colorado libraries and their communities. This hands-on exhibition addresses the nation's most serious public health issues.

Exhibit, Oct. 5-Nov. 26

Traveling Symphony

5:30 p.m., 4th floor

Dancers from Sangre de Cristo School of Dance portrays the relationships, hopes, and fears of the members of the Traveling Symphony in a contemporary dance piece, then scatter to smaller satellite groups to depict other aspects of the novel, *Station Eleven*. The audience can wander through the library and encounter the dance pieces throughout.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Booklovers Blacktie Ball with Emily St. John Mandel

This elegant evening is one of Pueblo's premier galas. Mix and mingle with author Emily St. John Mandel while taking advantage of an open bar. Eat a gourmet dinner and hear the author talk about her work. After the presentation, guests can get books signed and take a photo with the author! Live performances, dancing to a DJ and an incredible silent auction round out this special event.

Friday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., RA, 2nd Floor

All reservations: \$100. To make reservations, call Gloria Madrill at 719-553-0221, email gloria.madrill@pueblolibrary.org or visit www.pueblolibrary.org/allpuebloreads.

Public Author Talk

Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m., RA Please register for this event at www.pueblolibrary.org/allpuebloreads. All ages. Free and open to the public.

Student Talk

Friday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m., CSU-Pueblo, Hoag Hall

Emily St. John Mandel will talk to CSU-Pueblo students and local high school students.



Emily St. John Mandel

Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)
Friday & Saturday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Greenhorn, Giodone and Lucero only)
Sunday (Rawlings only)
1 - 5 p.m.

Phone: 562-5600

Locations:

Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
Greenhorn Valley Library
4801 Cibola Dr.
Colorado City, Colo.
Giodone Library
24655 U.S. Hwy 50 E.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
Library @ the Y
3200 Spaulding

Lucero Library
1315 E. 7th St.

Pueblo West Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Rawlings Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Satellite library locations:

Avondale Elementary
213 Hwy. 50 E.
Beulah School
8734 Schoolhouse Ln.

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